

STRONGER SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY YMCA
of Eastern Delaware County

May 8, 2020



Dear Y Members,

We hope that this email is finding you safe and well. We miss you. We hate that our buildings are shuttered and empty. We miss the noise – the quiet is unnerving. We miss your smiling faces, both young and old.

Needless to say, the past several weeks has been far from typical. We've been working on our plans and new vision of the Y, including increased cleaning, safety and physical distancing measures that will be put in place once we are allowed to reopen. We do not have all the answers yet, but we are working hard to get them as we prioritize the health and safety of our members and staff.

Everyone agrees that COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon and will more than likely continue until a treatment or vaccine is developed. Because of this, we must prepare to think and operate differently than we have.

What we can assure you is that Y will reopen and continue to deliver on our core mission, doing so to the fullest "normal" extent that is safely possible - when that will be, we are not sure.

That's why, we will only reopen when local health and government officials give their approval. We anticipate that our childcare and summer camp programs will be first to open. We are doing everything possible to make sure every child and every family's needs are cared for and addressed – including financial. You can help us by [making a donation](#) to support our efforts to assist families with their childcare and summer camp expenses.



Between now and when we are able to open, our staff are being trained on the execution of new safety procedures including: the recommend practices from the CDC, our facilities are being deep cleaned, our child care & summer camp way of doing things is being planned & changed, and the fitness equipment is being spaced out to ensure physical distancing.

We know there will be many other changes to the Y that may inconvenience you. As we get closer to an opening date, we will certainly keep you in the loop about those. Please know that all of these efforts are being made to keep everyone safe so we can all get back to healthier living.

Until we can be together again, thank you for your support, your kind words, your patience and understanding. Together we have been supporting each other and we are a stronger community because of that. Please continue to check our [Facebook page](#) and [Website](#) for updates and opportunities to help support our community.

Humbly,

Michael Ranck
President/CEO



HAPPENINGS



**American
Red Cross**

Don't forget about the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drives at our Ridley branch. REGISTER NOW for one of the following dates:

May 15 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

May 19 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

May 26 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

To sign-up go to www.redcrossblood.org and search by zip code 19018 and scroll through the dates to find the ones at the Ridley YMCA



Over Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25, New Jersey and Pennsylvania YMCA's will partner together to host a Virtual 5K and Family 1-mile walk/run.

Because this is a virtual race, you decide when and where you complete your race. Have a treadmill at home? Great! Enjoy the feel of the road under your feet? Awesome! Take it to the streets! Whether you're training for another race or just want to get moving, you can choose the distance and method.

The Virtual Race is FREE! Donations to your YMCA are encouraged so we may continue providing critical services to our community during this time.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION](#)



The Salvation Army in Darby needs our help to refill their food pantry. We will be hosting another "Fill the Truck" food drive on Thursday May 14, from 10am-12noon at our Lansdowne branch. Any and all non-perishable food will be accepted at this no-contact drive-thru event.