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Union County Family YMCA to not Build Out Additional Space for World of Wonders Childcare

The day care facility has until April 1, 2021 to vacate the building owned by Union County.

MARYSVILLE, OHIO – (Nov. 17, 2020) The Union County Family YMCA (YMCA) recently reached a decision to not build out additional space for World Of Wonders Day Care (WOW). WOW has rented space in the YMCA since 2018, when a mediation agreement between the Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities (UCBDD) and WOW was reached to start the transition of the Child care agency out of the UCBDD location.

As a part of the mediation agreement, WOW was to vacate the UCBDD building by September 2020. Additionally, UCBDD agreed to pay WOW a lump sum to help finance renovations at the YMCA to house their operation. The YMCA also agreed to pay for a portion of the project, creating the necessary components needed to construct a suitable space for WOW on its property. Additional space was to be determined by the YMCA for WOW to transition out of the UCBDD by September of 2020. This was pushed back due to environmental constraints in 2019 with additional time for construction given by the UCBDD to the YMCA on WOW's behalf.

The Union County Family YMCA recently announced it will no longer be able to honor its agreement with WOW for additional space. "Due to COVID-19 related financial constraints, it would be financially impossible and impractical to move forward with the phase three of construction, says Trevor Secord, CEO of the YMCA." A decision that was made after much conversation, the YMCA Board of Trustees decided that it has to stay focused on its own future with so much unknown in today's current environment.

"While we fully understand and sympathize with the difficult position that WOW find themselves in, we cannot continue to make decisions to support other organizations in their operational deficiencies without investing in our own future first, says Secord." The YMCA will continue to provide space and services to WOW as they have been over the last two years, while WOW looks for new options for additional space.

For more information about the Union County Family YMCA, visit www.unioncountyyymca.org .