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Carl Weinrich is President and CEO of the Sarasota Family YMCA. When Carl joined the association over 32 years ago, it operated in one facility with 14 employees and was suffering financially. Today, through Carl's dedication, leadership and vision, the Sarasota Family YMCA is fiscally sound with an operating budget of \$90 million, serves six counties, operates in over 30 sites, employs more than 1,200 trained individuals, and cares for its membership of over 30,000 plus more than 28,000 program participants. Traditionally, YMCA programs include swimming and aquatic exercise, aerobics and fitness classes, camping, childcare and youth sports. Embracing its mission to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities, Carl and his team have established non-traditional, community and family oriented programs that are recognized as models across the state of Florida. The YMCA Youth Shelter, Transitional Living and TRIAD Alternative Programs serve the community's at-risk, troubled, and often homeless youth. Its Family Management Services strengthens families by building a strong family bond through counseling and education. In 1997, in an unprecedented endeavor, the organization launched a pilot project privatizing the state's foster care services in Sarasota County. This project expanded to include service in five counties in 2004. The project is now called "Community Based Care" and the model is now in all 67 Florida Counties. On the international front, in partnership with other YMCAs in the southeast, the Sarasota Family YMCA was instrumental in starting a YMCA movement in the Ukraine.

Guided by Carl's leadership, the Sarasota Family YMCA has earned statewide recognition and prestigious awards. It received the Agency of the Year award from the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services. Its TRIAD program received the Florida State Department of Education's award for the most outstanding model program in working with expelled students. Under Carl's direction, the Florida Association of Non-Profit Organizations awarded the YMCA its Agency of the Year for Excellence in Management. The Community Based Foster Care project received Sarasota Herald Tribune's Golden Gavel award in 1997.

Carl graduated from Jacksonville University in Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education. He has three adult daughters and five grandchildren; Carl and his wife, Cindy, are raising two sons. He relaxes by enjoying boating, fishing and golf.

Carl's community involvement activities are indicative of his YMCA leadership. He is a thirty two year member and past president of The Rotary Club. He has served on numerous boards including past president of the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services — a statewide federation of teen run away shelters in 33 locations. Carl has served on the board of the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. In the fall of 2000, Governor Jeb Bush appointed Carl to serve on the board of the Florida Commission on Community Service and was Chairman of the Board. Governor Bush refers to Carl as the "Godfather" of Community Based Care. Most recently, upon learning that Sarasota County's public school system's record of excellence was in jeopardy, he stepped forward to chair Citizens for Better Schools and passed a referendum increasing the school system annual operating budget by 34 million dollars.