

# John R. Grubb YMCA

YMCA of Greater Des Moines



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## John R. Grubb Community YMCA

As our members and the community seek more services from the YMCA, we are challenged to continue to offer high-quality, innovative programs in a safe, welcoming environment. The Grubb YMCA is in the middle of a federally designated Enterprise Community, one of the most economically depressed neighborhoods in the state.

The John R. Grubb YMCA is only 13 years old, but the original facility was built in 1940 as Dowling High School. Even with the building addition to open the YMCA, the facility is bursting at the seams with members and participants. The Grubb branch provides many traditional YMCA programs as well as unique programs, such as an alternative school program designed to meet the needs of the local community. The facility includes three school classrooms, a youth center, indoor pool, fitness center, gymnasium, aerobics studio, indoor track, and outdoor athletic fields.

While the YMCA has always worked to ensure that this inner-city facility is as safe and attractive as our other facilities, the fact that most programs at the Grubb branch are heavily subsidized means there's little money left over for building maintenance and reserves. In addition, the demand for child care continues to grow beyond our current capacity.

Through the renovation of the gymnasium, child care and youth development centers, the John R. Grubb Branch will continue to be a beacon in one of Des Moines' most challenged neighborhoods.



*The creation of the John R. Grubb Community YMCA was a collaboration between the City of Des Moines, the Variety Club of Iowa and the YMCA. Working together, we are making a difference in Des Moines' enterprise community.*



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