

Dear YMCA Community,

These last few weeks have been extraordinary as our community, state, country and world navigate the rapidly changing challenges related to COVID-19. Given all the uncertainty and the stress that come with these unprecedented challenges, it has never been more critical to stay together, even as we follow the guidelines from officials to keep each other and our community healthy.

Based on continued recommendations from the CDC, state and local health officials and area health departments, **we must extend our temporary suspension of all YMCA facility access and programs through April 25.**

At the Randolph-Asheboro YMCA, everything we do is guided by our commitment to nurture the potential of children, support your health and well-being, and provide support for our neighbors and the community. We're so much more than a gym. And here, at the Y, you're much more than just a facility member. At **"YOUR"** YMCA, you're a part of our purpose and you're a partner in strengthening the foundations of our community.

Since the Y's inception in 1971, in difficult times, our Y has always boldly marched toward challenges in response to community needs. Today is no different. You can help, and we're counting on you.

### **Stay with Us – Your YMCA Membership Choice**

As one YMCA Community, we ask that you stay with us. Your membership helps support our efforts and ensures our Y remains strong and poised to meet the critical needs in our community during this unprecedented time.

### **At this time, we want to offer you options regarding your membership.**

**1. Keep your membership active.** Keeping your membership active will help ensure we remain fully focused on our efforts to support our community and adjust quickly when called upon. If you choose to keep your membership active, please know how grateful we are for your willingness and partnership. You don't need to take any action to retain this status.

**2. Convert your membership to a donation.** If you wish to have your membership dues converted to an ongoing, tax-deductible donation during our temporary suspension of facility access and programs, please [contact](#) our Administrative Assistant. You'll continue to be drafted monthly and when we resume normal operations, your

donation will end. At that time, we'll convert you back to regular membership. Again, we are deeply grateful for your willingness and partnership.

3. If you wish to **place your membership on hold** at no cost during our temporary suspension of services, we understand. Please **contact** our Membership Director. He will be more than happy to help you.

We realize you have to make the best decision for you and your family. On behalf of everyone in the community counting on our Y in the weeks ahead, thank you for your strong consideration to stay with us. Our community needs you.

### **Mobilizing for Good**

The coronavirus outbreak has created enormous uncertainty for us all, but how we respond is within our control. As soon as it became apparent that our Y needed to change course to support our community, we did. Our Staff and Board of Directors immediately met to explore ways to support you and our community. You can partner with us in these efforts and provide a source of hope and support to those members who will need financial support for membership and programs when our doors re-open by continuing to be a part of our Y. Your ongoing commitment is helping us deploy and expand these resources and services.

- **Child Care for Essential Personnel** – We are working with community leaders to provide child care options for those who are considered essential employees and having to work during these challenging times.
- **Reaching Out** – We are reaching out to other organizations in our community on the front lines of this, including our health care providers, schools systems and soup kitchen. Recently we were able to provide showers and a meal to 31 members of the US Army Special Forces.
- **Family Resources** – With recent school closures, families are adjusting to a new normal. It can be overwhelming to contemplate what to do with all this new-found time. To help, we've added links to educational resources from our school systems on the home page of our website **here**.

- **Virtual YMCA** – We continue to share resources to keep our members and participants alone but active together. Many of our instructors are going live on **Facebook** to teach classes. We are posting a daily BeastMode Workout Of the Day. Yoga and Dance workouts are available on our **YouTube** channel. Plans to continue adding to our virtual options are ongoing, including adding a virtual Bible Study soon! You can visit your Virtual YMCA **here**.
- **Facilities** – Our Community Walking Path continues to provide a place for our Y Members and those in the community to come exercise. Several of our Community Garden volunteers continue to plant the seeds to ensure that our garden will be ready to serve our community with fresh produce. Our staff has also been hard at work doing some much needed repairs and updates on the facility.

There is much more work ahead for our Y. Moving forward, we'll share updates and additional resources with you as well as keep you informed on our efforts to support our community.

Continue to visit our **website** for the most up-to-date information on our YMCA. We look forward to opening our doors and seeing all of our members! Our plan will be to pick up where we left off with our ongoing programs and classes. This will include a modified schedule to ensure we get our youth sport seasons completed!

Again, I want to **thank you** for being a part of our Y Community, for your partnership, your support and your trust. In my 24+ years as the Executive Director of the Randolph-Asheboro YMCA, I have seen our Y Community come together to do extraordinary things in uncertain times. I am inspired by our community response.

We're in this together, and together, we'll emerge stronger.

Stay well. Stay healthy.

**Patrick O'Hara**

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