May 2021 Update for Ricketts Center

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Current Staffing:
Hettie Webb – Front Desk
Joy Applebach – Program Coordinator
Indiya Jeffers – Program Coordinator
Paul Winterbottom – Fitness Center

Current Member Enrollment: 270
New memberships this month: 10 (all adult members for fitness center)
Virtual Learning Program Enrollment: 21
Current Operating Hours: M – Th 7 AM to 8 PM, F 7AM to 5 PM, Sat-Sun 11 AM-1PM (Fitness Center Only)

Programs that occurred this month:
- Virtual “Plugged In” School Program
- Soccer for Success
- Karate
- Fitness Center
- TCN supported Bread of Life Shower and Laundry Program
- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (second clinic)
- Joule 4 Jesus Ministries children’s clothes + goods giveaway

Virtual “Plugged-In” Program
- Virtual program runs Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 5 PM
- Students attend program daily for class assistance, after school care and activities
- Daily attendance decreased a little more this month as students who attend live classes in their respective schools stopped attending programming in the morning
- Little Italy’s Pizza provided pizza lunch every Friday for all students and staff

Soccer for Success
- Soccer program ran Monday through Thursday
- Occurs twice a day from 12 to 1 and 4 to 5
- Lower number of participants due to less students attending virtual program daily
  - Many parents have shown interest in the program but have not yet brought their children out to participate at our 4:00 session
- On average, 5 to 7 attended program daily

Karate
- Karate runs every Monday and Wednesday from 7PM to 8PM
- Program continues to be free to all who wish to take part
- Open to all ages

Fitness Center
- The Fitness Center has seen steady participation throughout the month
- Daily attendance is between 10 and 15 people
- 10 New adult memberships this month
- Staff makes sure to limit the number of participants in the fitness center at one time
- Boot Camp attendance continues to grow, with one night topping off at almost 70 participates
  - Bootcamp runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 7PM to 8PM
  - Taking place at Pottstown High School track and field
  - Program is open to anyone who wishes to take part

**TCN Shower and Laundry Program**
- Shower program runs every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 to 8:30 PM
- Participation remains minimal but has consistent regulars that utilize the resources

**COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**
- Second COVID-19 vaccine clinic was held at the Center 5/16/21
- Clinic ran from 9AM to 5PM and was a walk-in clinic
  - No appointments were needed or made for this clinic
- Clinic offered both 1st and second doses
  - Offered 1st doses again considering vaccines became available for those as young as 12
- In total, roughly 350 vaccines were given
- As of the end of this month, no further talks were had about hosting another clinic day

**Joule 4 Jesus Ministries Event**
- Took place Saturday, May 15th, from 12 to 2 PM
- Event was used to give away pampers, wipes, toddlers clothing, and hygiene necessities
- Continuing to build a partnership with this organization to provided needed goods for those in the community

**Future Program Planning**
- Summer programming has been developed and shared with the community
  - 25 open spots for youth ages 6 to 13
- Building will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 to 8 and on Friday 10 to 7
- Programs for youth ages 6 to 13 will take place from 10 to 1, Monday through Friday
  - Programs will include soccer, arts & crafts, gardening, STEAM, and recreation
- Building will only be open to those in youth program in the morning
- Building will open to the rest of the community starting at 1 PM
- Every Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 6 to 8 PM will be adults only (age 20+)
  - Gives them an opportunity to have areas like the gym without youth around

**Building Updates**
- Raised beds were placed around back of the building for vegetable gardens as well as new trees planted in the open field next to the building
  - Continue to work with a master gardener to build up this program for youth in the area
- Borough has updated the lighting around the building making it easier to see at night
- Borough has also laid down new mulch for the playground area, providing the needed safety element and satisfying the required measurement for safety regulations on a playground

**Food Donations**
The chart below shows the food donations and contributions from outside sources. Food is provided to family's suffering from food insecurities as well as the youth who participate in our current virtual school programming.

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