

## August 2022 Update for Ricketts Center

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Current Staffing:

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Current Member Enrollment: 695

New memberships this month: 11

Current Operating Hours: M – F 10 AM to 8 PM, Sat – Sun 11 AM – 2 PM (Fitness Center Only)

Programs that occurred this month:

- Summer Programming
- After School Programming
- Back-to-School Event
- Karate
- RRD Dance
- Fitness Center
- *Bread of Life* Shower and Laundry Program
- Breaking the Cycle Mentoring

### **Summer Programming**

- Summer programming ended on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Morning programs ran smoothly but afternoon program had its struggles
- Afternoon program was open to all youth and saw issues with behaviors and negative attitudes

### **After School Programming**

- After school program began on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- High attendance that we saw during the summer carried over to the after-school program
- On average saw anywhere from 40 to 60 kids a day

### **Back-to-School Event**

- A back-to-school event was held on August 14<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Joule 4 Jesus Ministries
- Event ran from 12-5
- Handed out giveaways that included book bags, school supplies, books, clothing for all ages, toiletries, and diapers
- The Mother Goose Reading program for infants and toddlers was also in attendance to try to ramp up interest in the program
- There was a very good turnout of people with almost all of the items available handed out to those that needed them

### **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
- Participation varied throughout the month
  - A lot of participants were going on vacations throughout the month so there were lower numbers than usual

#### **RRD Dance**

- RRD Dance class started again this month
- All spots have not been filled for the team
- Continues to run every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7

#### **Fitness Center**

- The Fitness Center continues to see growth in participation throughout the month
- Outdoor Boot Camp continues to grow and see high numbers of participation
  - Boot Camp is being held at the Pottstown High School track
  - Attendance has increased significantly and continues to grow each month
  - Nights have seen as many as 60 people out for Boot Camp

#### **Bread of Life Shower and Laundry Program**

- Calls for inquiries of services continue to increase but we have seen a lot of cancellations or no shows – mainly for laundry services
- Participation stayed steady between 3 and 4 people per day

#### **Mentoring Program**

- This month we began working with a few men within the community to test out a youth mentoring program
- It is an 11 week program that will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays form 6-8 pm
- Participants were chosen by invite only to start
- Program will cover various topics including social media influence, peer pressure, community violence, and entrepreneurship
- This program is a pilot to see if it something that may be able to continue moving forward to add as a regular Center program

### 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.

<b>2021 FOOD DONATIONS</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b>Archdiocese</b>	<b>Pottstown Cluster</b>	<b>Wawa</b>	<b>Misc.</b>
January	610.1	1,770	128.3	
February	757.5	1536	51.7	
March	803.1	2382	76.5	
April	702.3	1644	61.9	
May	724.1	1539	132.5	
June	762.1	1747	115.5	178.9
July	1189.8	1589.2	98.1	
August	630.7	1915	181.1	
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total Weight	6179.7 lb.	14122.2 lbs.	845.6 lbs.	178.9 lbs.