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# **Building for the Future**

## **Youngstown State Benefits from \$1 Million Gift**

A new student athletic facility at Youngstown State University is a step closer to reality, thanks to a gift of \$1,000,000 from the Cafaro Foundation. The donation will be used to help to construct the Watson and Tressel Training Site (WATTS), an indoor training facility for track, football, soccer and other collegiate teams at Y.S.U. The training center is named for the families of former Y.S.U. (and current Ohio State) head football coach Jim Tressel and his wife. Today's donation from the Cafaro Foundation will endow the running track and lobby area, bearing the name of The Cafaro Family.

"My father was always a strong, but quiet, supporter of higher learning here in his hometown.", said Anthony Cafaro, the recently retired President of The Cafaro Company. "It has been so impressive to watch the growth of the Youngstown State campus in recent years. We are thrilled to be able to continue our ongoing commitment to Y.S.U." Cafaro himself is an alumnus of the university.

In addition to serving as a team training facility, WATTS will also be available to the rest of the student body for intramural sports and other activities. It will be built on the current site of an outdoor practice field, at an overall cost of \$10,000,000. University officials plan to have WATTS open by the end of this year.

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The Cafaro Foundation is a charitable entity established by the Cafaro family in loving memory of William M. Cafaro, the founder of the real estate development and management company that bears his name in Youngstown, Ohio. For over a half century, Mr. Cafaro, along with his wife Alyce and brother John A. Cafaro, enthusiastically supported churches, schools, hospitals and other charitable causes. Since its inception in 1996, the Cafaro Foundation has awarded over \$5 million in grants to worthy organizations and individuals. The Youngstown-based Cafaro Company is one of America's largest privately-held real estate development firms, managing more than 30-million square feet of property in 11 states.

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