

## **YWCA NEW BRITAIN CHOOSES KAESTLE BOOS ASSOCIATES FOR MASTER PLAN AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**

**New Britain, Connecticut, October 4, 2006** – The YWCA New Britain has hired Kaestle Boos Associates to draw up a new master plan for its 22 Glen Street location. The firm will also create a conceptual design for the YWCA which will include possible additions and modifications that incorporate an adjacent property at 19 Franklin Square that the YWCA has recently purchased.

“We will be evaluating the site of the former Mormon Church at 19 Franklin Square for conversion for use by the YWCA New Britain,” says David King, Vice President of Kaestle Boos Associates. “In addition, we will evaluate the YWCA’s current facilities and create a new integrated site plan, which will include possible changes to the YWCA and how best to incorporate the new property.”

“The purchase of the church gives us an unprecedented opportunity to expand our physical size as well as increase our programming,” says Leslie Eza, Co-Executive Director of the YWCA New Britain. “This new master plan and conceptual design will allow us to take full advantage of this new property.”

King says the study should be completed within three months and once approved will give the YWCA a preliminary design to use for fundraising activities related to the expansion project.

YWCA New Britain Co-Director Robin Sharp adds that these are exciting times for the YWCA. “This is a continuation of the strategic plan and vision for the YWCA New Britain set out by the board and trustees,” she states. “Our upcoming expansion will ensure the vibrancy and vitality of the YWCA for future generations.”

Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc., is a full service design firm headquartered in New Britain, Connecticut with offices in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The firm specializes in educational, public safety, theater arts, parks and recreation and other public architecture. Founded in 1963, the firm's ultimate goal is to create structures that are functional, aesthetically pleasing, environmentally sound, and economically justifiable. For more information visit [www.kba-architects.com](http://www.kba-architects.com) or call (860) 229-0361.

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