

## THE C.W. AVERY FAMILY YMCA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The C. W. Avery Family YMCA became a reality after a great deal of careful thought and collaboration over a two year period. The Plainfield Advisory Board and YMCA staff personally interviewed over 1,000 community members to determine that there was a strong interest and readiness to undertake such a major capital campaign.

- In July 2001, the YMCA launched a \$9.1 Million Capital Campaign for the development of a YMCA in Plainfield.
- By December of 2001 Judy Avery pledged a \$3 Million naming gift to rename the Plainfield YMCA "The C. W. Avery Family YMCA" after her late husband Clyde and their family. Judy and Clyde always dreamed of a quality place for children to play in their local community.
- In August of 2004, the Groundbreaking for the new \$10 Million facility occurred at 15120 Wallin Drive, just west of downtown Plainfield.
- In January of 2006, Clyde's brother Bill Avery and his wife Shirley also make a significant contribution of \$500,000 to name the C. W. Avery Family YMCA gymnasium. The Fund raising goal of \$9,100,000 was met and exceeded (\$92,263 over the original goal).
- On February 4, 2006 the Grand Opening was held for the state of the art 60,000 sq. ft facility developed with a unique campus concept. Collaborative relationships were established with the Plainfield School Dist #202, Provena St. Joseph Medical Center, the Village of Plainfield and the Plainfield Park District. The building included a shared 8 lane pool for the local high school swim teams, shared parking and green space, and a continued agreement for YMCA operated Before and After School programs in all Plainfield elementary schools. Amenities also included a gymnasium surrounded by an indoor running track, an activity center, a fitness/wellness center, multi-purpose rooms, and a supervised playroom. Architectural plans allowed for expansion of the gymnasium and the addition of a family pool.
- In March 2007, the YMCA receives the prestigious NAYDO (North America YMCA Development Organization) Eagle Award for Excellence in



*Judy Avery (center with brown leather jacket) with her family at the new C. W. Avery Family YMCA.*

Fundraising for the C. W. Avery Family YMCA Capital Campaign.

- In April 2007 the YMCA received the YMCA of the USA Excellence in Facility Design Award for the construction and unique collaboration of the C.W. Avery Family YMCA.

The C.W. Avery Family YMCA proudly welcomed over 220,000 member visits in its first full year. It was an immediate success! Over 6,000 swim lessons were provided. Programs offered include aquatic and land fitness classes, preschool programs, before and after school programs, sports and leagues for all ages, summer camp, a wellness center, birthday parties and rentals, family programs and special events. This beautiful facility is filled with smiling faces at all times of the day and evening. Thanks to the capital donors that believed in the YMCA mission, the programs at the C. W. Avery Family YMCA build strong kids, strong families and a stronger community everyday!

## YMCA Facts

- Nearly \$9.2 million dollars raised
- 10,824 children, teens, adults and seniors are members of the C.W. Avery Family YMCA
- 85% of C.W. Avery Family YMCA members are family