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**DCEO OFFICE AWARDS \$25,000 TO LEANING TOWER YMCA
FOR FAMILY LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION**

Chicago, IL (June 26, 2007) – Rep. John D’Amico (D-15) sponsored a \$25,000 grant awarded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to benefit the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles. The funds have been invested in the renovation of a family locker room, benefiting members from Niles, Skokie, Morton Grove, and North Chicago neighborhoods.

“With this grant, the Leaning Tower YMCA will be able to adapt its facilities to cater to individual family needs. We will continue to give families a safe place to spend time together and build strong relationships,” said Geoffrey Cherry, Group Vice President of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

Renovations for the family locker room include new tile floors, lockers and private changing booths for families.

“The Leaning Tower YMCA is a vital part of our community,” D’Amico said. “I’m glad I was able to help them get this grant, and I look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.”

The Leaning Tower YMCA has served its surrounding communities since 1966.

About the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago

The Leaning Tower YMCA is an affiliate of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. Through its 43 affiliate locations 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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