



A TIME FOR HELPERS



Be a Helper

Our goal at the Y is to always be among the helpers . But the nature of this virus and how it spreads presents significant challenges to our organization. With your safety in mind, we have closed our facilities, but we are still looking to serve as we can. Today, **we are looking for you to join us in our response to COVID-19**. Our Y is responding to this crisis in the following ways:

- Having had over 200 employees, we have reduced our workforce to only 14 to ensure we maintain our operations during this closure. Remaining staff are working hard as the landscape of our business continues to change. Reduced revenues do not sustain our operations. **We are looking to you for help.**
- **Distributing nutritious, free "Grab 'N' Go" dinners** to people of all ages in need to ensure no one goes hungry. This collaborative effort is serving over 600 meals per day to community members in need.
- **Acting as a Blood Drive Station** because the Red Cross is experiencing a severe shortage of life-saving blood. We have had over 60 community members come forward to support our health care system in this way at our blood drives.
- **Keeping our members engaged during isolation** by providing access to online classes and making personal phone calls. These connections are intended to keep our community active physically, socially, and spiritually.

As a leading human service provider in Door County, we stand ready to educate, comfort, serve and support children and families. In the coming days and weeks our community will need the YMCA more than ever. **However, we need you by our side**. Canceling programs is causing a serious loss of revenue for the Y – unlike anything we have ever experienced.

I know this crisis may have affected you personally, and if it has, we are here to support you. Please, email or call - we are here to listen. **But if you are able, we ask that you be a helper.** Your gift to the Y will allow, when this crisis is over, us to be here to help the community recover. If you have already given a gift to support the Y in this challenging time, please know we are so grateful. It is clear that our work is far from over.

As always, thank you for being part of our Y family. I sincerely hope you and your loved ones stay healthy through this challenging period.

Stay with us, for a better us.



Tom Beerntsen, CEO
Door County YMCA

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