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### **Senator Bond Secures Federal Funds for YouZeum**

(COLUMBIA) – The YouZeum, formerly called the Health Adventure Center, will receive \$750,000 in federal funds, which have been secured by Senator Christopher “Kit” Bond. The YouZeum, in partnership with Boone Hospital Center, will be an interactive science center focused on health, wellness and physical activity.

“We are delighted to receive these funds for the YouZeum,” said YouZeum Board President Jim Ritter, former Superintendent of Columbia Public Schools. “We deeply appreciate Senator Bond’s outstanding efforts in securing these funds and the historic Federal Building as the site for the YouZeum. He has been instrumental in helping to make the YouZeum a reality”

In mid-November, the YouZeum received its building permit from the City of Columbia, and construction is currently underway. New construction to the building should be substantially complete in June 2006, which will be followed by installation of exhibits, equipment and furnishings. Exhibit development and contracting with an exhibit fabricator is also in progress. Exhibits will be ready for installation pending coordination with the construction schedule. The YouZeum is expected to open in late 2006.

For questions or additional information about the YouZeum or the community campaign, please contact Wendy Knorr at 573-445-2275 or 573-489-8783.

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