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## **Momentum Continues for Jackson YMCA Capital Campaign – Jackson Community Foundation Adds \$25,000 Gift**

JACKSON, Mich., Oct. 5, 2020 – The **Jackson YMCA** announced that the **Jackson Community Foundation (JCF)** has contributed a \$25,000 grant to the Y's campaign to build a new facility and create a healthy living campus in downtown. JCF President and CEO **Monica Moser** said both organizations share a mission to strengthen and build the community.

"The Jackson Community Foundation believes a thriving YMCA facility in downtown Jackson will have a positive effect on our community's overall health and well-being," said Moser. "Having the chance to double our gift through the Consumers Energy Foundation's Matching Grant Challenge was a bonus. We hope other funders, organizations, and individuals follow suit to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and get the Jackson YMCA project across the finish line."

In January, the **Consumers Energy Foundation** announced a matching capital campaign grant of up to \$3 million. Henry Ford Allegiance Health in February pledged \$1 million in response, and most recently the Dawn Foods Corporate Giving Program reallocated \$1 million in endowment funding to the capital campaign.

Despite a six-month state-mandated closure, the Jackson YMCA continues to progress in its fundraising efforts to replace its nearly 60-year old building and has raised more than \$18 million in pledges and contributions.

"We are deeply appreciative of the support from the Jackson Community Foundation," said Jackson YMCA CEO **Shawna Tello**. "Grant funding we received from the Foundation this summer enabled us to continue community COVID-19 relief work. This generous and additional contribution brings us closer to offering a contemporary facility and more responsive programming to improve the health and well-being of our of a broader cross-section of our community."

For more information and to view a video with Moser on the Y's impact on the community, visit [www.JacksonYMCA.org](http://www.JacksonYMCA.org).

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### **About Jackson Community Foundation**

The Jackson Community Foundation connects people and resources to causes that strengthen and build our community. JCF is committed to providing the community with a sustainable aspect of philanthropy - providing leadership and problem solving in the present and preparing for the future with a permanent endowment. For Jackson. For good. For ever. Visit [www.jacksoncf.org](http://www.jacksoncf.org) or follow on Facebook.

### **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. A volunteer board of directors provides leadership to the Association, a member of the national organization: The YMCA of the USA. Visit [www.JacksonYMCA.org](http://www.JacksonYMCA.org).