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**FOND DU LAC YMCA AND BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
TAKE \$12.5 MILLION BUILDING PROJECT FORWARD**

Fond du Lac, Wis. – At a time when non-profit organizations aggressively compete for funding, two Fond du Lac organizations decided to work together. In May 2006, the two organizations announced plans to rebuild the current Fond du Lac Family YMCA, creating a state-of-the-art facility that could serve as home for both organizations. Since then, a quiet fundraising phase has been underway. On November 7, their capital campaign takes the next step forward.

Excitement for the building of a new YMCA and Boys and Girls Club continues to mount as the community phase of the capital fund raising campaign kicks off on November 7 with a volunteer luncheon at the Y. According to Greg Giles, CEO of the Fond du Lac Family YMCA, “In the first phase of our campaign, several lead gifts brought us to approximately \$8.5 million toward our \$12.5 million goal.” As that phase of the campaign continues, campaign volunteers are asking the community to join in support of the project.

“People have been asking us when they can help,” said Stan Kocos, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club, “There has been a great deal of interest and support. Well, now is the time and we welcome everyone’s support,” he added. Kocos, along with his wife, Marty Ison-Kocos and Jim Hubbard, Chief of Staff at Mercury Marine are co-chairing the community campaign.

The building will remain at the present YMCA site downtown. According to Hubbard, “This is a collaboration between two respected organizations to best utilize funds and resources while serving the children and families in our community.” The downtown site provides a central location that can serve not only YMCA members, but also provide convenient access to the Boys & Girls Club members who may not have transportation options.

The target for groundbreaking on the project is Spring 2008.

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Additional: Anyone can contribute to the campaign by calling the YMCA at 921-3330 or the Boys & Girls Club at 906-6516. After November 7 donors can also go to www.fdlcommunitycampaign.org to learn more or make an online donation.