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Rec Centre Fundraisers Reach \$1 Million

(Owen Sound, ON) At a press conference today, Co-chairs Tom Rice and Sonya Mount were pleased to announce that community fundraising for the new Regional Recreation Centre in Owen Sound has passed its first \$1 million milestone.

The current total of \$1,250,000 in donations and pledges includes four major gifts. Owen Sound's Better Pool Committee recently announced a \$311,000 gift. Better Pool volunteers are long-time supporters of the concept of improved aquatic facilities in Owen Sound.

The project has also received pledges of \$300,000 and \$150,000 from donors who wish to remain anonymous. A significant pledge has been received from Kirby, Robinson, Treslan, Conlan Professional Corporation with additional pledges and gifts coming from a total of 81 donors, many of whom have pledged over a period of five years.

Growing donations reflect the hard work and commitment of campaign volunteers who have concentrated on developing strategies for the campaign, identifying potential donors and contacting those donors.

"We have a great team and they're beginning to produce results," Tom Rice said in a statement. "We appreciate the many people who have volunteered to help. A big thank you to all the individuals, families, organizations and businesses who have donated and pledged to this important community project," Rice said. "Planning is well underway and further announcements will be forthcoming."

The Y-led fundraising campaign seeks a total of \$5 million in community donations to complete project funding.

"Now we're getting some place," Mount said of the current \$1.250 million total. "That's 25% of our goal. It's a significant achievement."

Construction began in March on the \$38.6 million, 125,000 sq. ft. new and improved regional recreation centre. It will house two NHL-sized ice rinks, a health and fitness centre, a walking/running track and two pools, one competitive-sized and one for leisure and therapy. The Owen Sound Family Y is a partner in the project.

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