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Memorial Gift Will Build Cabin at Camp MacLean

Chicago, IL (August 24, 2009) – YMCA Camp MacLean, located at 31401 Durand Ave., Burlington, WI, received a gift valued at more than \$100,000 for their Leader-In-Training program from the Anderson family of Hinsdale, IL, as a memorial to family member Samuel W. Anderson.

“The Leader-In-Training program is one of the most important programs offered by Camp MacLean since it helps teens develop valuable life skills,” said Brian Ensberg, Camp MacLean executive director. “This gift will help ensure the success of the leadership program in the future.”

Part of the gift will be used to build a new summer cabin for use by the camp’s leadership program. The current cabin facilities for the program were constructed in the 1960s and are in need of replacement.

When the family contemplated the best way to memorialize Samuel’s life, his dedication to family and his work ethic, they decided that the camp’s Leader-In-Training program best represented all the things that mattered most to Samuel. This two-year leadership program teaches teens to be responsible, to have a strong work ethic and to increase their maturity level. The program challenges teens to balance work and play, to accept constructive criticism and to be accountable for their actions.

The gift also includes the planting of 30 trees in the boy’s cabin area, costing \$8,000. The current trees in the boy’s cabin area have suffered from oak blight and are also in need of replacement.

For more information about YMCA Camp MacLean’s Leader-In-Training program, please visit <http://www.campmaclean.com>.

Through its 65 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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