



YMCA-YWCA
of the Central Okanagan

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strong families,
strong communities.*

PRESS RELEASE

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TD Canada Trust donates \$50,000 to the Kelowna Family Y Expansion Campaign

Thanks to a donation from TD Canada Trust, the \$5 million dollar fundraising goal to expand the Kelowna Family YMCA-YWCA just increased by another \$50,000.

“We are inspired by what the Y gives back to the community and how it helps strengthen the families to thrive,” says Ron Stewardson, TD Commercial Bank District Vice President. “By offering a broad range of programs and services for a diversity of ages, abilities and backgrounds, we at TD feel that our donation to the capital expansion campaign will help make a difference for many and will benefit the community for years to come.”

The 13,000 square foot expansion will include a youth zone, gym & indoor playground, a run/walking track, preventative health & learning spaces and a child & family resource centre that will help the Y continue to support families in need such as Tina Schuilenberg’s.

Tina Schuilenberg, a young single mother of a 10 month old son, knows firsthand how the Y can make an impact. “When I became a mother, I knew I had to provide my son with a life that was better than the one I had up until now” said Tina. “I found an opportunity to attend a Women in Trades program offered by Okanagan College, but I couldn’t afford childcare. I started leaving my son with friends – but that didn’t last long...and it wasn’t good for my son. Then I found the Little Scholars Childcare Centre run by the YMCA-YWCA and everything started to fall into place. The Y didn’t judge me – they reached out to me and provided excellent care for my son plus a few extra’s – formula and diapers. They have done everything in their power to enable me to get the education I need so I can provide the life I always wanted for my son.”

The success of the Capital Campaign will enable the Kelowna Family Y to increase their impact across the Central Okanagan and reach out to twice as many residents – an estimated 40,000 children, youth, families and seniors each year.

The community is encouraged to support the Y and help raise the final \$750,000 in funding still needed to complete the project. To donate or learn more about the project, please visit www.yexpansion.com or call 250-764-9621.

The YMCA-YWCA of the Central Okanagan is a charity committed to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

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Attachment – Photo (l-r) Cathy Devins, TD Customer Service Officer and Ron Stewardson, TD Commercial Bank District Vice President, being thanked by Y Out of School Care kids for their \$50K donation to the Kelowna Family YMCA-YWCA Capital Expansion Campaign.

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