

By Ken Lay

The Emerald Youth Foundation opened a community center in Lonsdale last week. The new Haslam-Sansom Ministry Complex officially opened Thursday. It's located on Texas Avenue between Stonewall and Sherman Streets.

It features a pair of outdoor soccer fields, a gymnasium with four courts, a workout room, a café, which doubles as the concession stand for sporting events, an arts ministry room and a community room.

The 30,000 square foot facility is home to educational facilities and a health center, which is a joint venture run by Cherokee Health Systems and UT Medical Center.

The facility cost approximately \$2 million and was



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Emerald Youth Foundation Director of Lonsdale Area Ministries Kevin DuBose conducts a tour of the new Haslam-Sansom Ministry Complex, which opened last week. Pictured with DuBose is longtime Lonsdale resident Joey Kyle.

Community Development Corporation.

The City of Knoxville had a hand in the construction of the facility as it upgraded

"My message as we open this facility is very simply one of gratitude," Diggs said. "I am grateful to the owners who are not only contributing

a reality."

The facility celebrated its official grand opening in a ceremony Thursday afternoon, but members of the media

planning on seeing the facility. Many Parkridge residents had no objection to housing for the homeless but wanted to save the three pieces of property. Mayor Rogero says the compromise will reflect the city's support of housing and benefit the residents as well.

TVA Tower move hits snag

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When the Knox County Commission meets today in regular session the proposed easement agreement with TVA to move the school administration offices to the East Tower may see difficulty in passing.

During the commission work session last week Knox County Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong pointed out that the agreement is "very complex" and has too many blank spaces.

"I'm not happy with what you have before you