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[Philanthropy] [Embracing Our Differences Welcomes Lev to Board](#)

Embracing Our Differences recently announced that the organization has welcomed Larry Lev to its board. Before retiring in 2015, Lev served as senior vice president and COO of Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges, New Jersey's largest YMCA association, and a workforce of more than 1,000. During Lev's tenure, the association grew from a budget of \$23 million to \$32 million. In his term as president and CEO of the YMCA of the Palms in Naples, the annual campaign increased from \$360,000 in 2005 to \$829,000 in 2008. He also raised \$2.5 million for a project that transformed a museum facility into new child development center. The Embracing Our Differences board of directors includes Dennis McGillicuddy, chair; Graci McGillicuddy, vice-chair; Richard Bergman, secretary/treasurer; and Larry Lev, John Weber, and Chief Judge Charles E. Williams. The board also announced the passing of one of its founding members, Carol Poteat-Buchanan (1929-2018). [←](#) [f](#) [t](#) [in](#)