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County National Bank Contributes \$100,000 to Jackson YMCA Capital Campaign

Jackson, MI – The **Jackson YMCA** announced that **County National Bank** (CNB), which has five offices in Jackson County, has committed \$100,000 to the capital campaign for a new YMCA facility in downtown Jackson.

“The Y is so important to downtown Jackson and our community,” said CNB President and CEO **John Waldron**. “The Y touches every person in the community and contributes to the health of all of us. The Y brings people together – professionals, teens, blue-collar workers, retirees, youth sports participants – and it is vital to our downtown.”

“I was a Y member at age 16,” Waldron added, “and I would come here to work out and shoot hoops. I’m a Y member now, and I have gone to Ys nationwide when I travel. I believe in the Y.”

The CNB Board of Directors recently approved the six-figure contribution, which brings the pledge total to \$14.1 million to date. In late 2017, the YMCA launched a \$25 million campaign for a new downtown facility; the current building is more than 60 years old and increasingly costly to maintain and repair. The Y recently completed a successful strategic planning process, and Y membership is currently at an all-time high with more than 8,400 members and more than 4,000 weekly visits downtown.

“We are so grateful to County National Bank for their contribution,” said Jackson YMCA CEO **Shawna Tello**. “They have been big supporters and believers in our mission, and their generous gift brings us closer to building a better Y for our community.”

This news follows the July announcement of a major gift from **American 1 Credit Union** and introduction of community leaders on the capital campaign committee. Led by chair **Scott McIntosh**, a Vice President with **Consumers Energy** and a YMCA Board of Directors member, the community team was introduced earlier this year, along with a new campaign logo.

Working alongside executives from Consumers Energy, Henry Ford Allegiance Health and more on the capital campaign, Waldron chairs the campaign Finance Committee. This work has led to ongoing discussions with major potential donors.



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"When I was asked to put in some extra time to chair the Finance Committee, I was happy to do it," Waldron said. "It was an easy decision because I believe we need a new Y."

For more information about the Jackson YMCA, visit JacksonYMCA.org. To learn more about County National Bank, visit www.countynationalbank.com.

About the Jackson YMCA

Since 1896 the Jackson YMCA has worked to provide opportunities for individuals of all walks of life. The Y serves men and women of all ages, religions and economic backgrounds through programs focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Jackson YMCA moved into its current facility in 1962, and has undergone numerous renovations since that time. A volunteer board of directors provides leadership to the Association, a member of the national organization – the YMCA of the USA. The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the U.S., 2,700 Y's engage 22 million men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background – to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Visit www.JacksonYMCA.org.