



**North Central Florida
YMCA, Inc.**

PRESS RELEASE

GAINESVILLE, FL (November 4, 2011) - The Board of Directors of the North Central Florida YMCA today issued the following statement:

The North Central Florida YMCA filed for Chapter 11 reorganization today in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Florida in Gainesville. This was a difficult decision for the board, but it is the right decision for the future of our YMCA.

Our goal in this process is to give the communities we serve a stronger, healthier YMCA, and this reorganization provides an opportunity to do just that. This decision does not impact our daily operations, which will continue without interruption. Our YMCA's staff is fully committed to providing the same safe, high-quality programs and services that people have come to expect from the Y.

Like so many businesses and organizations in our area, the North Central Florida YMCA has been adversely affected by the economic recession. Declines in membership and donations over the past few years have presented financial challenges, but we believe the action we have taken today is an important first step in restoring our Y's operational and fiscal health.

Our YMCA has had the privilege of serving the children, families and communities of Gainesville and the surrounding area for more than 44 years. We are incredibly grateful for the support we have received from our members, participants and donors, and we believe the Y will continue to be a vital part of the Gainesville area for years to come.

Questions should be directed to Harold Cook, Interim Chief Executive Officer (352-374-9622). Tax deductible contributions and donations to help the Y can be directed to Mr. Cook at the Northwood YMCA, 5201 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32605.

**Please contact Harold Cook, Interim CEO of the North Central Florida YMCA
at 352.374.9622 with any questions.**