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## **PRESS RELEASE, for immediate release**

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## **Goodman Community Center Executive Director departing**

*Madison, WI June 12, 2020* – After more than 31 years of dynamic leadership, Becky Steinhoff has decided to step down as Executive Director of the Goodman Community Center.

“The board of directors will forever be grateful for her vision and dedication that gave our community this great gift,” said GCC Board President Souphaphone Maddox. “Under Becky’s leadership, the Center has grown from a small neighborhood center into a beautiful and important resource the greater Madison area cherishes. People from all walks of life and all ages come for programs, services and resources that make their lives – and our community – stronger.”

This transition was planned before the onset of the coronavirus. Steinhoff delayed her timeline to provide leadership and stability for the center and the community through a challenging and unsettling time. Steinhoff will be on board through December of this year to ensure a smooth transition for her successor and the organization.

“It has been such a privilege to lead here at Goodman for the past 30 years,” said Steinhoff. “I will profoundly miss our incredible staff and volunteers, and this community who has enabled the center to become not just bigger, but more effective. These past few weeks, as I’ve worked with our board and staff to figure out how we would continue building community – from a distance, with our buildings closed – their creativity and commitment only deepened my confidence that the Center will continue to thrive. I will be leaving it in very capable hands.”

Maddox and the board of directors are expecting a smooth transition. “Even though we’re managing a leadership change in the midst of a world pandemic, I have no doubt the Goodman Community Center staff will seamlessly continue fulfilling its mission — delivering innovative, life-changing programs for all ages,” she said. “Right now, the Center is preparing for phase one of its reopening on June 22 when staff will begin welcoming back children, teens and, by August, older adults with scaled-back programming and robust safety protocols in place. As they develop systems to keep the community safe, the Center will reopen for some private events and activities. And we’ll all be working to create our new normal. One that’s good for us all.”

The Center will soon begin a recruitment and selection process for the new Executive Director. The position will be advertised broadly within the community.

To read Becky's letter to the community, visit: <https://www.goodmancenter.org/becky>

**About the Goodman Community Center**

The Goodman Community Center is the largest community center in Dane County. The center offers many programs to strengthen the lives of preschoolers through teens, meals and social activities for older adults, a food pantry, a gymnasium and fitness center, catering services and community space. For more information about the Center, visit [goodmancenter.org](https://www.goodmancenter.org).

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