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**New YMCA in Shoreline to be Dedicated to the Late Dale E. Turner  
Dale Turner Family YMCA, first of four new community Ys,  
breaks ground Tuesday in Shoreline**

**SEATTLE—July 16, 2007**—The YMCA of Greater Seattle will dedicate a new YMCA being built in Shoreline to the late Reverend Dale E. Turner. The YMCA breaks ground on the 52,000-square-foot community YMCA on Tuesday.

Turner served as a senior minister at the University Congregational Church and as 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.

“Dale Turner was a community leader who was dearly loved and respected by people of all faiths and backgrounds,” said Courtney Whitaker, branch executive of the Shoreline/South County Family YMCA. “He devoted his life to building strong families and strong communities, and we are delighted to be able to name our new YMCA in his honor.”

The Dale Turner Family YMCA is scheduled for completion in the summer or early fall of 2008. It will be located on Aurora Avenue North at North 192<sup>nd</sup> Street and will serve residents of Shoreline, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Lake Forest Park, Woodway, Mountlake Terrace and Brier. The new facility will have the capacity to serve nearly 30,000 people, three times as many as at the current Shoreline/South County Family YMCA at 1220 NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street in Shoreline.

“It is exciting to break ground on a project that this community has shown so much support for,” said Robert B. Gilbertson, Jr., president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Seattle. “Our dedicated community volunteers set and met an ambitious goal to make sure YMCA services keep pace with this area, which is one of the fastest-growing in the region.”

The Dale Turner Family YMCA is expected to have a pinnacle climbing wall, handicapped-accessible pool, family resource center, community kitchen, meeting space and youth/teen center.

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City, county and state officials, community leaders, volunteers and staff are expected to attend Tuesday's groundbreaking celebration. The YMCA of Greater Seattle received \$1.05 million in state money, \$800,000 of which will go to the Dale Turner Family YMCA.

The YMCA of Greater Seattle announced this month that it will build several new YMCAs in communities across King and south Snohomish counties as part of a \$48 million fundraising effort. Highline/SeaTac, Coal Creek/Newcastle and Sammamish will also receive community YMCAs. The Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, YMCA Camp Orkila and YMCA Camp Colman will be extensively renovated.

SGA Corporation is the project's contractor; the architect is Lance Mueller & Associates.

For information or to make a donation to the "*It's All about Community!*" Capital Campaign, call (206) 382-5003 or visit [www.seattlemca.org/donate](http://www.seattlemca.org/donate).

**About the YMCA of Greater Seattle:**

Founded in 1876, the YMCA of Greater Seattle is the oldest human service organization in Washington State and a leader in providing innovative programs to build health in spirit, mind and body. Through its 15 branches, three camps and more than 200 program sites in King and south Snohomish counties, the YMCA serves 190,400 people annually with an array of services, including child care, parent-child programs, teen development, year-round camping, youth educational/employment programs, foster care, young adult transitional housing, family resource centers, plus wellness and fitness programs for all ages and abilities. More information may be found at [www.seattlemca.org](http://www.seattlemca.org).

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