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YMCA OF GREATER LOUISVILLE AND CHARTER PARTNERS BREAK GROUND IN WEST LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (October 19, 2017) – The YMCA of Greater Louisville broke ground today on its new west Louisville location, a \$28 million investment located at 1700 West Broadway.

The official name of Louisville’s newest Y will be the **Republic Bank Foundation YMCA**. Collaborating partners and tenants include Norton Healthcare, Republic Bank & Trust, ProRehab Physical Therapy, and Family and Children’s Place. The Y’s focus on strengthening community and improving health will be supported through these partnerships.

In addition, the Y furthers its commitment to education through newly developed partnerships with nearby Roosevelt-Perry and Wheatley Elementary Schools. Details of these partnerships are not yet established, but may include swimming classes, nutritional instruction and more. The partnerships will be modeled after the success of the YMCA of Norton Commons, where students at Norton Commons Elementary School engage in Y programs and both buildings share a common gymnasium. While these elementary schools will not be physically connected to the Y, the proximity will foster partnerships that will benefit the students as well as the entire California, Russell and Parkland neighborhoods and beyond.

The Y and its partners recognize that health and education are inextricably linked.

“The proximity of our building to Roosevelt-Perry and Wheatley Elementary Schools gives us a unique and ideal opportunity to establish partnerships that will benefit the students and their families,” said Steve Tarver, President & CEO of The YMCA of Greater Louisville. “Our plan for west Louisville is to create a community hub where residents can access vital services and where they can belong.”

“This is a really exciting day for all of Louisville, as this new YMCA will bring new life and vibrancy to an important corridor on Broadway,” said Mayor Greg Fischer. “We are very grateful to the Y for its commitment to our core city value of improving the

health of our community, and for their partnership in making sure that opportunity is extended to people in all neighborhoods."

Square footage of the new Y will increase by approximately 15,500 square feet since the spring announcement of its official launch. Originally projected at 62,000 square feet, architects now indicate the facility will be 77,500 square feet – providing additional space for a larger gymnasium, increased aquatic facilities, meeting rooms and space for programs and services.

It is projected that the facility will welcome approximately 200,000 visitors each year and officials predict that the new Y will serve as a catalyst for economic development in the area.

The new Y building will be two stories, with a state-of-the-art fitness center, 25-meter swimming lap/family pool, gymnasium, classrooms, modern locker rooms, an indoor track and a Kid's Club that will provide childcare while members exercise. In addition, collaborative partners will bring healthcare, financial service options and more to the area. Along with its partners, the Y expects to serve about 20,000-25,000 unique visitors each year.

The building will be positioned at street front, along Broadway, with 170 parking spaces and open, multi-use fields in the rear. Lockett & Farley Architects, Engineers and Interior Designers designed the building and streetscape. They have been working closely with the Y and the city to support the city's urban fabric by screening the parking in the center of the site and aligning the building along the sidewalk. This provides front door access from the sidewalk on Broadway, in addition to the parking area, to promote healthy walkability, and bus and bike transportation. The landscaping will be designed to promote a boulevard feel along the soon-to-be realigned Dixie highway. The new location is the most accessible Y facility along the TARC route.

Norton Healthcare will occupy 6,930 square feet and will bring quality healthcare and clinical services and resources to the area. Republic Bank & Trust Company will utilize 3,150 square feet and provide traditional banking services for west Louisville residents in addition to financial empowerment education and training.

ProRehab Physical Therapy provides long-lasting outcomes without surgery, medication, or diagnostic imaging to patients, and will occupy 2,540 square feet. Physical therapy services offered from the west Louisville clinic will include both manual and orthopedic physical therapy to reduce and prevent aches and pains in the musculoskeletal system, as well as spine care, workplace injury prevention, chronic pain management and trigger point dry needling.

Family & Children's Place will operate in a 651 square foot space, providing support, counseling and therapy to children and families seeking to recover from physical and sexual child abuse, community and family violence, crime and other types of trauma.

Altria/Phillip Morris USA originally donated the land, valued at \$1 million, to the YMCA. The existing facility, a former tobacco warehouse, was razed to make way for the new building. The old warehouse was vacant for more than 10 years and in an advanced state of disrepair. An architectural study prepared for the YMCA determined that it was not feasible to reuse the building because of safety, cost and the building's deteriorated condition.

About the Louisville area YMCAs

The Y is the nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The YMCA has been listening and responding to the needs of our communities for over 160 years. The Y is dedicated to building healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families and communities.

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