

January 2022 Update for Ricketts Center

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Current Staffing:

Hettie Webb – Front Desk

Joy Applebach – Program Coordinator

Paul Winterbottom – Fitness Center

Current Member Enrollment: 450

New memberships this month: 19

Current Operating Hours: M – F 10 AM to 8 PM, Sat – Sun 11 AM – 2 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
- Red Cross Blood Drive

After-School Programming

- Program runs from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- Youth participation continues an upward trend with daily attendance increasing
- Continue to offer homework and study assistance to those who need it
 - The number of students who actually have any type of “at-home-work” remains little to none

Soccer for Success

- Much of the month of January was non-curriculum-based soccer play
- New season of curriculum was pushed to the first week of February
- Continuing to evaluate the best way to provide fun soccer play while keeping to certain COVID precautions

Karate

- Karate program is brought to us by The Philadelphia School of Korean Karate
- Karate runs every Monday and Wednesday from 7PM to 8PM
- Program continues to be free to all who wish to take part
- Must be at least 7 years old to join
- Program is open to the entire family, parents and grandparents included
- Program instruction has grown to include a Master black belt
 - Once a week the usual program instructor is accompanied by a Master black belt to help with the more advanced students

Fitness Center

- The Fitness Center has seen steady participation throughout the month
- Daily attendance averages between 10 to 15 participants a day

- Outdoor Boot Camp continues to be on hold do to current COVID 19 numbers
- Upgrades to facility equipment continue throughout the month
- Fitness Center Coordinator (Paul Winterbottom) continues to grow his relationship with Community Health and Dental to assist youth clients with health and wellness programs

Bread of Life Shower and Laundry Program

- Shower program runs every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 to 8:30 PM
- Sign-ups for the program seem to be steady but participation continues to be slow but, several factors are considered the cause
 - It is believed that the cold weather keeps some from coming out. Since the temperatures drop in the evening, it is thought that many do not want to walk to the Center if they are already set up somewhere
 - We are also aware that the shelters have opened, and a lot of individuals chose to secure their spot at the shelter rather than come to shower or do laundry

Red Royal Diamond Dance Team

- Program runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00
- The next season will begin February 16th with sign up and enrollment
 - Enrollment will be open to all those that wish to apply
 - Everyone who was on the previous seasons team will have to reapply as well
 - Admittance will be on a first come basis
 - Those not admitted at the start will be placed on a waiting list
 - There will be 35 open spots total

Red Cross Blood Drive

- Blood drive was held with the Red Cross on January 27th from 1 pm to 6 pm
- Drive was by preregistration only
- Was a bigger success than expected
- A goal number was set at 20 donations
 - 34 total donations were received
- The Ricketts Center and the local Red Cross will continue to work together and hold more blood drives in the future

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 after school and evening programming.

2021 FOOD DONATIONS				
Month	Archdiocese	Pottstown Cluster	Wawa	Misc.
January	610.1	1,770	128.3	
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total Weight	610.1 lb.	1,770 lbs.	128.3 lbs.	lbs.