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**YMCA of Greater Seattle to Break Ground on Two New Facilities This Fall  
Additional new facility set to open in October;  
Capital campaign fundraising surpasses 85 percent of goal**

**SEATTLE—July 21, 2008**—The YMCA of Greater Seattle today announced that it will break ground on two new facilities this fall, the Coal Creek YMCA in Newcastle and the Highline YMCA in SeaTac. The new YMCAs are part of the largest capital campaign in the organization’s history, and fundraising recently surpassed 85 percent of the \$40 million total goal. This includes a recently awarded \$950,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation for the Highline project.

As part of the campaign, the YMCA is building three new facilities in fast-growing parts of the Puget Sound region. The first new facility of the campaign, the Dale Turner Family YMCA in Shoreline, is scheduled to open in October, and together the three new YMCAs will bring programs and activities to 50,000 additional children, teens and adults each year.

Each new state-of-the-art YMCA averages 50,000 square feet and includes 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. This is the first time in the YMCA’s history that the organization is building three facilities at the same time.

“We considered very carefully where to build our new facilities,” said Matt Griffin, co-chair of the “It’s All About Community!” Capital Campaign. “These three new YMCAs will allow people in communities that currently lack key resources to have access to the quality health, wellness and social service programs the YMCA of Greater Seattle is known for.”

Project details:

- **Highline YMCA in SeaTac:**
  - 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.
  - Groundbreaking is anticipated for fall 2008, with an opening in fall 2009.
- **Coal Creek YMCA in Newcastle:**
  - This new facility will serve south Bellevue, north Renton, southeast Issaquah, Newcastle and Mercer Island.
  - Groundbreaking is scheduled for Sept. 9, 2008, with an opening in fall 2009.
  - The new YMCA will be located on Newcastle Golf Club Road near 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E.
- **Dale Turner Family YMCA in Shoreline:**
  - The new 52,000-square-foot facility in Shoreline broke ground July 17, 2007, and is scheduled for opening in October.
  - The new YMCA is located on Echo Lake at Aurora Ave. N. and N. 192nd St.
  - The Dale Turner Family YMCA will serve Shoreline, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Lake Forest Park, Woodway, Mountlake Terrace and Brier.

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

**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](http://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](http://www.seattleyymca.org).

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