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**Monsanto Company \$70,000 Gift  
to Gateway Region YMCA Celebrated at Unveiling Event**

*Ribbon cutting event showcases major renovation of gymnasium  
at the Monsanto Family YMCA in North City*

**St. Louis, MO (Dec. 1, 2015)** – Gateway Region YMCA and Monsanto officials joined for a ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday to celebrate the grand reopening of the gymnasium at the Monsanto Family YMCA branch located at 5555 Page Blvd. in North City. The gymnasium was completely renovated thanks to a \$70,000 gift from the Monsanto Company.

“Our Y relies on the generosity and support of organizations and companies like Monsanto to help us deliver our mission to the community,” said Tim Helm, president and CEO of the Gateway Region YMCA. “We deeply appreciate Monsanto’s ongoing and significant support of the Y’s efforts to strengthen our community and could not be more grateful for the company’s exceptional work as a leading corporate partner in our region.”

“Monsanto is proud to partner with the Gateway Region YMCA to help bring these updated facilities to the local community,” said Michelle Insko, Monsanto Fund program officer. “Monsanto is committed to improving the quality of life in the communities where we operate, including right here in the St. Louis area.”

Since the Monsanto Family YMCA was built in 1981, the gymnasium has had no updates or renovations, making it more challenging to meet the ever changing and growing needs of the North City community. The gym is used for health and wellness programs, adult and youth sports, day camp, family and teen activities, rentals and other events. The gym received new flooring, wall padding, doors, sound system, dividers, a new volleyball set and other upgrades that will allow the branch to improve the amount of program space and increase the number and quality of events and programming for members and the community.

**About the Gateway Region YMCA**

The Gateway Region Y is a nonprofit organization dedicated to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Featuring 24 traditional Y branches in Missouri and Illinois, along with two Campus Y student leadership facilities, the Community Services Y-Without-Walls serving East St. Louis and Y Community Literacy. The Y also includes YMCA Camp Lakewood and Trout Lodge in Potosi, Missouri. The Carondelet Park Rec Complex and O’Fallon Park Rec Complex are owned by the City of St. Louis and operated by the Y. The Y is committed to serving people of all abilities. Last year, the Y provided more than \$5 million in direct and indirect financial assistance through the organization’s financial assistance program, which helps ensure no one is turned away from using its programs and

services based on inability to pay. The Y is a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. For more information, please visit [gwrymca.org](http://gwrymca.org) or call 314-436-1177.

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