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New, Expanded Boone County Senior Center Complete Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Friday, July 25

Seniors in Boone County now have an expanded place to be able socialize, participate in enriching activities, health and wellness programs and senior exercise programs. Construction of an all new, expanded 3000 sq ft Boone County Senior Center is complete enabling as many as triple the number of older adults who can participate in programs offered through the Center.

A grand opening ribbon cutting and reception will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 25 at the Center, located at the R.C. Durr YMCA, 5874 Veterans Way in Burlington.

The Center has been operating at the R.C. Durr YMCA since October, 2005 and serving an average of 40 people daily, free of charge. However, with a growing older population, YMCA and County officials knew more people could benefit from having a positive environment to spend leisure time. The new facility includes a kitchen, outside deck, activity rooms and library area. It continues to offer social activities, fellowship, exercise, information and assistance, ballroom dancing, yoga, line dance, special events and meals for Boone County residents age 60 and over. Additionally, seniors can choose to join the 'Y' through a variety of enrollment options including senior rates, scholarship and Silver Sneakers. Meals and transportation are also available from Senior Services of Northern Ky.

"We are very proud of our partnership with the County, the older adults, the staff and volunteers of the YMCA, and excited to see the many benefits of this expanded center on our community," said Marty Herbert, senior center coordinator.

The Boone County Senior Center is managed by the R.C. Durr YMCA and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is a public service to any older adult living in Boone County..

Funding for the new facility is a partnership of the Fiscal Court of Boone County through a Community Development Block Grant from the State and the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati.

"Our YMCA's partnership with Boone County has been remarkable from the beginning. Not only have we successfully engaged senior adults in health and recreation services weekly, we have created multi-generational connections that benefit all ages. The success of our first step in senior service collaboration with Boone County leads us naturally to this exciting growth plan for expanded facilities to serve more seniors in the years to come. We know how important fellowship, fun, and wellness programs are everyday and are delighted to join with Boone County to expand these services for seniors," said Trisha Raynor, executive director of the R.C. Durr YMCA.

ON FRIDAY – Speakers at the grand opening will be Boone County Judge/Executive, Gary Moore; Director of Human Services, Kirk Kavanaugh; and YMCA of Greater Cincinnati President Sandy Walker. Prior to the ribbon cutting there will be a musical dedication by pre-school children.

The YMCA is the largest non-governmental, non-profit community services organization in this area that is committed to helping everyone reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind, and body – regardless of their ability to pay. Each year tens of thousands of people from children to seniors are able to participate in YMCA programs and services because of financial assistance, including health and wellness, active older adult programs, youth and teen camp, swimming and water safety lessons, teen achievers, college readiness, and job preparedness. With 60 locations, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati is also the largest provider of childcare programs that in 2007, served nearly 10,000 kids on YMCA scholarships. The annual Strong Kids Campaign helps make that possible.

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