

## Impacting our Future: Frequently Ask Questions

We have a vision. We see every kid in the Grand Traverse Bay Area have the chance to learn to swim. We see every family enjoying the opportunity to grow strong together in spirit, mind and body. We see whole communities becoming healthier and improving their quality of life.



We have embarked on a capital campaign to raise funds for a new community YMCA. The task is challenging but we are committed to success. This is truly a project for the community and by the community.

### **When will the new Y be open for business?**

Eighty-six percent (86.2%) of the project funding for the first essential phase will be donations. We hope to open the New Y by 2010 or when remaining donations are given. In June 2009 there was \$5,873,031 in donations needed. The faster this is donated at any level, the faster the New Y will be built.

### **Why do we need a new Y?**

The current YMCA building has been used beyond its life expectancy and is in need of major repairs. Without aquatics and limited gymnasium and fitness space, we cannot accomplish our mission to build healthy spirits, minds and bodies for all. Our community needs and deserves a new full-service YMCA, and that cannot happen at our current site.

### **Where will the new Y be located?**

The new Y will be built on 20.5 acres front Silver Lake Road, behind the Great Wolf Lodge, and just south of West Junior High School. Demographic studies show this is the population center of our 5 county service area.

### **How much money are you looking to raise?**

This is a \$11.2 million capital campaign. Funds will be sought from interested individuals, Y members, corporations, foundations and key stakeholders.

### **Will the new Y have an aquatics center?**

The new YMCA plans include an 8-lane competitive pool with a diving well and spectator seating. In addition, we are planning for a recreational pool for families, senior

citizens and swimming lessons. A six lane 75' lap pool, a separate 3' deep swim lesson /aqua-aerobic pool, a zero-depth-2' deep interactive splash zone, and a large spa will make the recreational pool area your favorite place in the new Y!

### **What are some of the features of the new facility to look forward to?**

The new YMCA building will feature:

- \* Electronic membership cards and other security enhancements
- \* Ample parking
- \* Beautiful open lobby, pro-shop, and snack bar
- \* Elevator and full-facility disability access
- \* Men's and women's locker rooms with private showers and sauna
- \* Wet and dry family changing rooms
- \* Family activity lobby
- \* Teen Zone with table games and bigscreen TV's
- \* Complete full-service 7,000+ sq. ft. Fitness Area
- \* Indoor and Outdoor Aerobics Studio; Outdoor elevated greenspace aerobics/fitness deck
- \* Private chapel
- \* Multi-purpose fitness/spinning room
- \* 2 full-size wood courts for Basketball and Volleyball
- \* Indoor running and walking track overlooking gymnasium and through the fitness center
- \* Child Care Center (Day Care) and Babysitting room
- \* Outdoor fenced childcare play area
- \* 6 indoor tennis courts with elevated spectator seating
- \* Outdoor tennis and pickleball courts, including clay surfaces
- \* 4 Glass-wall racquetball-walleyball-handball courts
- \* Meeting rooms
- \* Administration offices
- \* Multi-sport fieldhouse for indoor sports, dances & skating
- \* New soccer, lacrosse, and football fields
- \* Competitive pool with 8 lane combo 75 meter/75 yard pool and diving area with elevated viewing
- \* Recreational pool Area features a 75' lap Pool, Splash Zone, instructional pool, and large spa with elevated viewing areas
- \* Space reserved for new Y Gymnastics Center (future project)
- \* and much more! The future is bright at the YMCA!

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### **How can I make a donation?**

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