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YMCA Provides Update on the Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign and Projects Timeline

[Spirit Lake, IA] – The Bedell Family YMCA Aquatics Center renovation, as part of the Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign, has been under way since late March of 2022. Restorations completed to date are the east windows replacement, demolition prep work, pool and play feature pumps installed, and play feature footings poured and cured. Other renovations are in progress due to shipping and manufacturing delays. Barring any other logistical delays, the Aquatics Center is now tentatively planned to reopen on June 13.

Other construction plans in the Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign's scope have also been affected. Based on the original project estimates, fundraising was nearing 100% in February 2022, due to the hard work of our campaign volunteers. However, with inflation of construction materials, the actual bids for the Aquatics Center renovation increased by 17%, with Camp Foster projects jumping by 40%. Due to these changes, the Campaign's construction timeline has been adjusted.

Andrew Fisher, CEO of the YMCA of the Okobojis, provided insight on the revised timeline. "Due to the heightened impact of inflation, construction costs have increased beyond our original campaign fundraising goal. While we were able to meet that initial Campaign goal, we will now be moving forward with a two-phased approach for construction at the direction of our Board of Directors and campaign volunteers. This will allow us to progress with a number of our campaign initiatives while continuing to raise funds towards our adjusted fundraising goal."

Phase 1 of the campaign will include the Bedell Family YMCA Aquatics Center renovations, the Camp Foster Dining Hall expansion, the Camp Foster Airnasium construction, as well as the retirement of long-term organizational debt and the partial funding of our endowment growth goal. Construction of the Dining Hall and Airnasium is scheduled to take place later this year.

Funds will continue to be raised towards the Phase 2 projects. Phase 2 will include the Camp Foster Visitors Center, Health Center, and Camper Cabin projects, as well as additional endowment growth.

The Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign is the YMCA's campaign to renovate the Bedell Family YMCA's Aquatics Center, provide new and renovated structures at Camp Foster to further support the camping and local community, and enhance organizational sustainability by growing the organization's endowment and eliminating long term organizational debt. Including the increased construction costs, 72% of the Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign's total has been funded.

For more information, or to support the Igniting a Healthy Legacy Campaign, please visit www.ignitecampaign.com.