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YMCA OF GREATER FORT WAYNE ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICES AND FUTURE BRANCH COMING TO THE SUMMIT CAMPUS

Fort Wayne, IN (April 16th, 2026) The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne announced today two significant investments into the campus of The Summit, located off West Rudisill Blvd. The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne will move leadership and administrative offices into the former Ramseyer Hall Retreat Center at 1065 West Rudisill Blvd. The new office will be called **The Phillips Center for YMCA Leadership** thanks to a generous donation from the Phillips Family Donor Advised Fund, represented by Rick and Penney Phillips. With more than twenty offices totaling over 18,000 square feet, the new Phillips Center for YMCA Leadership will allow for continued growth of the Y and provide future opportunities to expand programming and outreach to the 46807 neighborhood and surrounding communities. Renovations will begin immediately with Y staff relocating to the new office by the end of July 2026.

The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne is also announcing the creation of its tenth Wellness branch at the Summit Athletic Center and next door to the new Phillips Center for YMCA Leadership. Thanks to a donation for naming rights from Ron and Kathy Turpin and family, the new facility will be known as the **Turpin Family YMCA**.

With over 25,000 square feet of space, the Turpin Family Y will be located at 1025 West Rudisill Blvd. and will feature all new state-of-the-art exercise equipment in a renovated, 2500 square foot Wellness Center. The two existing basketball courts will remain, with the Y adding additional programming to include group exercise classes, youth sports, and programs and activities for active older adults. The facility will include Child Watch, where parents who are YMCA members can take advantage of up to two hours of childcare while using the facility. Construction and renovation will begin this August, with an estimated opening in early 2027.

“This investment is about putting the Y within reach of more people,” said Andrew Gritzmaker, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne. “The Phillips Center for YMCA Leadership allows our team to lead and grow with intention, and the Turpin Family YMCA will bring programs and connection to a neighborhood that has incredible leadership and momentum. We are excited for these projects and how they will contribute to our goal of becoming one of the top ten healthiest communities in the nation.”

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The combined investment into the Phillips Center for YMCA Leadership and the Turpin Family YMCA is well over \$1 million dollars including equipment, construction, and renovation costs.

In addition to the generous donation from Ron and Kathy Turpin and family for naming rights, the Turpin Family YMCA is being supported by the McMillen Foundation, Inc., Doermer Family Foundation, Inc., English, Bonter, Mitchell Foundation, Wilson Foundation (Edward M. & Mary McCrea), and the Surack Family Foundation.

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ABOUT THE YMCA OF GREATER FORT WAYNE: *The mission of the YMCA is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. For over 160 years, the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne has been committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility serving more than 144,000 people annually across Allen, Wells, and Whitley counties currently through nine membership facilities as well as three youth serving branches, YMCA Youth Service Bureau, YMCA Child Care Services and YMCA Camp Potawatami. To learn more about the Y please visit www.fwymca.org or email HereForYou@fwymca.org.*

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