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## Another “Brick” in the Wall

### Klondike Cheese Company Pledges \$1 Million Toward YMCA Capital Campaign

MONROE, WI: Klondike Cheese Company responds to the Colony Brands Foundation’s “Drive for Five” challenge in support of the Green County Family YMCA.

A pledged commitment worth \$1 million from Klondike Cheese Company demonstrates the Buholzer family’s commitment to their employees and their community. For four generations, Klondike Cheese Company, Producers of Odyssey® & Buholzer Brothers® Brand, has been crafting a variety cheeses and yogurts in the rolling hills of Green County on the factory’s original site since the late 1800s.

Ron Buholzer, a third-generation Cheesemaker said, “All areas of the country are challenged to find enough employees. If Green County can attract people to our area, it is a plus for everyone. More employees allow business to grow. As the economy grows, this will allow people to open new business that will offer a greater variety of goods and services for all members of the community. That will attract more people to the area and the growth cycle can continue.”

Trent Henning, Executive Director of the YMCA said. “We can’t thank the Klondike Cheese Company and the Buholzer family enough for their generosity. They have always been great supporters of the YMCA, but this gift shows how committed they are to building a stronger community here in Monroe and Green County.”

This generous contribution is part of a larger \$30 million campaign that will transform the future of the YMCA. This donation from the Buholzer family now leaves the Green County Family YMCA with less than \$4 million yet to fundraise. Through the efforts of the Y’s Building A Stronger Community Capital Campaign, the YMCA building will be renovated and enlarged to meet the ever-changing needs of YMCA patrons.

Buholzer said, “We believe an expanded facility will enhance the quality of life for our community. It has the potential to help attract new people to the area and also retain existing residents.” The YMCA’s Capital Project will allow for new and innovative programs that will have a long-lasting impact on the health of people for generations to come. The enhanced facility will include a combination of renovated and newly constructed spaces with the addition of 50,000 square feet. New spaces will include Childcare and Youth Development Centers, Healthy Living Center, Gymnastics Center, community kitchen, fitness studios, spaces for adults, youth and more.

Henning remarked, “This remarkable \$1 million gift from Klondike Cheese and the Buholzer Family continues our “Drive for Five” campaign and gets us one step closer to making our project a reality.” The YMCA has been serving the citizens of Monroe and Green County since 1981 and offers more than 100 programs for everyone from toddlers to active older adults and seniors. The Building A Stronger Community Capital Campaign will ensure childcare and healthy living needs are met for generations to come. To learn more about the Campaign, or to contribute to the project, visit

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