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**Monett YMCA Announces \$10 Million Capital Campaign**

The Monett Area YMCA announces a \$10 million capital campaign to increase the level of service the YMCA can provide to residents of Monett and the surrounding area

Gordon Brown, executive Director of the Monett YMCA says, “Members take full advantage of available facilities and programs. The Y offers a variety of programs and activities for youths, teens, adults, seniors, and families, including sports, dance classes, art classes, piano lessons, after-school care, exercise classes, wellness programs, running club, family fun nights, swimming lessons, holiday events, summer programs, and much more.”

“The YMCA’s current facility is aging,” Brown said. “Maintenance and repair are costly. The lack of program and parking space is a daily issue. The ability to add programs and classes is limited. Space for additional fitness equipment is virtually nonexistent.”

Several committees of community members were formed to determine whether there was a need in the area for a new YMCA facility. The answer was a resounding “yes,” and the planning process began. Area residents were surveyed to gather input and assess the areas of greatest need. After much information-gathering, communication, and planning, the Monett Area YMCA Capital Campaign has begun the initial phase of fundraising efforts.

A new, larger, more accessible facility is planned for the area adjacent to Monett’s South Park and would include one of the resources most frequently requested by Monett area residents—an indoor pool. Other planned additions include an expanded wellness center, indoor water playground, warm water therapy pool, indoor track, rock-climbing wall, aerobics/dance/yoga rooms, expanded wellness equipment for seniors, Kid Zone/Child Watch, kids’ gym, game room, art and meeting rooms, and racquetball courts.

In addition to YMCA Director Gordon Brown, the Capital Campaign Committee is directed by Chairs Mike Garrett and Mike Wallace, along with honorary co-chairs Chris and Ginny Fuldner. It is rounded out by Scott Beckwith, Rob Jackson, Greg Johnson, John Jungmann, Jack Prim, Marty Scaborozi, Dr. Ralph Scott, Robin Walker, and Lora Wilkins.

For information on how you or your organization can help bring this new facility to the area, please contact Gordon Brown, Director of the YMCA, at (417) 235-8213 or at [gbrown@monettymca.org](mailto:gbrown@monettymca.org). You can also visit the capital campaign’s website at [www.yourmonettymca.org](http://www.yourmonettymca.org).

The Monett Family YMCA is a part of the Ozarks Regional YMCA association and has served the community for over 121 years with over 20,000 members in the association to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. The Ozarks Regional YMCA consists of seven branches including The Ozark Mountain Branch in Hollister, Bolivar/Dallas County Area YMCA, Monett/Cassville, Camp Wakonda, Child Care branches, and two facilities in Springfield.

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