

Taking Shape: EARLY LEARNING CENTER



With steel beams, high hopes, and generous support, we're building a better future for our community's children and families. As of March, 2025, Early Learning Center construction reached the six-month mark. Crews have worked diligently throughout the fall and winter to establish the literal foundation for this \$10 million Center of Excellence that will connect to the Y's eventual rebuild of the adjacent Downtown Branch. The ELC's latest projected opening is fall 2025.





Marathon Petroleum Corporation Donates \$1 Million Toward Findlay Family YMCA Early Learning Center

The Findlay Family YMCA is grateful to have received a transformational \$1 million gift from Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC) to support Early Learning Center construction.

“Those of us at the YMCA are extremely grateful for MPC’s generous gift and unwavering belief in our mission,” said CEO Stephanie Parsons. “With this assistance, we are taking a major step toward addressing the critical need for additional and exceptional childcare in our region.”

A longstanding YMCA partner and neighbor, MPC has a rich history of support, having previously donated the building that houses the current Mary Brenner Child Development Center on Lincon Street and frequently assisting in myriad ways with YMCA programs and other initiatives. Many of its employees are YMCA members who count on the organization for childcare and healthy living priorities. This latest gift underscores the corporation’s deep commitment to strengthening families and ensuring children have access to safe and nurturing early learning opportunities.

East Branch Transformation



We’re refining our vision for East Branch renovations, which now includes a welcoming new entrance designed to create a gathering space where members can build relationships and strengthen our Y community. The redesign will also provide direct access to view the tennis arena, allowing families and friends to engage in the excitement of the game.

In response to growing community needs, we will be introducing brand-new pickleball courts, expanding opportunities for all ages to stay active and engaged. A new multi-purpose room will allow us to enhance our programming, creating space for gymnastics and Judo while also providing opportunities for additional offerings

such as indoor soccer, expanded group exercise classes, and more.

These upgrades will also enhance our 24/7 access program at the East Branch, which ensures that members have the flexibility to prioritize their health and wellness on their own schedules. Whether it’s early in the morning before work, late at night after a busy day, or any time in between, our Y will be there—helping individuals and families live healthier, more active lives.

