

# **MEMBER UPDATE**

# **HOCKOMOCK AREA YMCA**

April 8, 2020

Dear Silva Family,

Each day I am humbled that our Y's focus remains on strengthening community when we can't be together during these uncertain times.

Though our Y's doors are closed, our mission-focused work continues as we welcome and help people through our <u>food distribution & collection</u> and <u>emergency childcare</u>.

As we face these challenging times together, the needs in our community continue to grow. I hope that you are proud of how your YMCA is meeting these needs.

### Your Membership:

Back on March 17, in a follow up communication to our members, I invited members to stay with us. I am thankful that so many members have generously chosen to continue their monthly membership payments during this challenging time. As a reminder, no action is required to continue your monthly membership.

Anyone who would like to put their membership on hold, a reminder to email <a href="hold@hockymca.org">hold@hockymca.org</a> with your full name and date of birth. Any other



membership requests, please email <a href="membershiprequest@hockymca.org">membershiprequest@hockymca.org</a>. Staff members will assist you.

# **Food Access & Distribution Update:**

**Grab & Go Meals**: We are partnering with schools in Milford and North Attleboro to provide grab & go meals every day. Since March 16th, **13,322 meals** have been served to area children and families. Due to the growing needs, next week we expect to add an additional site.

**Emergency Food Bag Distribution**: Our <u>food bag distribution</u> on Wednesdays at all three of our branches continues. Before today's distribution, we have provided **1,158 bags of groceries** - with an estimated value of \$50 per bag - to our neighbors and friends in need.

It truly takes a community of caring people leading the way to help our communities feed their families.



Since March 23, our YMCA has provided <u>emergency</u> <u>childcare</u> at our Foxboro and Franklin branches to care for children of first responders, medical personnel and essential personnel combating the health crisis. The need continues to grow every day. Today we had almost **60 children** in our childcare centers.

This week, we are grateful for area businesses who have donated food for our childcare families and Y staff as well as the many members and volunteers who have generously donated masks for our staff. To learn more about opportunities to help, contact Katie Moore.





#### **Virtual Fitness:**

Your physical and mental well-being is important to us and staying active is a great way to reduce stress and boost your immune system.

We have created a <u>new virtual fitness</u> schedule that provides you the opportunity to work out with some of your favorite YMCA trainers and instructors every day. We have over 50 videos and counting in our <u>YouTube</u> library and will continue to add more workouts to keep you moving and working towards your goals.

Also be sure to join our <u>Facebook</u> page to take advantage of the live-streaming classes and our <u>Zoom</u> classes, bringing you even closer to your YMCA family.



Know that your YMCA remains committed to these community initiatives and responding to the most urgent needs.

Until we reopen, we will continue to do the work that is needed to keep people connected, cared for and healthy.

We can't do this work alone and we are grateful for your continued support in so many ways.

Sincerely,



Ed Hurley President Hockomock Area YMCA









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