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## **The Sutphin Family Foundation Gives YMCA \$25,000 To Engage More Youth In Structured After School Programs**

February, 2010 -- The YMCA of Greater Cincinnati was recently awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Sutphin Family Foundation to allow more Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati youth in families with financial challenges the opportunity of structured after school programs aimed at teaching new skills, fostering positive social growth and improving academic scores.

The grant will be used for after school programs managed by ten YMCA branches - the Gamble Nippert YMCA, Richard E. Lindner YMCA, Carl H. Lindner YMCA, Melrose YMCA, Blue Ash YMCA, Clippard Family YMCA, Powel Crosley, Jr. YMCA, Clermont Family YMCA, and Campbell County YMCA.

Now more than ever parents with economic hardships are comforted knowing the YMCA will provide their children with an after school environment that offers tutoring, mentoring, physical and nutritional activities, service learning, fine arts, and quality interaction with diverse children and adults. Grants and private donations make it possible.

"Without assistance like the generous grant from the Sutphin Family Foundation, it would be very difficult to provide the much needed services our school aged After School Program provides. With 100% of our program participants receiving some kind of financial assistance it is absolutely critical that we pull from every available resource. The Sutphin Family Foundation Grant could not have come at a better time," said Steve Sanders, senior program director at the Carl H. Lindner YMCA.

For more than 150 years, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati has been one of the region's largest youth-focused providers of health, wellness, education, child care, sports and extracurricular activities. Annually through the YMCA, over 79,000 local youth are engaged in learning the character values of caring, honesty, responsibility and respect.

"Due to the current economic conditions we have all felt, the rise in parents needing to return to work, and the changes in voucher eligibility, the grant from the Sutphin Family Foundation is a true blessing. The YMCA is dedicated to supporting ALL families and their growing needs even with federal and state funding cutbacks so support from the community is imperative and greatly appreciated," said Joy Stover, family life director at the Blue Ash YMCA.

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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