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## **YMCA OF SPRINGFIELD BREAKS GROUND ON NEW DOWNTOWN FACILITY**

[Springfield, IL —March 14, 2019] The YMCA of Springfield broke ground on its soon to be new facility on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Carpenter Streets at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14. The current facility located at 701 S. Fourth Street has been the downtown home for the YMCA since 1962.

The \$34 million project is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2020. Memorial Medical Center has donated \$9 million towards the project and the City of Springfield will provide \$4.9 million in Tax Increment Funds (TIF). Angie Sowle, YMCA of Springfield CEO, says, "We are so grateful for their support and for the support of others in our community who have made it possible for us to launch the public phase of our campaign. To date, the capital campaign has raised \$5.3 million."

The new YMCA facility will be situated in the Enos Park Neighborhood and will bring better health and a greater sense of community to the city of Springfield. This community resource and gathering place will feature several amenities. The aquatic center with an eight-lane pool and a recreational pool will allow for swim instruction, lap swimming, water exercise, special needs aquatics and family fun. The state-of-the-art fitness and weight area as well as the racquetball courts, indoor track and a full-court gymnasium will help address the health needs of our community. The high-tech gymnastics center will provide gymnastics for both recreational and competitive groups. The facility will also house youth enrichment areas to assure every child has access to safe spaces and positive adult role models.

The project will allow the YMCA to expand its community impact and continue to provide a place of belonging for residents of every age. The YMCA plans to open their new facility in the last quarter of 2020.

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