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### **Regional YMCA of Western CT Announces \$4 million Capital Campaign** Reclaiming the Health & Well Being of Our Community

Brookfield, CT, April 3, 2006 - This afternoon the Regional YMCA of Western Connecticut announced a \$4 million Capital Campaign at YMCA Camp Greenknoll. Campaign Chair, Kevin Kelleher, was joined by city officials, business leaders, and Y supporters as he announced the campaign whose proceeds will be used to renovate the Boughton Street branch; build the area's only Olympic length pool and Aquatics Center at Camp Greenknoll; expand the organization's existing wellness programs; and supplement our scholarship efforts. "For 40 years, the Y has been helping individuals and families in the area so that all people have access to its facilities and the services it offers," said Kelleher. "The needs may continue to change and grow, but the Y is always there, finding ways to help."

John M. Murphy, M.D. Chairman of the Board for Danbury Hospital and Danbury Health Systems, was also on hand to discuss obesity and how the problem has reached epidemic proportions in our community. "For the first time in modern history, this generation is not expected to outlive their parents," said Dr. Murphy. "The Y's campaign is a bold initiative that will allow the organization to offer programs that will reclaim the health & well being of the community," he continued.

The new 50-meter Olympic length pool and Aquatic Center is designed for year round use and will replace the existing pools that are beyond their useful life at Camp Greenknoll. The Aquatic Center will also allow the Y to expand its existing aquatics program thereby providing more scholarships.

The support of the community, corporations and the city, is vital for our Boughton Street Branch. Mayor Boughton and Senator David Cappiello are leading the effort to enhance the Boughton Street facility. "We are all very excited about the outpouring of community support, but we still need everyone's help. The success of this campaign allows us not only to provide the renovations that Boughton Street needs, but more importantly it will allow us to reach out and help more people in the Danbury community," states Gary Kozak, President and CEO of the Regional Y.

For more information about this Capital Campaign, please visit [www.regionalmca.org](http://www.regionalmca.org).

*The Regional YMCA of Western Connecticut is a community service organization dedicated to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities through the development of spirit, mind and body. We strive to serve all, regardless of financial or physical need.*

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