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YMCA TO BREAK GROUND ON ITS NEW AMBLER AREA FACILITY

PHILADELPHIA – August 20, 2009 – **The YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity will break ground on its state-of-the-art Ambler Area facility on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 9:30a.m at 1305 McKean Road, Ambler, PA 19002.** Hosted by Lawrence S. Smith, Chairman of the YMCA Board of Directors, and Philip R. Albright, Chairman of the Ambler Area YMCA Board of Directors and the Strong Communities Campaign, the groundbreaking marks an important moment in the Strong Communities Campaign, the YMCA’s effort to modernize and expand its physical resources so as to keep pace with the rapid growth and demand for its programs and services. The community is cordially invited to attend.

The Ambler Area YMCA was organized 45 years ago and since then has grown its membership from 200 to 9,800 people. In order to better accommodate the local community’s increasing need for YMCA services, the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity has purchased a 3.4 acre lot on McKean Rd in Ambler to build a state-of-the-art facility. The new Ambler Area YMCA will be an 80,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility featuring a comprehensive pool complex, an extensive Health and Wellness Center, a gymnasium, aerobic exercise studios, community rooms, and indoor and outdoor jogging tracks. It will be completed in the winter of 2010/2011.

“Investing in our facilities not only helps us to touch more lives, but also positions our branches to extend their community outreach and to develop local strategic partnerships,” said John F. Flynn, President & CEO of the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity. “We are proud that this groundbreaking represents the advancement of our mission: to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.”

Philip R. Albright, Chairman of the Ambler Area YMCA Board of Directors and the Strong Communities Campaign, added that the Ambler project will revitalize the entire YMCA Association and create new and special experiences for every person who walks through our doors. “The YMCA is ready to serve new generations with the very best health and wellness, family, and community programs available,” he said.

Located at 10 full-branch sites throughout the Delaware Valley, the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity is a charitable organization that provides quality programming and resources for youth, teens and adults including full-day and after-school child care, summer camp, youth sports, adult fitness, Active Older Adults and much more. For more information, please call 215-963-3700.

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