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New 52,000-Square-Foot YMCA to Open in Shoreline on Saturday

Dale Turner Family YMCA will meet needs of fast-growing north King/south Snohomish County areas;

New YMCA features fully accessible swimming pool, pinnacle climbing wall, teen center, teaching kitchen and health/wellness facilities

SEATTLE—Sept. 29, 2008—The YMCA of Greater Seattle will open a new 52,000-square-foot facility, the Dale Turner Family YMCA, on Saturday, Oct. 4. Features of the new YMCA include a fully accessible swimming pool, gym, teaching kitchen, teen center, community meeting spaces and health and wellness facilities for those of all ages, interests and abilities.

The YMCA is named after the late Reverend Dale E. Turner, who served as a senior minister at the University Congregational Church and was a columnist for *The Seattle Times*. He was elected to the Life Board of the YMCA of Greater Seattle, an honor given to a select group of volunteers with extraordinary records of service to the Y. Turner was a Lake Forest Park resident, and his son lives in Shoreline.

Media opportunity: The public is invited to attend the free opening festivities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., which will include tours, health and wellness information, class demos, youth and family activities, cooking demonstrations, climbing on the new 28-foot climbing pinnacle and live music.

The Dale Turner Family YMCA will help meet the needs of residents in the fast-growing communities of Shoreline, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Lake Forest Park, Woodway, Mountlake Terrace and Brier. The Dale Turner Family YMCA is located at 19290 Aurora Ave. N. in Shoreline. Parking for the event is available at the Park and Ride at 192nd and Aurora Ave. N.

The YMCA broke ground on two additional new facilities, the Coal Creek YMCA in Newcastle and the Highline YMCA in SeaTac earlier this month.

The three new YMCAs are part of the It's All About Community! Capital Campaign, the largest capital campaign in the organization's history. The new facilities will engage 40,000 more children, teens and adults each year, and more than 85 percent of the campaign's \$40 million total goal has been raised.

About the It's All About Community! Capital Campaign:

As part of the capital campaign, the YMCA of Greater Seattle is building several new state-of-the-art facilities and making renovations and improvements to existing facilities to reach thousands of more people in King and south Snohomish counties. For information or to make a donation to the "It's All About Community!" Campaign, call (206) 382-5003 or visit www.seattleyymca.org/donate.

About the YMCA of Greater Seattle:

The YMCA of Greater Seattle is a charitable, non-profit organization serving King and south Snohomish counties since 1876. Reaching more than 191,200 people annually through 12 branches, two resident camps and more than 200 program sites, the YMCA provides a wide range of programs and services in child care, youth development, education, foster care, family support, wellness and outdoor experiences. More information may be found at www.seattleyymca.org.