

## August 2021 Update for Ricketts Center

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Current Staffing:

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Current Member Enrollment: 341

New memberships this month: 36

Current Operating Hours: M – F 10 AM to 7 PM, Sat – Sun 11 AM – 1 PM (Fitness Center Only)

Programs that occurred this month:

- Summer Programming
- Soccer for Success
- Karate
- Fitness Center
- *Bread of Life* Shower and Laundry Program
- Community Health & Dental Mobile Dentistry Unit
- Red Royal Diamonds Dance Team
- Joule 4 Jesus Ministries Back to School Giveaway

### **Summer Programming**

- Summer programming came to an end Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Daily attendance remained steady until the end at an average of 21 students a day (morning program only allowed for 25 total)
- Celebration was held the last day of programming
  - Little Italy Pizza supported us by donating pizza, Stromboli, chicken tenders, and fruit for students to enjoy on the last day

### **Soccer for Success**

- Summer season came to an end August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Participation remained steady and constant until the last day
- Fall season will begin during the after-school program

### **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 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

#### **TCN Shower and Laundry Program**

- Shower program runs every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 to 8:30 PM
- Participation was low over the month of August
  - Organizer of program is not sure what this attributed to

#### **Community Health & Dental Mobile Unit**

- Community Health & Dental brought their mobile dentistry unit to the Ricketts Center parking lot for a week of free dental exams
- Unit was parked from August 9<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Goal of bringing mobile unit in was to try and provide dental exams for students before they returned to school
  - Certain grade levels require dental exam paperwork
- Participation was low overall
- Plans were made to bring the mobile unit back again after school has started

#### **Red Royal Diamond Dance Team**

- RRD dance team began to pick up more members over the month of August
- At the end of this month, there are approximately 50 participants in the program
- Program runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00
  - Due to the high participation, it was discussed adding Friday as another meeting day
  - Practice is intended to start on Fridays during the month of September

#### **Joule 4 Jesus Ministries Back to School Event**

- Joule 4 Jesus Ministries held a back-to-school giveaway on August 8<sup>th</sup> for the community of Pottstown
- Event included bookbags filled with school supplies, free food and drink, pampers and wipes, toiletries, and a kid's bouncy house

#### **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.

<b>2021 FOOD DONATIONS</b>						
<b>Month</b>	<b>Archdiocese</b>	<b>Little Italy Pizza</b>	<b>Potts. Cluster</b>	<b>Wawa</b>	<b>Kiwanis Club</b>	<b>Misc.</b>
<b>January</b>	482.7	218.2	4513.6	107.6	66.6	102.2
<b>February</b>	396.1	189.1	3932.5	191.6	26.2	
<b>March</b>	550	331.7	4290	164.6	79.9	
<b>April</b>	312.4	234.7	2238.9	123	107.4	
<b>May</b>	330	200.4	2839.4	128.6	74.6	
<b>June</b>	502.4	50.6	3519.2	163.6	33.7	
<b>July</b>	1,003.9		3607	158.1	50.6	
<b>August</b>	672.3	34.5	4159	166.9	23.3	
<b>September</b>						
<b>October</b>						
<b>November</b>						
<b>December</b>						
<b>Total Weight</b>	4,249.8 lbs.	1,259.2 lbs.	29,099.6 lbs.	1,204 lbs.	462.3 lbs.	102.2 lbs.