

DUMKE FAMILY GIVES \$1.5 MILLION TO WOOD RIVER COMMUNITY YMCA

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Family Gift Symbolizes Multi-Generational Appeal of YMCA

KETCHUM, Idaho – Two generations of the Dumke family have come together in support of the Wood River Community YMCA. Edmund Wattis Dumke and Carol Browning Dumke, and their children Valerie Dumke, Michelle Dumke Praggastis, Ed E. Dumke, and Andrew Dumke, along with the Wattis Dumke Foundation, pledged a combined \$1.5 million towards the facility. With this generous gift, fundraising for the project has now reached \$5.5 million. Organizers hope to raise \$16 million total to fund the project.

Ed E. Dumke, a strong advocate of the YMCA project, was excited to donate to a facility that will appeal to so many age groups and offer a wide range of activities: “Despite the dramatic population growth and housing boom we have experienced, Blaine County has seen virtually no investment in infrastructure for the community, families or kids. The YMCA will help fill a major void.”

The Wood River YMCA will include an indoor facility for concerts and special events, as well as an ice rink and Ketchum’s first public swimming pool. Sports, recreation and educational programs will be offered for all ages. Having grown up in the Wood River Valley, Andrew Dumke commented, “This is a needed facility in the Wood River Valley. The YMCA is for everyone and will play a vital role in our community for teen activity, swimming instruction, injury rehabilitation, and health and fitness. The project’s planners have done a great job in thinking about a flexible resource for healthier children and families.”

During the development phase, The Wood River Community YMCA collaborated with over 60 non-profit organizations in the area and was granted YMCA status in 2003. Groundbreaking for the new Wood River YMCA is scheduled for the spring of 2005.

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Wood River Community YMCA was granted YMCA status in 2003 and is currently in fundraising and planning for a center that will serve all of Wood River Valley. For more information on contributing to the capital campaign, please contact

Mike Wolter, Campaign Director, at 208-726-6260 or mike@woodriverymca.org. The YMCA, over 150 years old, is collectively the largest non-profit community service organization in the United States. Additional information on the YMCA organization can be found at www.ymca.net.