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**ALBERTSON FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATES \$2 MILLION
TO SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AT DOWNTOWN YMCA**

*The gift advances construction of the Kissler Family Early Education Center,
expanding access to childcare for Boise families*

BOISE, ID (February 24, 2026) — The Treasure Valley Family YMCA today announced a \$2 million gift from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation (JKAF) to support the future Kissler Family Early Education Center near the new CapEd Downtown Boise YMCA. The donation represents a significant investment in Boise’s youngest learners and the families who rely on high-quality, accessible childcare.

The Kissler Family Early Education Center is scheduled to open in fall 2027 and will significantly expand childcare availability in downtown Boise, helping address one of the region’s most pressing needs for working families and employers alike. The new 124-seat early learning center will serve as Idaho’s first employer co-op childcare center. The Y is partnering with local businesses to offer a more flexible solution to childcare through this framework.

“This gift is a powerful statement about the importance of investing early — both in children and in the systems that support families,” said David Duro, President and CEO of the Treasure Valley Family YMCA. “JKAF’s generosity will help ensure more children have access to safe, nurturing, high-quality early learning while strengthening the foundation of our community for generations to come.”

The new Early Education Center is part of the Y’s broader \$80 million project in downtown Boise, designed to create a hub for wellness, education, and connection. Located adjacent to the new YMCA facility, the center will serve families who live and work in the downtown core and surrounding neighborhoods.

“We believe deeply in supporting children at the very beginning of their educational journey,” said Roger Quarles, Executive Director of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation. “High-quality early childhood education creates opportunity that lasts a lifetime, and we’re proud to partner with the YMCA on a project that puts children, families, and community well-being at the center.”

JKAF’s significant philanthropic investment is accelerating progress, reaching a milestone of over \$40MM raised. The Y continues to raise funds through its Community Campaign, inviting individuals, families, and local organizations to help close the remaining funding gap and ensure the project’s long-term success.

For more information or to contribute to the community campaign, [click here](#).

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