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## Merrimack Valley Y exec stepping down

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Stephen Ives, longtime president and chief executive of the Merrimack Valley YMCA, is stepping down at the end of the month to take a similar post with the YMCA of Central Ohio, one of the 25 largest Ys in the country. At the Merrimack Valley Y, Ives spearheaded a \$21 million expansion of the Andover/North Andover Y and implemented programs to improve health in minority communities, reduce child obesity, and support student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math. Headquartered in Lawrence, the Merrimack Valley Y includes YMCA buildings in Andover/North Andover, Lawrence, and Methuen, and also operates Camp Lawrence and Camp Nokomis on Lake Winnepesaukee, and Day Camp Otter in Salem, N.H. Ives has served in the Merrimack Valley Y's top post since 2005.

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