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## **Greater Naples YMCA to Host Daddy Daughter Dance in honor of Father's Day**

**Naples, Florida-May 16, 2018**— Over 100 years ago, while listening to a Mother's Day sermon, Sonora Louis Smart Dodd wondered why there was no similar holiday for fathers. One of six children, Dodd's father was a single father and she felt he and others deserved to be honored. After securing support from ministers in Spokane, Wash., her idea came to fruition with the first Father's Day celebration at the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Many years passed before the day became a national holiday, but today we use the day to honor the fathers and father figures in our lives.

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, the Greater Naples YMCA will celebrate fathers and adult male role models by inviting the community to their first annual Daddy Daughter Dance, a special night of dancing, fun and father-daughter bonding. The dance will be held at the Y's Gymnasium from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and features a fun night of music, dancing, photos, snacks and refreshments.

"On Father's Day, we celebrate dads and all male adult role models as we recognize how important it is for children to grow up with men who are committed, responsible and involved," said Heather Perkins, Chief Operating Officer, Greater Naples YMCA. "Dads need support to be the best parents and caregivers they can be, and this dance helps to remind us of that."

Dads, grandpas, uncles, male role-models, and girls ages 4-14 are welcome to attend. The event is free and open to the community with a suggested donation of \$20 per couple. 100% of event proceeds directly support the Y's Annual Giving Campaign, which benefits the community by providing opportunities for youth and adults to achieve so much more. To learn more about the Y's Annual Campaign, visit [www.greaternaplesymca.org/give.html](http://www.greaternaplesymca.org/give.html)

The Y's Daddy Daughter Dance takes place at the Greater Naples YMCA, 5450 YMCA Road, Naples FL. For more information, contact Carly Gibb at 239.963.3771 or visit [www.greaternaplesymca.org/dance.html](http://www.greaternaplesymca.org/dance.html).

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### ***About the Y***

The Greater Naples YMCA is committed to strengthening the Naples community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Every day, the Y works side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

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