

# News



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YMCA–YWCA Capital Campaign Update 2

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## **WE ARE IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET**

Great news! **Governor Gregoire** has included us in her capital budget which was announced this morning for \$2.2 million. According to **Sheila Collins**, her Eastern Washington representative, it was a personal decision of the Governor's to include us given the ultimate impact of our joint capital program. According to others who have phoned me this morning (including some from Olympia), this is a terrific jump-off point for us to secure our \$5 million request.

Thanks so much to those of you that contacted the Governor in our behalf. She also deserves our thanks for listening.

## **ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP RECRUITED**

**Mike and Muffy Murphy** have enthusiastically agreed to round out our slate of honorary co-chairs and also to take an active role in making leadership gift calls.

**Mark and Sarah Neupert** have also stepped up by agreeing to be co-chairs of our campaign major gifts division.

**Scott and Janice McQuilkin** have also agreed to co-chair our North Family Campaign along with **Conni and Randy Stamper** and **Scott and Tracie Wetzel**.

All of these couples are a tremendous addition to our campaign leadership team and will bring indescribable energy to the campaign. Please take the opportunity to thank them for their willingness to join our campaign leadership and thereby helping to insure its success.

## **GATES FOUNDATION SITE VISIT**

Our letter of interest to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has been accepted and we have been invited to submit a formal proposal to the foundation by January 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we will be hosting the Program Officer for Pacific Northwest Capital Giving for the Foundation, **Anne Xuan Clark**, in Spokane for a site visit for a large part of the day on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. She will be meeting with key staff and volunteers in addition to touring the YWCA, the Downtown YMCA, the Valley YMCA, and our north site. We are asking the foundation to consider a \$5,000,000 gift to our campaign at their February Board meeting.