

## ■ MUSKINGUM AQUATIC/ RECREATION CENTER

*12th Congressional District*

A much-needed Aquatic and Fitness Center is coming to the Zanesville, Ohio-area to promote health, education and recreation as well as create jobs and foster economic development in this distressed community that has a 20.4 percent poverty rate.

Finance Fund provided \$11 million in federal NMTC and \$2.56 million in state NMTC as part of a public-private partnership to build the 70,750 sq. ft. facility.

The Muskingum Recreation Center (MRC) generated 100 construction jobs, retained 40 current employees and employs 35 additional full-time staff. It's a joint effort with Genesis HealthCare System, the largest health care provider in its six-county region of southeastern Ohio. Other partners include Ohio University-Zanesville (OUZ), the Muskingum Family Y and the Muskingum County Community Foundation. The partners developed a business plan for the MRC to be 100% self-sustaining within the first year of operation.

The multi-purpose center includes fitness, education and exercise areas, a gymnasium, a lap pool, a family leisure/therapy pool, racquetball courts, locker rooms, multi-use programming rooms, a childcare center and indoor track. The facility was built on the OU-Zanesville campus adjacent to the Littick Hall Gymnasium.

*"The accessible, centrally located facility will be an attraction for the entire community that will positively impact the overall quality of life in Muskingum County," said Jim Fonseca, Ohio University-Zanesville dean. "Finance Fund understands the benefit and is essential to our success in bringing together the knowledge, the interest and the energy of the whole community."*



### FINANCE FUND INVESTMENT IMPACT:

- **\$11 million in federal New Markets Tax Credits and \$2.56 million in state New Market Tax Credits**
- **Funding leading to the retention of 40 current employees and the addition of 35 new jobs within two years of project completion**
- **100 construction jobs**
- **A unique combination of public/private resources that will ultimately enable Muskingum County to provide the community with a first class recreation and fitness facility**



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