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**YWCA of Queens Says Farewell to Executive Director Helen Kim**

**FLUSHING, New York (October 5, 2015)** – As of Friday, October 9, 2015, the YWCA of Queens will bid farewell to its current Executive Director, Helen J. Kim, who has served in this role since 2013.

Helen Kim stepped into the role of the Executive Director after serving on the Board of Directors for several years.

Mrs. Kim's leadership significantly increased resources and opportunities for the YWCA of Queens. Among the many accomplishments of the YWCA of Queens under her leadership was the introduction of the bi-monthly senior movie night; the expansion of educational and social services to PS/IS 268 in Jamaica, Queens; and the creation of the Center for Social Services, which now assists nearly 500 individuals per year to access vital services such as Medicaid, food assistance, and affordable housing.

"While there are many challenges in running a non-profit organization, I am grateful for the chance to serve the community that I love. While I will be vacating my role as Executive Director of the YWCA of Queens, I will continue to endeavor to bring greater resources to the community," said Mrs. Kim.

The board, staff, and community expressed thanks to Mrs. Kim for her time and dedication to the YWCA of Queens. "Helen Kim has always worked with passion and enthusiasm to fulfill the mission of YWCA of Queens. Her work has made invaluable contributions to the community and she will be missed," said Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF - Fresh Meadows).

Sudha Acharya, Executive Director of the South Asian Council for Social Services, said, "Helen Kim has been one of the most respected and valued partners and collaborators I have been fortunate to work with. She made everything seem so easy and achievable! I will miss her but wish her the very best in all her endeavors."

Mrs. Kim's contributions to the YWCA of queens have been innumerable.

The Board of Directors is leading the search for Mrs. Kim's replacement.

For more information about the YWCA of Queens, please visit [www.ywcaqueens.org](http://www.ywcaqueens.org).

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**About YWCA of Queens**

The YWCA of Queens, founded in 1978, is a multi-tiered community organization with a wide range of education, career services, home health, and social services programs located at the center of one of the most diverse communities in the country. The YWCA of Queens' mission is to eliminate racism, empower women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Visit [www.ywcaqueens.org](http://www.ywcaqueens.org) for more information.