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Groundbreaking Oct. 5 For New Outdoor Aquatic Complex That Give Powel Crosley Jr. YMCA One Of Region's Largest Year Round Aquatics Centers

October 2, 2009 – Groundbreaking on Monday for a new outdoor aquatic complex at the Powel Crosley Jr. YMCA will make the wellness facility home to one of the region's most comprehensive and largest year round aquatic centers for children, adults, seniors and competitive swimmers. The ground breaking program will begin at 7 p.m. *Details are at the bottom of the release.*

Scheduled to open in mid-May, 2010, the new complex will nearly double the size of the YMCA's main outdoor pool, making it ideal for both competitive and recreational swimming, and will include a new baby pool with fun, interactive features such as geysers and a palm tree that sprays water. The area will also have a new deck and fencing as well as new lighting for evening swim meets. In addition to the pools, two adjoining tennis courts will be resurfaced and receive new lighting.

- the main outdoor swimming pool –

Powel Crosley Jr. YMCA's new outdoor swimming pool will measure 50 meters by 25 yards with recreational diving boards on its deepest end, and is being designed with a zero-entry wading entrance for accessibility. It will be versatile enough to accommodate either a 10-lane 50 meter or a 21-lane 25 yard competitive swimming event. During recreation time, it will be set up with eight swim lanes, a diving section, and an open swim area. The heated pool will also be open beyond other facilities' seasons – from mid-May through mid-November (weather permitting).

"We're really excited for this new complex. Our 45-year-old Tigersharks swim team has consistently ranked among the top 20 YMCA teams nationwide. The new pool will allow us to accommodate more swimmers training at a higher level on our team, but it will also give us more opportunities for to serve our community," said Mike Leonard, Powel Crosley Jr. YMCA director of competitive swimming.

In addition to the new outdoor aquatic complex, the YMCA branch also includes an indoor lap pool. Its 11,000 sq ft indoor water park was built in 2003 and named by Cincinnati Magazine as the city's best indoor pool. It includes interactive features for young children, a 16-ft slide, a current channel, a warm water-lap/recreation area, two family changing rooms, and a snack bar.

As the area's largest youth and family-focused not-for-profit, the YMCA reinforces character values through assets-based programs and services to more than 143,000 individuals, kids and

families annually. Adult mentors encourage young people to be caring, responsible, respectful, and honest through sports, summer camps, structured child and afterschool care, and leadership building programs. Branches offer quality time for families, resources for parents, and a variety of opportunities for seniors to be active. The Membership for All sliding scale fee structure means everyone, no matter their ability to pay, can always benefit from the YMCA. Last year alone more than 17,400 families and individuals enjoyed healthier and happier lives because generous partners helped the YMCA in its vision to be accessible to all.

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Groundbreaking Agenda

5 pm Swim team cookout

7 pm Ground breaking ceremony will begin

Where: Powel Crosley Jr. YMCA
 9601 Winton Rd; 45231

When: Monday, October 5, 2009