

Letter to the Editor 3/4/2011

## YMCA West Facility Building Project

The Racine Family YMCA is actively raising support to build a new facility in Mount Pleasant and will break ground in June or July. We are grateful for the generosity of donors who have already pledged their support for the project, and those who continue to express interest in helping to make a difference in people's lives.

Recently, we approached the Mt Pleasant Village Board to request a financing option through the CDA. Though the trustees denied that request, they were supportive of the YMCA and its plan, and were amenable to financing through the Village directly. We're appreciative of their willingness to help in this way and are carefully considering if this is the best option for financing the new YMCA construction.

It has always been our intent to minimize financing and debt and regardless of this one decision we are continuing to work with companies and individuals throughout the community interested in donating to help build this new, second facility that will support the families and businesses on the community's western side.

The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Racine Family YMCA nurtures the potential of children and teens, improves the community's health and well-being, and provides opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Anchored in the community for more than 135 years, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.