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YMCAS AGAIN ACHIEVE TOP RANKING AMONG NATIONAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Public, Private and Corporate Donations to YMCAs Top \$960.3 million

(CHICAGO, Nov. 8, 2007) — Once again, YMCAs ranked among the top not-for-profit organizations receiving support from individuals, foundations and corporations during 2006 according to The Chronicle of Philanthropy's annual "Philanthropy 400" report published in the November 1st issue of the prestigious biweekly. YMCAs rank fourth among U.S. human services organizations following United Way of America, American Red Cross and The Salvation Army.

Climbing to the sixth position from eight last year, YMCAs in 2006 received a total of \$960.3 million in contributed support. Neil Nicoll, President and Chief Executive Officer of YMCA of the USA, attributed the increase to surges in charitable giving, government grants and investment income. According to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, overall donations to the country's largest charities grew 4.3 percent in 2006.

Volunteers are at the center of YMCA operations—from reading to preschoolers to teaching swimming and working with seniors. For nearly 160 years, YMCAs have been a part of community life, creating a successful grassroots fundraising model that currently leverages the support of nearly 600,000 volunteers. Through their generosity our volunteers have helped to shape America's social service landscape.

YMCA of the USA is the national resource office for the nation's 2,663 YMCAs, which serve nearly 20.2 million people each year, including 9.4 million children under the age of 18. Through a variety of programs and services focused on the holistic development of children and youth, health and well-being for all and family strengthening, YMCAs unite men, women and children of all ages, faiths, backgrounds, abilities and income levels.

From urban areas to small towns, YMCAs have proudly served America's communities for nearly 160 years by building healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Visit www.ymca.net to find your local YMCA.

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