

Twin Pike Family YMCA Historical Timeline

- 1993** – October First public meeting held to discuss the vision of bringing a YMCA to the Twin Pike Counties.
- 1994** – March 23 Articles of Incorporation filed with the State of Missouri, by Attorney Richard Smith. Founding Board Members: Wende Henley, Karen Stoeckley, Robert Reed and Dallas Singer.
- May National Council of YMCA of the USA granted conditional membership. Given goals to develop programs and services, while building membership. Wende Henley elected as first Board President.
- July 12 Founders Campaign Kickoff at Pike County Fairgrounds in Bowling Green, Missouri.
- October 16 Twin Pike Family YMCA offers first programs – 5k Run/1-mile Walk and a Bike Dash at Colorfest in Louisiana, Missouri.
- November YMCA approved for tax-exempt status by State of Missouri.
- 1995** – September Hired first full-time Executive Director, Ken Saylor. Expanded programs and activities to include: youth soccer, basketball, Active Older Adults and aerobics classes. Volunteer, Julie Dewey is first YMCA certified aerobics instructor.
- 1996** – June First YMCA Summer Day Camp offered for area youth.
- 1997** – March YMCA opens storefront facility in downtown Louisiana. Roberta Simpson-Dolbeare elected as Board President.
- May Bill Burke hired as Executive Director
- 1998** – March National Council of YMCAs of the USA approves full membership status. Fundraising for a permanent facility kicked off with the award of a \$500,000 Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credit grant.
- 1999** – March YMCA approved for federal 501(c)3 tax-exempt status.
- 2001** – April Marsha Garrison hired as Executive Director.
- May Construction on Phase I of YMCA facility completed. New 10,530 sq. ft. facility opened at 614 Kelly Lane in Louisiana, Missouri. Facility includes gymnasium (5,720 sq. ft.) with Taraflex floor, locker rooms/showers, fitness center (upstairs 2,505 sq. ft.) with free weights, nautilus equipment, treadmills, steppers, rowing machine, nursery area and administrative office.
- 2002** – December Membership and program participants double from 2000 to 2002 with opening of new facility. Membership at all-time high. Total of 2,771 people served as Y

members and program participants. Board of Directors set long-range goal to expand facility.

- 2003 – March** YMCA approved for 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant to provide after school and summer programs in BONCL, Clopton and Louisiana Elementary Schools.
- 2004 – October** Twin Pike Family YMCA is one of eleven YMCA nationwide, and only YMCA in Missouri, to receive federal Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant. This grant provided over \$325,000 worth of equipment and technology to five area school districts in two states.
- 2006 – February** Anne Vieira and Elizabeth Fry Matteson are appointed the Phase II Facility Expansion Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs. The Board of Directors award the design contract to Rob Rollings, Architect, and the building contract to Black Construction Co. for the Phase II Facility Expansion project.
- 2007 – March 29** Groundbreaking ceremony for the Phase II Expansion project held.
- April Executive Director, Marsha Garrison, invited to speak at National Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C. regarding operation and expansion of rural YMCAs by accessing state and federal grant funding to maximize service provision to high-poverty, at-risk rural communities.
- August YMCA awarded five-year renewal on 21st Century Community Learning Center grant for BONCL, Clopton, Louisiana after school programs and YMCA summer day camp. Second 21st CCLC grant awarded to provide services in Bowling Green/Frankford school district. YMCA becomes the largest provider of child care services in Pike County.
- 2008 – June 21** Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for \$1.4 million Phase II Facility Expansion Project. The project doubles the size of the facility (23,000 sq. ft.) adding Aerobics room, Teen/Senior Center, Board Room, 21st CCLC and Administrative Offices. The Fitness Center was relocated to the first floor and doubled in size. The Child Watch Center, Locker Rooms, and Member Service lobby were also expanded in size.
- 2009 – Jan - Dec** YMCA Staff work to serve more people than ever before at the YMCA facility and in off-campus programs such as the 21st CCLC programs, soccer leagues and during the summer at the City of Louisiana and the City of Bowling Green pools.
- Nov 19 Board President, Anne Vieira, Board Member, Brad Hufty and Executive Director, Marsha Garrison fly to Tulsa, OK to request funding for the Phase III indoor aquatics center from the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation. Board was later notified that 50% of the needed funds for the project must be raised before Mabee Foundation will consider making a contribution to the project.

- 2010 – January** Announcement made to the public that the YMCA had received an anonymous \$1.4 million dollar gift for the indoor aquatics center and the Phase III Fundraising efforts were kicked off with the Pool Founders “First 500” campaign.
- March** Historical Bed & Breakfast building at 317-319 Georgia St. donated to the YMCA for Phase III fundraising efforts by Paul and LaVerne Lorenzini.
- August 18** Ribbon-cutting ceremony on Fitness Center renovations as a result of receiving USDA matching grant to purchase new equipment for Fitness Center as part of Phase III renovations.
- 2011 – Jan-Dec** Y Board and staff continue to fundraise for the Phase III project.
- 2012 – May** Phase III fund raising reaches 50%. Board President, Jim Ross and Executive Director, Marsha Garrison presents fundraising request to the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation.
- July 10** Press conference held at YMCA. Fundraising Chairperson, Charlie Perkins and Board President, Jim Ross announce award of Mabee Foundation Challenge grant. Terms of grant dictate that \$1.25 million must be raised by July 10, 2013 in order to secure the final \$500,000 needed for the project from the Mabee Foundation.
- 2013 – July 12** Press conference held at YMCA to announce the community had reach the fundraising goal set by the Mabee Foundation, and the Y had secured the Mabee Challenge Grant of \$500,000. A surprise ground-breaking ceremony was held which included the Y Board of Directors, Architechnics staff, Black Construction staff and local dignitaries.
- Construction on the Phase III Aquatics Center commenced and work continues on the \$4 million project. Completion of the project is expected by July 2015.
- 2013 – September** The Twin Pike Family YMCA was one of 38 YMCAs nationwide selected to receive a two-year grant from YMCA of the USA to provide mentoring services to at-risk kids through the Reach & Rise™ Mentoring Program. The grant was later renewed for an additional two years, and will run through September of 2017.
- 2014 – May** The Y received notification that a national Swim Lesson Grant was awarded to the Twin Pike Family YMCA to provide free swim lessons for low-income kids. 50 children were served under this grant

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