



### **Capital Campaign Backgrounder: Metro Y Rejuvenation**

In 2008, the National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA embarked on a Capital Campaign entitled “Strengthening the Heart of our Community.” The Campaign will support the Y’s \$35 million redevelopment plans that will rejuvenate facilities and expand programs in the greater Ottawa area. As one of the three main projects of the redevelopment plan, the Metro Y will receive a \$17 million rejuvenation starting in the spring of 2010 with an end date of December 2011.

The nearly 40-year-old facility located on Argyle Avenue will be refreshed and modernized to fit the needs of today’s Ottawa. Also included is a plan to enhance programs with the objective of serving an additional 35,000 people each year from this location alone! The redevelopment will be made possible thanks to funds received by the two levels of government and funds from the Capital Campaign.

The redevelopment will include:

- Renovation of health, fitness and recreation space to accommodate more individual conditioning space and additional child-friendly spaces;
- Refurbishment of the swimming pool area;
- Expansion of 15,000 square feet for exercise purposes;
- Refurbishment of squash and racquetball courts;
- Expanded employment, enterprise and newcomer services;
- Enhanced child care services; and
- Restructured housing and accommodation services.

A special fundraising committee for the Metro Y focusing on the construction and trade industries is now in place to help accomplish this rejuvenation. This committee will seek support from the public in 2010, with a campaign goal of raising \$1 million. Committee members include:

Richard Moore, Chair  
Doug Burnside  
Jeffrey Clarke  
Ron Desjardins  
Paul Dillon  
Cornelius Kroon  
Sean Lundy  
Chris Taggart

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