

YMCA OF THE OKOBOJIS

SUSTAINABILITY CAMPAIGN FAQs

What amount was raised through the Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign?

Through the efforts of our volunteers, we were able to secure over \$8.2 Million in funding which exceeded the Igniting a Healthy Legacy's original campaign goal based on our estimated construction costs. Unfortunately, due to the state of inflation and construction costs, our campaign's physical projects have seen an increased cost on average of 27% overall for the projects at the Bedell Family YMCA and Camp Foster. It is now estimated to achieve all facets of the campaign \$11.6 Million will need to be raised.

What is the plan to move forward with the Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign?

Through the efforts of so many volunteers, we have secured enough funding to complete the Aquatics Center renovation, retire the YMCA's long-term debt obligations, invest designated funds into our endowment portfolio and begin to transform Camp Foster's campus physically. Due to our financial constraints, we will begin the construction process at Camp Foster with two projects: the Dining Hall renovation/expansion and Airnasium (Phase 1). The additional projects at Camp Foster and the remainder of the endowment growth goal will come as more funds are raised. All projects are being prioritized in terms of the immediate and long-lasting impacts to our organization (Phase 2).

What is the plan to make up the difference in funding needed to fully complete Phase 2 of the Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign?

We are actively pursuing several grant opportunities through private and public foundations, as well as continuing to solicit support from our wide array of YMCA of the Okobojis' donors.

Why isn't the Aquatics Center fully completed like the renderings?

Due to logistical challenges and materials, not all the pieces needed to complete the project were able to be obtained at the original closure of the pool. Over the next few months, there will be periodic closures to finalize different aspects of the Aquatics Center. Also, due to Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Regulations and Codes, minor changes have been made to the project to comply. We are actively working with Water's Edge Aquatic Design to explore additional options for play features within the Aquatics Center. During the Aquatics Center renovation, it's been identified by IDPH that the original pool slide that was planned for our space will not be approved unless certified for approval by the State through third party. We have no timetable for this certification and are seeking alternative answers from our engineer.