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Successful Groundbreaking for New YMCA Gymnastics Center

Tampa, FL (June 5, 2014) – On Wednesday, June 4th at 4:30pm, about 150 guests, including Hillsborough County Commissioner Ken Hagan and other community leaders, attended the groundbreaking for a new gymnastics center at the Bob Sierra Family YMCA Youth & Family Center on Ragg Road in Carrollwood.

The new \$1.7 million, 11,500-square-foot gymnastics center will provide continued opportunities for kids in the community to get active and fight the childhood obesity epidemic. It will also provide a physically and emotionally enriching environment where nearly double the number of students can take advantage of the Y's quality programs and services. The facility is anticipated to be complete later this fall.

"We serve nearly 3,000 kids in our current gymnastics area. With the new gymnastics center, we will be able to serve over 5,000 kids, as well as a more diverse program menu to help serve children and families in our community," said Bob Sierra Y Capital Chair Dena Shimberg.

The groundbreaking comes just one month ahead of the [2014 YMCA National Gymnastics Championships](#) hosted July 1st-5th by the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA at the Tampa Convention Center. The national event is expected to draw over 5,800 athletes, spectators and visitors to the community resulting in a \$4.5 million economic impact to the Tampa Bay area.

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