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Historic \$10 Million Gift Inspires Others to Give *YMCA Cape Cod's Campaign to bring a Y to the Upper Cape surpasses \$25M*

[BARNSTABLE COUNTY, 12/20/2024] – As a result of Don & Pamela Smith's lead gift, the "Campaign to bring a Y to the Upper Cape" has received several significant donations including gifts of \$1M, \$750K, \$500K and \$100K. The campaign has now passed \$25M or 71% of target on the campaign goal of \$35M and is gaining momentum to reach the goal. The project needs \$3M more to secure short-term financing and break ground on the new facility. Construction could begin as soon as fall 2025.

Stacie Peugh, President and CEO of YMCA Cape Cod, said, "This gift is doing what the Smith's hoped for, inspiring more generosity from leading families in the community. As the season of giving is upon us and the economy and stock market have been strong, giving to charity in the form of appreciated securities or donor advised funds has been appealing for many families to engage in this project. With lead gifts like these, families are ensuring this facility will help transform the lives of children, families, and adults of the Upper Cape for generations to come."

The Smith's gift is YMCA Cape Cod's largest single donation in the organization's 58-year history and will help build the new YMCA, including an aquatic center and full-sized basketball court, located on Brick Kiln Road on the Upper Cape.

The gift is in honor of Don's late parents, Don and Dottie Smith, for whom the facility will be named. Don and Dottie were long-time residents of Belmont, Mass. and maintained a second home on Cape Cod, where they enjoyed sailing, swimming, fishing, walking, and biking with their seven grandchildren.

"We believe in the power of community and the importance of leaving a legacy for our extended family," said Don, who owns and operates 260 Valvoline Instant Oil Change franchises nationwide, including Valvoline stores on Main Street in Falmouth and in Plymouth. "This YMCA will provide a space for fitness and recreation, but also will serve as a gathering place where families like ours can create lasting memories. We

hope our gift inspires other families to donate and invest in the future of our community.”

In addition to a new basketball court and swimming pool, The Don & Dottie Smith YMCA will feature a walking track and multi-purpose spaces for classes and community events. It will offer programs tailored to children, teens and seniors, ensuring all community members have access to enriching activities.

Don & Pamela are honored to help preserve the legacy of Don and Dottie Smith in Falmouth, “We encourage other families to participate in this important campaign for the community!”

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About the Y

The Y is one of the nation’s leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the U.S., 2,700 Ys engage 21 million men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background – to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation’s health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Anchored in more than 10,000 communities, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. ymca.net