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YMCA–YWCA Capital Campaign Update 4

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## CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- We are excited to report that **Dick Vandervert** and **Vandervert Construction** have generously pledged to contribute a \$100,000 leadership gift to our capital campaign. Vandervert Construction is the general contractor for our North Y facility.
- Special thanks to **Mike and Jennifer Senske** for their generous personal gift to our campaign along with a pledge from **Pearson Packaging Systems**. Their combined capital gift totals \$75,000. Mike and Jennifer are also serving in a leadership capacity as Campaign Co-Chairs.

## GATES FOUNDATION SITE VISIT UPDATE

A number of us spent most of last Friday on a site visit with **Anne Xuan Clark** of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She is the Program Officer for Pacific Northwest Capital Giving for the Foundation. She met with key staff and volunteers in addition to touring the area. As you know, we are asking the foundation to consider a \$5,000,000 gift to our campaign. Their capital grants committee will consider our request at their February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and then forward their recommendation to the CEO for a final decision in April.

During the tour, she seemed quite impressed with all that she saw. She saw programs for both the YWCA and the YMCA in action. She saw the Valley Y facility which she said was the best Y facility she has ever seen of the dozens she has toured. She saw some of the low-income areas we will serve and saw the two new sites where we are building new facilities. She listened well, asked good questions and was an active participant during the four hours we had together. All in all, it was a great visit. She has asked us to respond to some follow-up questions which we are in the process of completing by our Monday deadline.

Many thanks again to the following volunteers for their exceptional participation in our meeting: **Scot Auble, Anne Marie Axworthy, Cynthia Benzel, Kristi Blake, Gerry Bulger, Patti Elzey, Theresa Gee, Rustin Hall, Joe Herzog, Scott McQuilkin, Cajer Neely, Mima Scarpelli, Larry Soehren, and Scott Whitesitt**. You really made a big difference!