

December 2022 Update for Ricketts Center

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Current Staffing:

Krystal Darby – Director

Hettie Webb – Receptionist/Food Service

Haley Speltzer – Lead Program Coordinator

Dakota Clanagan – Program Coordinator

Paul Winterbottom – Fitness Center Program Coordinator

Current Enrollment: 785

New Membership this month: 17

Current Operating Hours: M – F 10 AM to 8PM

Sat – Sun 11AM – 2PM (Fitness Center Only)

Programs that occurred this month:

- After School Programming
- Karate
- RRD Dance Majorettes
- Pottstown Borough Dance
- Fitness Center
- *Bread of Life* Shower and Laundry Program
- Voting
- Thanksgiving Dinners
- Food Access/Donations
- 1st Annual Holiday Program

After School Programming

- Participation over the month is varied
 - This is attributed to youth taking part in at-school activities such as sport teams.
- Membership has grown by 17 members over the month.
- We continue to serve 50 to 70 kids a day.

Karate

- Karate 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 (beginning at age 7)
- Program is open to entire family, parents and grandparents included.
- Participation has been holding steady with the consistent regulars that come (6-10 members).

RRD Dance Majorettes

- RRD Dance class continued through the month
- Continues to run every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7PM

Pottstown Borough Dance

- The borough dance program occurs twice a week on Monday (6-8:30 PM) and Wednesdays (6-8PM)
- Program goes well with no issues.
- There is great communication between instructor and Ricketts staff for any changes of issues.

Fitness Center

- The fitness center has been holding steady with participation.
- Boot Camp continues to be held indoors at this time.
- Attendance for boot camp remains steady.
- Boot camp utilizes the Ricketts gymnasium as well as the second floor fitness center
- Fitness center continues the senior seated fitness class
 - Class occurs every Thursday from 12-1
 - Class is intended mainly for seniors but anyone who is in need of a seated class can join
 - Incorporates light weights and exercise that only take place in a chair.

Bread of Life Shower and Laundry Program

- Participation remained steady over the month
- On average, anywhere from 4 to 7 people were seen per day.

Voting

- The Ricketts Center hosted voting on November 8th
- The day went smoothly with no issues.
- All that wished to vote were able to do so.

Thanksgiving Dinner

- Ricketts staff and volunteers handed out thanksgiving dinners to the community on Monday, November 21st.
- All food was provided by and prepared by the Ricketts staff, volunteers, and Pottstown Hospital
- Volunteers that come out to help tray all food and hand out included those from Pottstown Hospital and Gerhart Hartman & Ritner Insurance. There were also a few community members that assisted.
- Other items, such as pampers, wipes, toiletries, and clothes were handed out by community partner Joule 4 Jesus Ministries.

1st Annual Holiday Program

- Ricketts youth members prepared dance and song performances for the community.
- Hot coco, cider and hot dogs were sold as a fund raiser.
- The space was open to vendors/business owners to create community/business connections.
- Other items, such as pampers, wipes, toiletries, and clothes were handed out by community partner Joule 4 Jesus ministries.

2022 Food Donations				
Month	Archdiocese	Pottstown Cluster	Wawa	Misc.
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	701.8	2028	86.4	
October	775.7	2021.3	80.5	
November	560.2	1687	143.3	
December	924	501.4	62.5	
Total Weight	9,141.4 lbs	20,259.9 lbs	1,218.3 lbs	178.9 lbs