



Summa Health System, Akron Area YMCA team up for \$11 million project

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Summa Health System and the Akron Area YMCA are partnering to build an \$11 million YMCA on the Akron City Hospital campus.

The organizations plan to break ground on the 60,000-square-foot building later this year and to open it in 2011. The University Park YMCA, which will be at 477 E. Market St., will house a health and wellness center with racquetball and basketball courts, indoor pools, exercise equipment and an indoor running track.

Summa will provide rehabilitation and physical, speech and occupational therapy services as well. The YMCA will be connected to the hospital and a new parking garage via a covered bridge.

The two entities already have raised \$5.5 million for the YMCA and will continue to push toward their fundraising goal of \$11 million.

This is the third project in which Summa and the Akron Area YMCA have collaborated. The Green Family YMCA opened at Summa Health Center in 2000 and Summa also provides programs at the Lake Anna YMCA Community Center in Barberton.