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The Clark Foundation Announces Expansion of Sports Center

Project to greatly enhance the Center's ability to serve members and the community

Jane Forbes Clark, President of The Clark Foundation, has announced that the commencement of an expansion plan for The Clark Sports Center is to begin in the next few weeks.

Upon completion in the Fall of 2016, this \$20 million project will coincide with the 125th Anniversary of the Sports Center, which first opened its doors in 1891 as The Alfred Corning Clark Gymnasium.

“Now, as then, the Sports Center will continue to be a superior facility, offering excellent programming and a positive environment for the community to take part in health, wellness, and recreational experiences and opportunities”, said Miss Clark. “The expansion project is The Clark Foundation’s commitment that The Clark Sports Center will continue its proud role as a multi-purpose and multi-generational contributor to the quality of life in Cooperstown and Otsego County.”

Key highlights of the project include:

- A 6,000 + square foot expansion of the Fitness Center;
- A complete remodeling of the aquatics area that will include an eight lane competitive pool that meets all USA Swimming® standards and requirements,

and a shallow teaching pool for beginning swimming lessons and physical therapy activities;

- A sports conditioning area with specialized equipment to accommodate sports teams and workouts for the elite athlete;
- Three new group fitness rooms dedicated to Spinning, Yoga and Pilates, and general group fitness;
- Locker rooms will be renovated and Family locker rooms will be added in addition to new squash and racquetball courts, including a doubles squash court.

Additionally, Bassett Medical Center will relocate its Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Program on Railroad Avenue to a new clinic adjoining the expanded Fitness Center once construction is complete. Dr. Vance Brown, President and CEO of Bassett Healthcare Network said, “We are delighted to partner with The Clark Foundation and The Clark Sports Center to utilize this great opportunity to improve and expand the PT Unit and provide our patients with an array of services within a comprehensive and modern facility that affords the best care possible on the road to recovery.”

The Clark Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in Cooperstown and New York City through a variety of grant making and operating programs. Founded in 1931, it now ranks among the largest foundations in terms of assets and grants awarded in New York State and the country.