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### **JCPenny Customers “Round-Up” and Give Back to Kosciusko Community YMCA**

Warsaw, Indiana- Thanks to funds raised through recent “Round-Up” events at the JCPenny at Frontage Road, the Kosciusko Community YMCA’s afterschool program has received a \$341.18 donation. JCPenny customers were invited to “round-up” their JCPenny purchases to the nearest whole dollar and donate the difference to the JCPenny Afterschool Fund and the Kosciusko Community YMCA is a charitable partner of that fund.

With the money raised from the Warsaw JCPenny’s recent “Round-Up” program, more children can enjoy the YMCA’s Kids’ Club Before and After School Educational Program at a discounted rate based on a need-based financial assistance program.

Studies show that 14.3 million children in the United States are unsupervised after school between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day. Additionally, studies show that youth are at greater risk of involvement in crime, drug abuse and other destructive behaviors during these hours. To address this issue, JCPenny created the JCPenny Afterschool Fund in 2001, and together they have contributed more than \$70 million to support the afterschool cause nationwide, giving tens of thousands of children the opportunity to participate in essential afterschool programs. The JCPenny Afterschool Fund continues working toward the day when all children in America will have access to life-changing afterschool programs that help them reach their full potential.

The Kosciusko Community YMCA, a not for profit organization, provides community based programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all of Kosciusko County. All the efforts and offerings of the YMCA are guided by the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The Kosciusko Community YMCA does not deny any youth, adult, or family membership or participation based on their inability to pay. Need-based scholarships are available.

**We Build Strong Kids, Strong Families and Strong Communities.**