

# Beloit YMCA asks community members to chip in \$1 million for new facility

The Stateline Family YMCA is asking community members to donate \$1 million toward its new downtown facility.

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BELOIT—The Stateline Family YMCA is asking community members to donate \$1 million to complete the fundraising for a new facility that adds one more enhancement to a revitalized downtown Beloit.

A capital campaign already has raised \$8.8 million, the YMCA announced Friday.

The additional \$1 million would “ensure the success of the entire project,” according to a news release.

Organizers plan to complete fundraising by June 1. Construction is slated to start in April in the Ironworks campus.

Opening is scheduled for mid- to late February 2017, said Doug Britt, CEO.

As previously announced, Diane Hendricks, chairwoman of Hendricks Commercial Properties, donated the building space, which was valued at \$4 million.

The Hendricks family has been key to Beloit's downtown renewal, including the Ironworks campus itself, which is a reinvention of the former Beloit Corp. property, where generations of Beloiters built papermaking machines.

The new YMCA will be located along the west side of the Rock River in the center of Beloit, near the corner of Third Street and West Grand Avenue.

Plans are to keep the Stateline YMCA's facility in Roscoe, Illinois, but to abandon its current building at 1865 S. Riverside Drive in Beloit, Britt said.

The YMCA also released an architect's images of what the new facility at the Ironworks campus would look like.

The approximately 80,000-square-foot facility will be on two floors with views across the Rock River to downtown Beloit.

The YMCA in downtown Janesville, in comparison, comprises about 100,000 square feet.

Amenities include a zero-entry pool and water slide as well as a whirlpool, all of which the current facility doesn't have, Britt said.

Other amenities include an 8,300-square-foot wellness center with group-exercise studios and multipurpose rooms that the current facility doesn't have, Britt said.

Plans also call for a warm-water pool, a cool-water lap-swimming pool and a one-fifth-mile-long indoor track.

The project's architect is Zimmerman Architectural Studios of Milwaukee. The general contractor is Corporate Contractors Incorporated, or CCI, of Beloit.

The public campaign begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 9, with a groundbreaking ceremony. The public is invited, and tours of the building's interior along with free activities for families and children will be available.

The event also will feature the start of the Hard Hat Hustle 5K and 1-mile walk.

Britt encouraged donations, saying in the release that “Now is the time to act and leave a legacy for the community.”