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Successful Groundbreaking for Spurlino Family YMCA at Big Bend Road

Tampa, FL (October 12, 2017) – On Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 4pm, nearly 200 guests - including county commissioners and other community leaders attended the groundbreaking for the [Spurlino Family YMCA at Big Bend Road](#). The groundbreaking ceremony took place at 9650 Old Big Bend Road in Gibsonton. Special dignitaries were in attendance including Hillsborough County Commissioners Sandra Murman and Ken Hagan.

Named after the lead donor, the Spurlino Family YMCA at Big Bend Road will include approximately 32,500 square feet of indoor space plus an outdoor aquatic center for the growing SouthShore community to enjoy for years to come. The \$16.4 million project is possible thanks to the partnership of the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners and a joint-use lease agreement with the [Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA](#).

"I never dreamed that we can have such a great facility here. What a remarkable and outstanding thing we can do for the residents in South County by investing in this facility," said Commissioner Murman. "We know every dollar we put into this, we're going to get so much in return. We're going to get healthy living programs for our seniors and adults. We're going to get programs for our children to keep them out of trouble."

The Spurlino Family YMCA at Big Bend Road will strengthen the South County community by:

- Promoting economic development by providing over 125 jobs.
- Reducing accidental drowning.
- Improving high school graduation rates.
- Helping reduce obesity epidemic in adults and children.
- Giving seniors a sense of home where they can exercise, socialize and celebrate health.
- Strengthening and supporting cancer survivors and their families.
- Nurturing the potential of every child and teen.
- Improving the quality of life for residents.
- Teaching children life skills through summer and sports camps.
- Creating a community hub, bringing together diverse groups of people for a common good.

The Spurlino Family YMCA at Big Bend Road's anticipated completion date is late fall 2018. The new Y's [Facebook page](#) will track the construction progress with pictures and updates.

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About the Tampa Y

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is a cause-driven [4-star charity](#), strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities for 128 years, through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 18 facilities engage more than 150,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. www.tampaymca.org