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YMCA Offers Full Scholarships to Subsidized Child Care Clients

Chicago, IL (June 5, 2007)— In efforts to fight growing obesity and health problems among low-income Chicagoans, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago is providing all families enrolled in YMCA subsidized child care programs with full-scholarships for YMCA family memberships.

“Our hope is that we can engage the whole family in a healthy and active lifestyle,” said Scott McNally, Executive Director of Children’s Services at the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

Starting July 1, approximately 1,200 families will receive YMCA family memberships, which include access to YMCA gyms, pools, fitness equipment and group exercise classes.

“When parents are healthy and happy, it shows in the kids, too,” said McNally, “we’re excited to provide this opportunity to families who otherwise may have not been able to afford a membership.”

The YMCA’s subsidized child care program serves children, ages six weeks to 12 years, of working parents who meet income eligibility guidelines. YMCA child care incorporates nutrition, physical activity and positive programs that build self-esteem in children.

YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago Children Services is one of the largest licensed child care providers in the city, serving more than 1,200 children age six-weeks to twelve-years annually. Children Services provides both subsidized and private/tuition child care services at fifteen sites in fourteen Chicago neighborhoods. This includes services provided to teen parents at two Chicago Public High Schools.

Through its 43 Centers and more than 100 extension sites, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago helps children learn and grow, teaches young people to lead, brings families closer together, and encourages individual health and well-being. The fourth largest non-profit in Chicago and one of the largest human services organizations in the nation, YMCA programs impact hundreds of thousands of lives annually, helping to strengthen neighborhoods and respond to community needs across Chicagoland. To learn more, visit www.ymcachgo.org.

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