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**YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon welcomes Chris Roos,
new President & Chief Executive Offer**

St. John's, NL – Chris Roos has been hired as the new President & CEO of YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon effective Monday, September 19, 2011.

Chris Roos, formerly General Manager of the Barrie YMCA, brings with him a multitude of experience to lead the Y into its bright future of serving the interests of members, participants, and their families within the St. John's area and surrounding communities on the Northeast Avalon.

"I am honoured to be embarking on this new journey" said Chris. "The opening of the new Ches Penney Family Y marks the culmination of many years of hard work by Y staff, volunteers, partners and donors and I am very excited to be a part of this positive legacy."

After a comprehensive search process the CEO Selection Committee and Board of Directors made the announcement on August 11, 2011 that Chris Roos was named as the next President & CEO of YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon.

"We are all very excited to have Chris join our team. We are confident he will be a great leader and help our charity thrive as it meets the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead" said Michelle Northover, Interim CEO and Director of Development.

As announced last May 2011 former President & CEO Jason Brown moved to YMCA of Niagara in Ontario to take on the CEO leadership role there.

The YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon is a charity offering programs in health, child care, and employment since 1854. Every year, over 14, 000 people take part in Y programs in our communities. The Y's newest location, the Ches Penney Family Y, opened on July 23, 2011.

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