

By Ken Lay

The Emerald Youth Foundation opened a community center in Knoxville last week. The new Harlem-Sampson Ministry Complex officially opened Thursday. It's located on Texas Avenue between Stinson and Sherman Streets.

It features a pair of outdoor soccer fields, a gymnasium with four courts, a workout room, a cafe, which doubles as the concessions 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 study Cherokee Health Systems and UT Medical Center.

The facility cost approximately \$8 million and was



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Emerald Youth Foundation Director of Knoxville Area Ministries Kevin Dufflow conducts a tour of the new Harlem-Sampson Ministry Complex, which opened last week. Pictured with Dufflow is longtime Knoxville resident Jerry 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," Duggs said. "I am grateful to the donors who are not only contributing

a reality."

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

programming of Cassell Park. Many Parkridge residents had no objection to housing for the homeless but wanted to save the three pieces of property. Mayor Rogers says the compromise will reflect the city's support of housing and live with 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 Lee 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