

# The **YMCA** of Archdale Trinity

## **Case Statement** **YMCA in Archdale/Trinity, Randolph County**

The Archdale-Trinity community, in Randolph County, has pulled together to establish a YMCA. More than four years ago, a group of volunteers formed a steering committee and began planning for the facility. After dozens of planning sessions and release of a feasibility study that showed community support for building a YMCA, we have raised almost \$2.7 million dollars for the facility. But we need additional funding and are asking for your help to bring this to our community.

The YMCA is collectively the largest not-for-profit community service organization in the United States. YMCA's are for people of all faiths, races, ages, abilities and incomes. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. As we developed into a branch of the High Point YMCA, we saw more clearly the need and urgency for a YMCA to serve the Archdale-Trinity community. Listed below are some of the key reasons why the Board and so many donors believe in this initiative.

- Health and Wellness for all: There will be a partnership between High Point Regional Health System and the YMCA. High Point Regional will operate the fitness and wellness center providing health screenings and rehabilitation services eliminating the commute for these services.
- Kids and Teens: Our teens would have job opportunities such as counselors, lifeguards, and desk attendants. Building character is a tremendous part of youth programs. In 2006 the local YMCA employed 475 individuals, mostly High School and young adults. All types of sports including basketball and volleyball, as well as after- school and holiday childcare will be provided
- Volunteerism: Volunteers founded and lead the YMCA worldwide. The Y creates an environment for development of future community and local government leaders.

- Older Adults: The first baby boomers are now in there 50's and 60's. Over 10% of this group makes up the Y's membership. Wellness and exercise will enhance the quality of life of this ever-growing segment of our population.
- Meeting Space: The YMCA will serve as a prominent meeting location for the community's clubs, civic organizations and scheduled special events.
- Family Services of the Piedmont, Inc.: This fine organization will have a presence offering financial counseling to assist first time home owners and families in financial crisis.
- FEMA requirements for disaster will be provided. The American Red Cross will use our YMCA as an emergency shelter when disaster strikes. Our citizens will have a warm, clean, and safe facility in times of crisis.

To date we have made the following progress in reaching our goal of building a YMCA in the Archdale-Trinity community:

- Our Board of Directors consists of 24 community volunteers.
- Local residents and businesses have given almost \$2.7 million and other in-kind gifts, such as Darr Construction, will total over \$500,000 in value which is not included in the numbers.
- The City of Archdale has committed over \$178,000 to infrastructure
- The City of Trinity has made a cash pledged of \$200,000 towards the building.
- The United Way, the High Point Community Foundation and others have rallied with support.

***Community volunteers have spent many hours working very hard to bring this facility to Archdale-Trinity. We have made phone calls, rung doorbells, and sold bricks to raise money for a YMCA in the Archdale-Trinity area. Even without a facility we have started recreational programs, such as youth and adult sports, day camps and indoor youth soccer serving over 1,200 in the community, but residents need a building and we need funds for construction.***