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YMCA and School District 95 Partner as District Faces Delays

CHICAGO (August 29, 2007) – From Aug. 23 until the school re-opens, the Foglia YMCA, located in Lake Zurich, will run a free, extended day camp program for May Whitney students during school hours.

This summer program that typically ends when school begins was extended in response to a request from Brian Knutson, Superintendent of School District 95. May Whitney school's opening is postponed due to asbestos and mold remediation.

"We were hoping the local Y could provide a program so kids could have a safe place to be while their parents are working. The Y really stepped up, immediately jumping to action. Had it not been for their quick response, a lot of parents would have been scrambling at the last minute to make arrangements," said Knutson.

The Foglia Y's extended program will offer structured programs and activities such as dodgeball, kickball, nature walks and water activities. Lunch will be provided. Families that are not part of the May Whitney School can participate in the extended program for a nominal fee.

"I am very impressed with the quick response from my Board members and local business leaders who have agreed to help support this program. The YMCA doesn't have needs, the community has needs. Only the Y could handle 200 children while providing quality programming. This is Y mission work at its best," said Carrie Wall, Executive Director of the Foglia YMCA.

The extended program is made possible by the support of Walgreen Co., CM Products, HSBC, John and Becky Duffey, Foglia YMCA Board Members, and Steve and Chris Anchini, owners of the Lake Zurich Culver's.

The Foglia YMCA and the school district work together to provide quality programs and services for children in our community during non-school hours and will continue to work hand-in-hand to serve the local community.

About the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago

The Foglia YMCA is an affiliate of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. 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, 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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