



IN THIS TOGETHER

An update from Mark Rand, CEO
April 10, 2020

As you drive around town, you will see hearts in windows and “in this together” signs in yards to signify our community coming together in this time of staying apart. I’m proud to say the Club continues to “come together” with community partners to serve our community in a time in which it needs it most. In the 10 days since my last update, we’ve been hard at work ensuring we’re able to continue providing resources to our members and community.

GOOD CHARACTER & CITIZENSHIP

We’ve continued to work with Community Action and the Y to assemble more activity bags. The first round provided 200 bags, which were split between Hackett and Merrill Elementary schools to be distributed when families are picking up breakfasts and lunches. New donors have come forward, which has allowed us to donate 100 kits to each of the six school sites.

In South Beloit, our leadership has been busy helping the food pantry at the South Beloit Middle school. We’ve assisted with unloading and stocking food, as well as in the distribution of food to families. This food pantry is open Wednesday each week.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

We continue to offer virtual programming, which includes daily activity sheets that are sent out via Google forms. We are also posting daily YouTube video demonstrations of various activities to keep youth engaged and active

In addition to virtual programming, we are offering virtual tutoring via Zoom. We are eager to assist any kids who would like some extra assistance! Parent consent is required before services are performed.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

We began to serve Grab-and-Go dinners at both Club sites. We are serving close to 80 dinners per night, which is close to 400 dinners per week. Dinners are served from 4:30pm – 6pm Monday – Friday each week.

One thing you can count on in this time of uncertainty is that your Club is here for you. We have always made it our priority to respond to the needs of our members and community, working with our valued community partners along the way. Though we miss “our kids” and our staff, I continue to be proud of the work we’re doing during these times.

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