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New YMCA Branch Named for Community Leader Matt Griffin

Formal Dedication to be Held September 3 in SeaTac

SEATTLE—In only the third time in its 133 year history, the YMCA of Greater Seattle has named a new branch for a community leader, Matt Griffin. The new Y in SeaTac is the last of three new branches being built as part of the current capital campaign and represents a major investment in meeting the diverse needs of south King County's growing communities.

Griffin, Principal and Managing Partner of Pine Street Group L.L.C., has been involved with the YMCA of Greater Seattle for almost 30 years, serving in numerous leadership roles including Co-chair of the current capital campaign. As Chair of the Board of Directors from 1997-2000, Griffin was volunteer leader of the *Step Up For Kids* Capital Campaign that redeveloped the historic Downtown Seattle YMCA and added youth development centers in YMCA branches throughout King County.

Besides being a generous donor to the YMCA of Greater Seattle with his wife Evelyne Rozner, Griffin has been the major fundraiser for the YMCA for the past 25 years. Under Griffin's leadership, the current *It's All About Community!* Capital Campaign has surpassed 96% of the \$40 million goal and is on track to be completed at the end of December. The historic campaign is funding the construction of three new branches in Shoreline, Newcastle and SeaTac; renovation of the Meredith Mathews East Madison branch; increased capacity and facility improvements at the YMCA's Camp Orkila and Camp Colman; and \$3.75 million in additional endowment funds to enable more low-income youth to attend the two overnight camps.

According to Norm Rice, President of The Seattle Foundation and former YMCA of Greater Seattle Board Chair, "Matt is a community leader like no other, extraordinarily generous with his time, talent, and philanthropic giving. He demonstrates the kind of exemplary philanthropy that motivates and encourages other to follow suit."

The new Matt Griffin YMCA will be formally dedicated on Thursday, September 3 at 4 p.m. and opens to the general public on October 3. This follows the opening of the new Coal Creek YMCA in Newcastle on September 12 and last October's opening of the Dale Turner Family YMCA in Shoreline.

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The YMCA of Greater Seattle is a charitable, non-profit organization serving King and south Snohomish counties since 1876. Engaging more than 140,000 individuals annually through 12 branches, two overnight camps and more than 200 program sites, the YMCA of Greater Seattle provides a wide range of programs and services in health and wellness, child care, youth development, education, foster care, family support and outdoor experiences. More information may be found at seattlemca.org.