

September 2021 Update for Ricketts Center

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Current Staffing:

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Current Member Enrollment: 386

New memberships this month: 45

Current Operating Hours: M – F 10 AM to 8 PM, Sat – Sun 11 AM – 1 PM (Fitness Center Only)

Programs that occurred this month:

- After-School Programming
- Soccer for Success
- Karate
- Fitness Center
- *Bread of Life* Shower and Laundry Program
- Red Royal Diamonds Dance Team

After-School Programming

- After school program began this month
- Program runs from 2:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- Youth participation was slow to start but began to increase as the month went on
- Programs include homework help, soccer, game room activities, and snack

Soccer for Success

- Fall season began the 3rd week of September
- Initial participation was low over the month, with few students attending the program
 - This can be attributed to students getting back adjusted to being in a school setting all day
- There continues to be a limit (25) of youth who can participate in the program due to COVID restrictions and the program taking place indoors
- Curriculum based practicing is set to begin next month (October)
 - With this we will follow the Soccer for Success curriculum that promotes working with other, self-esteem, and healthy eating

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
- At least 6 new participants joined karate during the month of September

Fitness Center

- The Fitness Center has seen steady participation throughout the month
- Daily attendance averages between 10 to 15 participants a day
- Boot Camp attendance continues to thrive and have high levels of attendance
 - 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
- Within the next month we are looking to update equipment in the fitness center through grants obtained specifically for this purpose

Bread of Life Shower and Laundry Program

- Shower program runs every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 to 8:30 PM
- Participation has increased over the month of September
- There has been a consistency of at participation each designated evening
 - Previous month saw gaps of even one participant
- There have been between 2 and 5 individuals showering each night of the program
- Laundry services were halted this month due to concerns of proper water drainage
 - Options are being explored for a solution

Red Royal Diamond Dance Team

- Program runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00
 - Due to the high participation, the adding of Friday as another meeting day is being weighed
 - No decision was made yet to add the day
- Dance team held a fundraiser in an effort to raise money for team uniforms
 - Sold dinners on Friday, September 17th
- There are plans for dance team to perform for Pottstown Halloween Parade

Food Donations

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

2021 FOOD DONATIONS						
Month	Archdiocese	Little Italy Pizza	Potts. Cluster	Wawa	Kiwanis Club	Misc.
January	482.7	218.2	4513.6	107.6	66.6	102.2
February	396.1	189.1	3932.5	191.6	26.2	
March	550	331.7	4290	164.6	79.9	
April	312.4	234.7	2238.9	123	107.4	
May	330	200.4	2839.4	128.6	74.6	
June	502.4	50.6	3519.2	163.6	33.7	
July	1,003.9		3607	158.1	50.6	
August	672.3	34.5	4159	166.9	23.3	
September	641		3898.8	147	23.4	
October						
November						
December						
Total Weight	4,890.8 lbs.	1,259.2 lbs.	32,998.4 lbs.	1,351 lbs.	485.7 lbs.	102.2 lbs.