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Press Release

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SILVER BAY ANSWERS GOVERNOR CUOMO'S CALL

Silver Bay, NY: The Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center has offered its facilities to New York State should a north country temporary hospital site be needed, Chief Executive Officer Steve Tamm announced.

According to Tamm, Silver Bay contacted an executive of The Hudson Headwater Health Network (HHHN) earlier this week to make the offer. "NYS has been asking about organizations who would be willing to assist if extra space is needed for hospital beds to care of those who are ill because of CoVID19," stated Tamm. "Silver Bay, with our own fresh water plant and waste water treatment plant, full kitchen and dining space able to feed and accommodate several hundred people, lodging space with ample bedding plus various large conference spaces that can accommodate a triage or other hospital set-up seemed like the right thing to offer."

Tamm continued, "We realized that the health care options, as relates to temporary hospital space, are limited in northern Warren county and southern Essex county communities. We want to be a resource if needed and do our part to help in this time of crisis."

Tamm stated that after the offer was made to HHHN he advised the Town Supervisors' of Hague & Ticonderoga, Linda L. Beers, Essex County Public Health Director, Assemblyman Dan Stec and Senator Betty Little and received many positive replies.

Beers wrote "Steve thank you for your continued support to our community. You personify your mission; to foster a lifelong sense of belonging, strengthen relationships, and nurture spirit and body for all. I am eternally grateful that you opened your doors to an Essex homeless family after the Halloween Storm. This allowed them to have Christmas in their "home" and not a hotel room. I will call on you should the need arise in Essex."

"We hope and pray that we never, ever need to start up this operation. But none-the-less, we have begun getting ready in case our facilities are needed.

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Note to the Editor:

Silver Bay YMCA was founded in 1902 and is located in Silver Bay, NY, just minutes south of Hague, NY. Its 700 acre campus along one mile of Lake George shoreline offers a wide breadth of programs for all ages. Silver Bay YMCA presently employs 50 full-time staff members with a seasonal staff of 200. Silver Bay YMCA is consistently ranked one of the top ten family reunion sites in the country and is on the National Register of Historic Places with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

As a mission based charity, Silver Bay YMCA offers outreach programs in addition to its core activities as a premier conference and family retreat center. Those activities include:

- Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center in Ticonderoga (Free access for local teens)
- Open Pathways (Access to Silver Bay YMCA for the underprivileged)
- Youth and Government Program (covering Queensbury to Ticonderoga)
- Cancer Respite Program (Free respite for local cancer patients)
- Military R and R Program (Free getaway for recently deployed veterans and their families)
- Brookside Trinity Ministry (Free respite and sabbatical getaways for clergy)
- Vacations Made Possible (Free getaways for local underprivileged families)

Silver Bay has provided emergency housing to local North Country residents in times of personal crisis; e.g. homes damaged by fire, flood and/or other unsafe conditions.

MISSION: The mission of Silver Bay YMCA is to foster a lifelong sense of belonging, strengthen relationships, and nurture spirit, mind, and body for all.

DESIRED IMPACT: Because of Silver Bay YMCA, personal and family bonds are stronger. People are more connected, respectful, and caring and have the confidence to develop to their fullest potential and impact the communities in which they live. They are inspired by the beauty of the landscape at Silver Bay and are better stewards of the environment.

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