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**Wilkes Family YMCA Hosts Game Benefit on May 16, Raffle for Free Membership**

**WILKESBORO, NC – May 5, 2009 –** The Wilkes Family YMCA invites the community to participate in its Game Benefit event. The Game Benefit will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Wilkes Family YMCA's gym.

The cost to play is \$10 per person. Coffee and light refreshments will be served while players enjoy competing in Dominos, Rummicub, Bridge and other card games.

"Game Benefit will be a great way for members of the community to spend time together and have fun," says Caroline Whitson, Membership Director for the YMCA. Any proceeds will go towards Partner With Youth, the YMCA's annual fund so that scholarship financial assistance may be provided for memberships or program fees, allowing the YMCA not to turn anyone away due to inability to pay.

Players can also enter a raffle for a free yearly membership to the Wilkes Family YMCA. Tickets are \$1.

For more in information or to participate in the Game Benefit, please contact the YMCA at (336) 838-3991 or Lexie Williamson at (336) 838-3461. The Wilkes Family YMCA is located at 1801 YMCA Boulevard in Wilkesboro.

**About YMCA of Northwest North Carolina**

When the first YMCA was established in 1844 in London, England, its mission was to promote positive Christian values as well as healthy behaviors and activities. Today, the YMCA movement has spread to more than 130 countries around the world, supporting and influencing the lives of millions of men, women and children of all backgrounds. The YMCA of Northwest North Carolina association, a United Way agency, has been serving Winston-Salem and the surrounding areas since 1888. We have created a tradition of enhancing the lives of people in our community through an ever-growing list of programs and opportunities. We're proud to serve the people of Northwest North Carolina by helping to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Our association currently serves more than 51,000 YMCA members and more than 100,000 people with our memberships and programs. The YMCA of Northwest North Carolina has adopted Healthy Community 2015 initiatives to prepare youth and teens to succeed, strengthen and support families, develop caring communities and adopt healthy living habits. The YMCA offers financial assistance for memberships and programs through the Open Doors Program. Learn more about the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina at <http://www.ymcanwnc.org>. For more information on its many branches and services, visit <http://www.ymcanwnc.org> or contact Amy McNeil, Director of Communications, at a.mcneil@ymcanwnc.org or 336-777-6252.

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