

News Release

Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA Capital Campaign

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Willmar Area Community Foundation donates \$250,000 to Kandiyohi County Family YMCA Capital Campaign

The YMCA is extremely honored by the generosity of the Willmar Area Community Foundation with the announcement of the foundation's \$250,000 capital donation to the Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA in support of the Y's capital campaign. The significance of their gift allows the YMCA to continue to fulfill the mission to provide quality based programs for youth and families throughout the county in the areas of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

"On behalf of the YMCA Board Directors, YMCA Staff and Members and the community, I extend a warm and sincere "thank you" to the foundation!" stated Theresa Wittenberg, YMCA Executive Director. "The grant will go a long way toward the organization's goal of \$3 million. We're still heavy into solicitation and we need everybody's support to get this done."

The Ys plans to expand the facility by doubling the wellness center space, creating a larger wellness studio, adding a new multi-purpose gymnasium and expanded track, and adding two new racquetball courts. Currently, the YMCA is at \$1,956,039 in donations, nearly 2/3 of the way to goal.

"We will not be financing any debt so this gift provides cash in the bank to move forward to expand a facility designed for 3,000 people and now serving nearly 5,800." commented Ms. Wittenberg. "We are hoping to receive enough donations so we can break ground this summer."

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to fund capital improvements and keep its programs available to all, including those facing financial hardship. All board members are community volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 1000 Lakeland Drive SE in Willmar, the YMCA has served area families 15 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that meet the needs of our community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation call Theresa Wittenberg at 320-222-9622, theresaw@kandiyymca.org, or visit www.kandiyymca.org.

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