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Connor, Clark & Lunn Foundation helps build new Y with generous donation

St. John's, NL – June 29, 2011 – The Connor, Clark & Lunn Foundation is contributing \$50,000 toward the construction of the new Ches Penney Family Y. “Connor, Clark & Lunn is proud to be a long-time supporter of the YMCA/YWCA and its efforts to build strong communities. The Ches Penney Family Y will benefit the people of Newfoundland and the Northeast Avalon communities for many years to come” said Larry Lunn, Chairman, Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group. In making the donation CC&L is helping build a fully accessible, environmentally sustainable facility to serve people of all ages, abilities and incomes.

Ray Smallwood, Volunteer Corporate Campaign Chair for the Y Strong Families Campaign to build the new Y, expressed his gratitude to the Connor, Clark & Lunn Foundation for their generous donation. “We are so pleased to have this help from Connor, Clark & Lunn. Their support will help make Y programs in health, employment and child care even more accessible and improve the health and future of communities and families throughout the Northeast Avalon. The generosity of our donors is bringing us ever closer to our dream of a fully accessible family centre to positively transform lives.”

The YMCA–YWCA of Northeast Avalon is a multi-service charity serving communities for over 150 years. Programs are offered at 25 locations throughout the Northeast Avalon. The new Y has been under construction at the corner of Ridge Road and Higgins Line since 2009, and the campaign, now nearing completion, has been underway since 2007. The 50,000 sq. ft. building, surrounded by trails and forest, has a commanding view of the city and the Atlantic Ocean and utilizes geo-thermal energy for heating and cooling. Features include: an aquatics centre, 5 change rooms, gymnasium, indoor track, courts, strength and conditioning centre, fitness studio, administrative offices, multi-purpose space, a 60-space licensed child care centre, café and a youth employment and enterprise centre.

The new Ches Penney Family Y will open within weeks with the ribbon cutting tentatively scheduled for 11 July 2011.

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