



A Community-Serving Partnership

Celebrates 5 Years in Action

The Platte County Community Centers in Parkville and Platte City, MO, provide state-of-the-art facilities, programs and classes to citizens of the county thanks to the successful partnership between Platte County and the YMCA.

On February 18, 2010 the County and YMCA will celebrate the five year anniversary of the opening of facility in Parkville. The community is invited to this celebration to thank the citizens for supporting the parks program and the many organizations who partnered with the County to build the center. Officials will also provide an update on future plans to expand the center.

In addition to the evening celebration on February 18th the centers will be open and free to the public through the 21st. Users only need to check in at the front desk in Parkville to receive the weekend pass.

In the year 2000, Platte County passed a sales tax which made it possible to fund many of the county's recreational facilities such as parks, trails, ball fields and community centers. At the time there were not any YMCA locations for Platte County citizens. This combination led to a partnership committed to better serving the Platte County communities.



“The benefits are numerous. The county takes advantage of the broad depth of experience the YMCA directors have, and the YMCA gained immediate access to an under-served area of Platte County,” said Brian Nowotny, director of parks and recreation for Platte County.

The county put money into the project to build the centers and supply the equipment, computers and furnishings. They are dedicated to maintaining the quality of the facilities in addition to co-promoting both Platte County and the YMCA as community-serving organizations.

The YMCA is responsible for operating the facilities with staff, programs, classes, Child Watch and more.

“When you walk in, all programs and classes, from group exercise to water aerobics, are operated by the YMCA,” said Angie Mutti, center executive for Platte County Community Center South.

The collaboration is an asset to both the North and South Platte County Community Center members. “Platte County citizens who are part of the centers receive benefits they wouldn’t if it were a stand-alone facility. They receive access to other (YMCA) facilities across the area,” Nowotny said.

The current condition of the Platte County facilities couldn’t be maintained without the joint effort from both sides. “Due to the partnership, we get to upgrade equipment sooner and stay top-of-the-line for our members,” Mutti said.

There is no doubt the facilities provided for the Platte County residents would not be the same without the teamwork of Platte County and the YMCA. Nowotny believes the success of the partnership is the result of “two-like minded organizations with common interests and common goals: community service.”

Platte County and the YMCA continue to bring quality programs and services to residents and members, and both sides agree the results are an obvious indicator of a successful partnership.

For more information on the 5-Year Anniversary Event or the County YMCA partnership, contact Platte County Parks and Recreation at 816.858.3541 or online at www.platteparks.com.

