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**Mark Spain to Serve on the
Board of Forsyth County Family YMCA**

Cumming, GA — Georgia native and businessman Mark Spain has been asked to serve on both the YMCA board and the executive committee for the Forsyth County Family YMCA. A charter member of this YMCA location since it opened in the early 2000s, Spain became more active on the philanthropic side of the organization in 2014.

He helped chair the inaugural YMCA Spin-A-Thon in 2014, which raised more than \$20,000 for the Forsyth location and its children's programs. This year, the success of the event grew, with more than \$36,000 in donations and the YMCA has now made this an annual fundraiser.

"Helping this event the first year really opened my eyes to a few things. First of all, there's such a huge need that exists in our community," explains Mark Spain, on why he chose to get involved with this particular nonprofit. "We tend to get caught up in our own bubble and don't realize all those in need right in our own backyards. I had been looking for a charitable organization for a while where I could really leverage my leadership and other available resources. I wanted it to be the right organization, which meant it had to be one I felt passionate about and, at the same time, be a match to my family's value system."

Convinced he has found that with the YMCA, Spain's efforts go far beyond board meetings and raising money. He also works at the branch level to help train staff on a regular basis, allowing him to utilize his leadership skills and business/customer service background.

Spain, who leads the most successful real estate team for Keller Williams in North America (out of 110,000 company agents) as well as the Atlanta Board of Realtors' No. 1 real estate team, has utilized his business acumen to build a sales team that consistently sells hundreds of millions of dollars in residential real estate annually. Well known in real estate circles, he has been asked to serve on numerous real estate industry panels, spoken at real estate conventions and was recently endorsed by real estate mogul and *Shark Tank* regular Barbara Corcoran.

A long-time resident of Cumming, Spain is proud of the Forsyth County Family YMCA's achievements, particularly the impact it has had with children in less fortunate financial situations. In 2014, the civic organization served thousands of meals to children through its Hunger Relief program; sent 771 kids to Camp Eagle Point, had nearly a thousand children in its spring and fall soccer programs and had 145 kids in the Y after school Fit for Life Program at Shiloh Elementary (in partnership with the Forsyth Board of Education).

To learn more about Mark Spain, visit www.markspain.com or contact him at [770-886-9000](tel:770-886-9000). For more information on the numerous Forsyth YMCA programs, visit <http://www.ymcaatlanta.org/fcy/>.

A native Atlantan and University of Georgia graduate, Spain has his growing team based out of the Keller Williams Realty North Atlanta office at 5780 Windward Parkway in Alpharetta. The Mark Spain Team specializes in assisting home buyers and sellers in metro Atlanta at all price levels. They have surpassed \$2 billion in career gross sales and earned numerous industry honors. The Mark Spain Team is the #1 resale team in U.S. for closed transactions, according to the *Wall Street Journal* and placed 12th on this prestigious publication's annual Top 1,000 Agents list.