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**YMCA of Greater Seattle to Break Ground on Two New
50,000-Square-Foot Facilities This Week**

**Coal Creek YMCA in Newcastle and Highline YMCA in SeaTac
will be built in fast growing areas of King County**

SEATTLE—Sept. 8, 2008—The YMCA of Greater Seattle will break ground on two new 50,000-square-foot facilities this week, the new Coal Creek YMCA in Newcastle tomorrow at 4:45 p.m. and the new Highline YMCA in SeaTac on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

Both new Ys will be located in areas with fast-growing populations, especially of young people, and where there is strong community support. The YMCA will also open a new facility in Shoreline, the Dale Turner Family YMCA, on Oct. 4.

The three new YMCAs will average 50,000 square feet and 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 incorporating many green building components into the new buildings and will seek a Silver LEED certification for the Coal Creek and Highline facilities.

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.

Project details:

- **Coal Creek YMCA in Newcastle:**
 - Groundbreaking will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 4:45 p.m.
 - Opening is anticipated for fall 2009.
 - This new facility will serve south Bellevue, north Renton, southeast Issaquah, Newcastle and Mercer Island.
 - The new YMCA will be located on Newcastle Golf Club Road near 136th Ave. S.E.
- **Highline YMCA in SeaTac:**
 - Groundbreaking will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 4:45 p.m.
 - Opening is anticipated for fall 2009.
 - This new community YMCA will serve the rapidly changing communities of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, SeaTac and Tukwila.
 - The facility will be centrally located near several schools on the southwest corner of S. 188th St. and 37th Ave. S. in SeaTac.

The capital campaign also includes: expansion and improvements at the YMCA's two resident camps, Camp Orkila and Camp Colman; remodeling and a new teen center at the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA in Seattle's Central District (completed earlier this year); and a camp endowment fund, to increase scholarships to low-income children for year-round camping and outdoor environmental education. The camp endowment fund has received matching support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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.

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