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We have a lot to celebrate! With the recent opening of our new North Spokane Y on the heels of opening our new Central Spokane Y, and a short nine years after opening our new Valley YMCA we now have three awesome facilities within a 15 minute drive from anywhere in our community. What a spectacular way to celebrate our 125th Anniversary year.

Now that we have successfully achieved our goal of having three viable full-facility branches to better serve the youth and families in our community, it's time to focus on achieving our vision. In collaboration with the YWCA, we have the vision of involving one out of every six people in our community in programs designed to enable us to more effectively accomplish our mission of building healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. As Zig Ziglar so aptly put it, "What you get by achieving your goals is not near as important as what you become by achieving your goals." Our YMCA is dedicated to providing healthy opportunities for families and youth, to prepare youth and teens to succeed, and help families both survive and thrive.

On behalf of our volunteers and staff we extend a warm welcome to the thousands of new members that have joined us in the past few months. We are proud and honored to have you join us. We encourage you to take full advantage of our programs and get involved. And even though our facilities are fully operational, it's still not too late to make a contribution to our capital campaign. We are proud to say that to date we have achieved 90% of our goal, but raising that last 10% is critically important for our ability to realize our future programmatic potential. Both the Kresge Foundation and the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust have made significant challenge grants to our campaign that will match any new gift that is made. Gifts of \$5,000 or more over five years will be recognized on donor walls at both our North and Central branches and gifts from \$500 to \$4999 over five years will be recognized with a donor tile at either our North or Central facility. More detailed information is available at our branches. We respectfully request that you consider supporting this one-of-a-kind opportunity for Spokane.

Thank you for being a part of our YMCA!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rig Riggins".

Rig Riggins, President & CEO