



# GROWING OUR MISSION BUILDING OUR FUTURE

## REPUBLIC BANK FOUNDATION YMCA

The newest branch of the YMCA of Greater Louisville, which was more than 10 years in planning, is scheduled to open in October, 2019. The Republic Bank Foundation YMCA located at 1720 West Broadway is a state-of-the-art facility offering healthy living programs, youth sports, swimming, child care, day camp, a Best Buy Teen Tech Center, and a variety of other adult and youth programming. Along with our partners; Republic Bank, Norton Healthcare, ProRehab, Family & Children's Place; this new facility will offer a unique **COMMUNITY INTEGRATED HEALTH** approach.

### HOW WAS THE VISION FOR THIS PROJECT CREATED?

The YMCA has been part of the west Louisville community since the late 1800s. The Chestnut Street YMCA has served thousands of youth and adults since the early 1900s.

For 30 years, the YMCA has received requests to expand its presence in west Louisville. The current project vision started with market research that included contacting 964 people in west Louisville. Results showed a strong interest in health and medical services, a swimming pool, youth programs, and leadership/character development, among others. This began the journey to find partners, acquire property, financing, and design.

Along the way, other community connections were made. Joining with Passport, two large community meetings were held. The Y has been active in the Russell Choice Neighborhood and California/Victory Park planning activities; and has many other long standing partnerships including Jefferson County Public Schools, Metro Government, Metro Health Department, and others.

It has been an exciting journey, and the Y is scheduled to open in October of 2019.

### WHAT AMENITIES WILL THE NEW YMCA OFFER?

The 77,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility will include:

- Healthy living center with a wide variety of cardio and strength equipment
- Group exercise studios/classes
- Indoor pool for lap swimming, water fitness, recreational/family swimming, and water fitness classes
- Kids' Club with child care while members workout
- Indoor walking/running track
- Gymnasium
- Sports fields
- Outdoor play space
- Locker rooms for adults and families
- Community meeting space
- Best Buy Teen Tech Center



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **WILL THERE BE PROGRAMS OFFERED TO THE COMMUNITY?**

A wide array of programming will be offered at the Republic Bank Foundation YMCA including, swim lessons, youth sports, healthy living/chronic disease prevention programs, summer day camp, programs for active older adults and much more! A majority of the menu and planning of services will be driven by the community.

## **WHAT DOES “COMMUNITY INTEGRATED HEALTH” MEAN?**

It describes an intentional effort to bring together traditional healthcare models with community-based organizations, like the YMCA, to make more accessible services that will promote health, prevent disease, and more effectively manage chronic disease. Through our partners, the new facility will offer primary and pediatric care, counseling services, and rehabilitation and physical therapy services.

The fundamental objective is to look beyond just the absence of illness with the more far-reaching focus on a thriving lifestyle, high quality of life and increasing longevity. Did you know there is one Diabetes related amputation in the U.S. every 7 minutes?

## **WHAT WILL THE BEST BUY TEEN TECH CENTER OFFER?**

The Best Buy Teen Tech Center seeks to prepare teens for tech-reliant jobs. Within the next decade, more than 80% of all jobs will require tech skills. Best Buy Teen Tech Centers help teens prepare for these careers through hands-on experience.

## **HOW MUCH WILL MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAMS COST?**

There will be a variety of membership options including those for adults, families, and seniors. Rates will include options to join a single branch or community-wide, with access to 11 other locations throughout the Greater Louisville area. Membership and program fees will be on a sliding scale based on need.

## **WHEN CAN I VISIT THE NEW FACILITY?**

We will begin offering opportunities for neighbors to tour the new facility in the summer.

## **WILL THE HISTORIC CHESTNUT STREET YMCA REMAIN OPEN?**

The YMCA located at 10th and Chestnut is a historic part of the landscape of west Louisville and will remain open. Throughout its history the Chestnut Street Family YMCA has provided vital programming in the community and it will remain a program center for activities such as the Black Achievers, child care, housing, and participation in the Russell Choice Neighborhood Redevelopment. The YMCA has continued to invest in the Chestnut Street YMCA during the planning and design phase of new Y at 17th and Broadway, including over \$3 million in facility enhancements and upgrades in the past 10 years. The two Ys will work together to serve the west Louisville community providing complimentary services and programming to extend the Y's mission.

## **WILL THERE BE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NEW YMCA?**

The opening of the new YMCA is estimated to bring 150 jobs to the local community including positions in member services, healthy living, aquatics, youth sports, and child care. The YMCA is committed in hiring from the neighborhoods surrounding the new YMCA. Watch for early training opportunities.

## **HOW DO I APPLY FOR A JOB AT THE Y?**

Why wait until the new Y opens? We highly encourage anyone interested in working at the Republic Bank Foundation YMCA to consider applying for open positions at other YMCAs in the Greater Louisville area. All of our current openings can be found at [ymcalouisville.org/employment.html](http://ymcalouisville.org/employment.html). As the opening of the new YMCA approaches there will be opportunities for on-site applications and interviews.

**To learn more and take a virtual tour of the new Republic Bank Foundation YMCA visit:**  
[ymcalouisville.org/republic-bank/index.html](http://ymcalouisville.org/republic-bank/index.html)