

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY YMCA/YWCA

Q) WHY IS A NEW FACILITY NEEDED?

- As the Dubuque community continues to grow, (the population of Dubuque County alone is expected to exceed 100,000 within the next decade) and evolve, the Y has done its best to react to the resulting changes in community needs.
- The greatest obstacle hindering the Y's ability to successfully offer and expand programs to meet the community's needs is its nearly 50-year old facility and its significant lack of multi-purpose and community accessible space, especially for nonmember/community usage.
- The Y is bursting at its seams in trying to find space and ways to accommodate all the programs it currently offers and those it needs to provide to meet and address the community's needs.

With a new facility, the Y will be able to:

- Improve citizens' health through cooperative and community wellness programs.
- Expand programs that address social/emotional issues with our youth.
- Expand childcare programs to support working families with more outdoor space for recreational activities and to meet the demand in the Dubuque area for additional high-quality childcare.
- Introduce new health and wellness programs for all ages.
- Open its facility to our schools and community groups who also face the same need for space.
- Serve as a wellness resource to residents and community groups.
- Offer culinary and nutritional classes that encourage both families and individuals to eat right and stay active together.
- Offer Safety Around Water program.
- Offer an expanded selection of state-of-the-art exercise and wellness equipment, allowing more people access to equipment at peak times.

Q) WHY WAS THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE YMCA/YWCA SELECTED FOR THE NEW FACILITY?

- After extensive research, surveys, and focus groups, it was deemed that the best location for our new facility is on land at our current location at 35 N. Booth Street in Dubuque.

Q) HOW WILL THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FACILITY BE FUNDED?

- To fund the building of the new facility, the Y is embarking on a capital campaign with the goal of raising all the funds necessary to build it. Cost estimates are currently being finalized.

Q) WHAT WILL BE THE SIZE OF THE NEW FACILITY?

- The new facility will be approximately 65,000-70,000 square feet.

Q) WILL THE CURRENT FACILITY REMAIN OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION?

- Yes, we plan on remaining open as we phase in the new facility.

Q) WHEN WILL THE NEW FACILITY OPEN?

- Our goal is to break ground during spring 2019 with the intention of opening the new facility fall 2020.

Q) WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CURRENT FACILITY?

- Eventually we will deconstruct the current facility.

Q) WHAT WILL THE NEW FACILITY LOOK LIKE?

- A team of architects have developed a conceptual design of our new facility that will be a multi-purpose community, health and wellness, childcare and aquatic center for members and non-members alike to use.

Q) WILL THE NEW Y BE FOR MEMBERS ONLY?

- No, as with our current facility the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA it is for everyone.

Q) WILL THERE BE A RATE INCREASE WHEN THE NEW Y OPENS?

- Our board of directors review membership rates annually so a rate increase may occur in the future. Financial assistance will also continue to be available for those in need.