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CAZENOVIA PARK IS SITE FOR EXPANDED YMCA CAMP PROGRAMS

ELLICOTT- MASTEN YMCA EXPANDS OFFERINGS TO REACH MORE YOUTH

(Buffalo, NY) – A new preschool age YMCA summer Day Camp program is being offered. Thanks to the assistance of the Cazenovia Community Resource Center Library there will be full-day preschool age summer day camp program at Cazenovia Park. In response to area residents, the YMCA, City Councilman Michael Kearns, and the board from the library agreed to run the camp. The camp is designed specifically for ages three and four and will incorporate a full day of activities using the library, Cazenovia Park, and the pool.

“Studies show the preschoolers who participate in structured programs before entering school do much better. Through this expanded partnership with south Buffalo organizations the YMCA can now provide this much needed service to a community that has been asking for it. We are glad to provide this expanded summer day camp program and hope that it will continue to lead to more YMCA services,” said Executive Director for the Ellicott Masten Family Branch, Matt Hilton.

The camp which will be based in the newly renovated lower level of the library will include, arts & crafts, outdoor games, swimming, story time (in the Library), science and nature, and local field trips. Matt Hilton stated "this location is ideal for a preschool age program and addresses some of the parents request for a program for younger children during the summer." The program will run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with before care and after care being made available at no additional cost. The YMCA raised additional scholarship funds during its most recent Strong Kids Campaign in hopes of providing anticipated additional support for families in South Buffalo. Mr. Hilton said "I was a child who first came to camp on a scholarship through the YMCA and so it's important to make those resources available for everyone especially for a new program".

To learn more about the camp please call the Ellicott-Masten Family YMCA at 845-5440 or visit www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org

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YMCA Buffalo Niagara serves more than 100,000 people annually through its association of seven branches across Western New York and YMCA Resident Camp Weona. For more information on all of the programs the YMCA has to offer and our financial assistance program, please contact your local YMCA branch or visit us online at www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org.

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