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### **The Leaning Tower YMCA and Local Partners Offer Care for Residents**

Chicago, IL (April 10, 2007) – The Leaning Tower YMCA, an affiliate of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, has recently announced the availability of free healthcare services to its residents, in an effort to care for its neediest population.

The Denny Clinic, located at the Lawson House YMCA at 30 W. Chicago Ave. in Chicago, is a primary care facility open to all YMCA residents that is staffed and equipped to diagnose and treat most medical conditions. Two internal medicine practitioners, an advanced practice nurse and a registered nurse provide care to residents. The clinic is a branch of Northwestern Hospital and recently marked its sixth year of service to YMCA residents.

“Providing access to free medical care is the right thing to do for our residents. They direly need these services, and we’re proud to have such a well-respected partner in Northwestern Hospital and count on the generosity of the James and Catherine Denny family. Together, we can positively impact a person’s quality of life,” said Geoffrey Cherry, executive director of the Leaning Tower YMCA and group vice president.

In 2006, the clinic treated 800 individuals, many with chronic illnesses that required multiple visits. The clinic’s services include chronic disease management, immunizations, acute care services, health promotion activities and health education classes. It is open four days a week.

Additionally, the Leaning Tower YMCA offers free services and amenities to their residents for their convenience. A free computer lab is available to help residents post resumes, search for employment opportunities and have access to e-mail. A meal delivery service is available to those residents that are not able to prepare their own meals. All residents also receive free membership to YMCA gyms.

“If you belong to the Y, you belong to an entire community that supports your development and wellbeing,” said Cherry.

Recently, the Leaning Tower YMCA entered into a partnership with Visionworks, a national eye care provider, to offer free vision screenings and eyeglasses to YMCA housing residents, on a limited basis.

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The Leaning Tower YMCA has been serving Niles and surrounding communities for more than 40 years through programs and services that build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

*The Leaning Tower YMCA is an affiliate of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. Through its 43 Centers and more than 100 extension sites, the YMCA 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](http://www.ymcachgo.org).*

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