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YMCA of Greater Toledo and the Jewish Community Center Discuss Next Steps for Future

The YMCA of Greater Toledo and the Jewish Community Center came together in 2004 to provide joint programming at the JCC Campus on Sylvania Avenue. A formal Integration Agreement was executed between the two organizations, which made the JCC campus an official branch of the YMCA. While each organization continued to maintain their identities, the Agreement formalized that the YMCA's leadership team would lead the overall operations and management of the facility.

After a two-decade relationship built on partnership and respect, the two organizations have agreed to discuss the next step in their plan for the future.

The Boards of the YMCA and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo have unanimously agreed to pursue the sale of the JCC Campus to the YMCA. With ownership, the YMCA intends to invest in and expand the facility in order to provide a broader array of programs and services to the community.

The purchase would transfer ownership of the entire recreation site, but would not include the Sekach Building, the Holocaust Memorial, or the adjacent lots where The Temple and Congregation B'Nai Israel are located. The campus name will continue to include both the YMCA and JCC names. Both the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation offices would remain housed in their current locations on the campus.

The two organizations have agreed on a broad framework for a sale, and over the coming months, will work to finalize the details.

"This represents a significant step forward for both organizations; without our past relationship with the YMCA, it's difficult to imagine how our Jewish community could have continued to maintain and invest in our campus. We're looking forward to taking this next step with the YMCA," stated Joel Marcovitch, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

"We are proud of the partnership that was established between the YMCA and the JCC, and we are excited about this relationship that allows for a long term presence for both organizations," said Brad Toft, CEO of YMCA of Greater Toledo. "The purchase of the JCC recreation facilities will give the Y significant opportunity for growth through facility expansion, renovation, and a broad array of programming and services for the community."

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