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**NEW NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION PLANS TO PURCHASE NATIONALLY RENOWNED  
WALTER SCHROEDER AQUATIC CENTER**

*Local organization to continue tradition of superior competitive aquatics*

(BROWN DEER, WI) A new, not-for-profit organization named the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center, LTD., has entered into an agreement to purchase the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center (WSAC), located at 9250 N. Green Bay Road, Brown Deer, from the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee. The purchase will ensure the continuation of the nearly 30-year tradition of competitive aquatics at the only facility of its kind in the state.

The sale of the WSAC has been brokered in large part by Wauwatosa native Mark Irgens, who is a former competitive swimmer and father of two swimmers. "I learned of the YMCA's desire to redevelop the property and wanted to ensure the future of this program and this facility," said Irgens. "The lessons and skills learned from competitive aquatics go well beyond swimming. They are lessons that help build stronger kids and ultimately stronger future leaders."

Thousands of athletes and their families from Southeastern Wisconsin, and around the United States have utilized the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center since it opened in 1979. Many athletes who have trained at the WSAC have gone on to successful collegiate careers, and have earned national and international honors. The WSAC has been home to United States National Championships for both swimming and diving. It has also hosted NCAA National Championships in swimming and diving for Divisions I, II, and III.

The Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center, LTD., is committed to the continued support of high-level competitive aquatics. The preservation of the programs and services provided by the WSAC will continue a tradition of youth programming, skill development and character enhancement unique to this competitive environment.

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The sale will also spark a capital campaign that will help fund necessary renovations and updates to the 1979 facility. The nearly 30-year old aquatic facility will receive updates/replacements to its bulkheads, cooling, and improved air handling systems, filters and roof. By replacing the dated hardware with energy efficient mechanicals, lowered operating costs will be realized over the long term.

“We are excited to be working with the new Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center, LTD., to continue superior aquatics programming for both athletes and our members,” said Bob Yamachika, YMCA President and CEO. “We anticipate a seamless transition for our staff, families and members and look forward to the future of this facility and program.”

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*The YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee builds strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. Since 1858, Milwaukee YMCAs have helped kids and families live healthy lives in spirit, mind and body. Supported in part through contributions to the Strong Kids Campaign, the YMCA provides membership assistance and scholarships to programs like summer camp, child care and teen activities, so that no one is turned away due to an inability to pay.*