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Boys & Girls Club to expand Taft Street location

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A new fitness center for teens and adults is among new services the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County will soon provide after a donation of new building space for the club's administrators.

Club staff members handling finance, hiring, fundraising and administration support working in the club's Taft Street and Allied Drive locations are moving to a building in the 1800 block of the West Beltline that is being leased to them for \$1 annually for five years, said club chief executive officer Michael Johnson.

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The Boys & Girls Club of Dane County's logo appears on the front door of a new office for the club's administrators.

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The move allows an expansion of the club's Taft Street location, adding a fitness center for teens and adults, a computer lab and extra recreation space, said Johnson, who added he has been working on making this happen for four years.

The club's new administration offices are being essentially donated to the club by John Livesey, Johnson said, whose company owns the building.

National Guardian Life Insurance Co. also is paying for the club's overhead costs -- like utility bills, office furniture or a copy machine -- at the new office for three years, Johnson

said. Best Buy and Google donated money for office technology, he said.

The renovations at the Taft Street location are being paid for by American Family Insurance and Evjue Foundation President John H. "Jack" Lussier, Johnson said.

The donations total \$625,000.

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