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A newsletter for Carlisle Family YMCA Building Project supporters

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CARLISLE FAMILY YMCA

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COVID-19 IMPACT

The Carlisle Family YMCA closed on March 16 due to the stay-at-home order, which led to a significant loss of operational revenue for our organization—including reduced membership fees because of some terminations or membership holds, refunds on cancelled programs and the suspension of the Annual Campaign. In response, we had to make the difficult decision to furlough 96% of our staff. Fortunately, we received a loan from the Paycheck Protection Program in mid-April which allowed us to put our employees back on the payroll.

Our strong financial position going into March, combined with reduced operating expenses during the shutdown and the PPP loan, helped get us through closure and has carried us into summer. We re-opened our facility to members on June 15, with some restrictions, and are offering limited programming that meets recommended protocols. As of July, our swimming pool, fitness center, court and locker rooms are open to members, but group exercise classes and basketball have not yet resumed.

Over the past few months, we have been able to gradually restore important community programs. In order to assist front line workers putting their own safety at risk, our



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Y received a waiver to operate our childcare center, which has been open again since May 4. We began our summer day camp programs on June 8 and resident camp on July 5, which helped to ease the burden on parents of school-age children and allowed many of them to go back to work. Also in July, we resumed private and group swim lessons in order to help keep kids safe around the water this summer. Each program and member service comes with specific guidelines and protocols to ensure public safety. We will continue to return programs and services as we are able to, while adhering to the ever-changing guidelines.

We have implemented new CDC cleaning and sanitizing protocols as defined for each program area. Coming in August is an extra level of protection for Y members, staff and participants; ionization systems

to be installed in child care, fitness center and locker room HVAC systems that will clean and sanitize the air circulating through the building. We will move these systems to the newly constructed areas when complete.

No one can predict what is in store for us over the next 6 months. Our operating plan continues to evolve with a major focus on flexibility. We are fortunate to have some cash reserves that we can draw on if needed, but we sincerely hope we can navigate through the next year without having to take that step. We are grateful to all of our members and supporters for standing by us in this challenging time.

Marcia Drozdowski

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Chief Executive Officer



MAKING PROGRESS BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Our building project was shut down for 6 weeks beginning in mid-March, but construction resumed in early May. Our contractors were fortunate to have already acquired many of the building materials they needed before the pandemic hit, so we have not had major supply chain issues to date.

If you've had a chance to drive past the Y recently you will see that quite a lot of progress has been made, with very few weather-related work stoppages, and the project is currently on budget. The target date for completion of Phase 1 is now mid-October.

WHAT'S NEXT? HOW WILL THE Y OPERATE AS WE MOVE FORWARD?

When Phase 1 is completed this fall:

- We will move into the new Wellness Center on the second floor. 80% of the center will be complete, but the functional fitness area will be built in Phase 2.
- Access to the building will shift to

WELLNESS CENTER EQUIPMENT UPDATE

We've completed our research on equipment options for our new 9,000 square foot Wellness Center. In early August, we will place orders for a new circuit, new free weight equipment, new treadmills and other equipment so it is in place for our grand opening later this fall.

an entrance on the West Street side of the building. The Welcome Center will move into the new lobby area of the first floor.

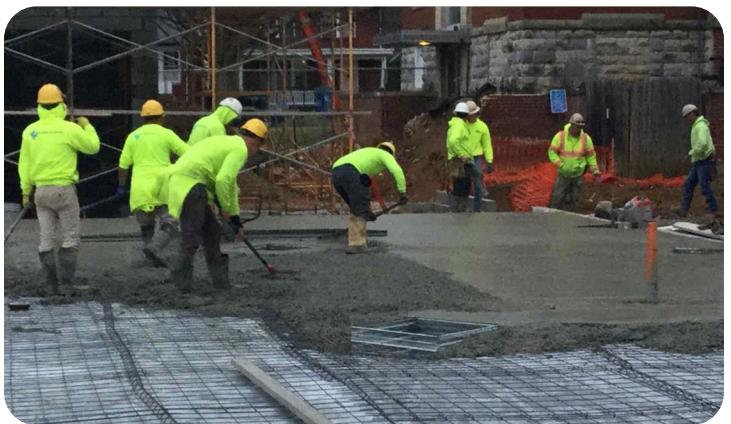
- The courts and gymnasium will be accessed from the hallway on the first floor.
- Our current fitness center will be divided into two spaces to house land fitness classes and cycling classes during Phase 2.
- Administration offices and Child Care will temporarily move into the first floor of Phase 1 until permanent facilities are completed during Phase 2.

We hope it will take just a few weeks to move all of the equipment, furniture

and files out of the Franklin School building and prepare the new wing for our members. After that, the school structure will be demolished and work will begin on Phase 2.

Construction During Phase 2, which should last through Fall 2021, will include:

- New Child Care wing with private entrance on Arch Street
- Fitness Studios A, B and C
- New parking lot and entrance on the Walnut Street side of the building
- Renovations to all locker rooms
- Conversion of the current fitness center into a multipurpose room



Clockwise from top left: 1) Setting the main stairway; 2) Exterior sheathing; 3) Pouring the first floor slab; 4) Duct work installation; 5) Plywood installation in the new handball / racquetball court; and 6) Elevator shaft construction. Pictured on the page to the left: Overhead view of the progress when construction shutdown in mid-March.

DONOR WALL DESIGN REVEALED

We're excited to give you a sneak peek at the design for our Donor Wall, which will recognize major gifts of \$10,000 and above in the hallway between the two new entrances of the Y. It was designed by our project architect Benedict Dubbs of Murray & Associates to complement elements of the building design. Development Director Cate Mellen will be reaching out to donors individually over the next several weeks to confirm how they would like to be recognized.



Recognition for donors giving between \$2,500 & \$9,999 will be located in Phase 2 of the building project which is scheduled for completion in 2021.



HERE FOR ALL

Social Responsibility is an important part of our mission here at the Y, and even a pandemic couldn't keep our members from pitching in to give back to our community.

With the help of our friends at the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank, we hosted blood drives for our members to help address the acute blood shortage in our area and ensure that local medical facilities had adequate supplies. On April 30, we had 26 registered donors and collected 20 points of blood, which will help save the lives of 60 local patients. On June 6, we hosted a second blood drive, with 63 registered donors. That day we collected 45 pints of blood, which will help save the lives of 135 local patients.

And on May 20, we held a Drive-Thru Food Drive in our parking lot. In mid-May the Carlisle Area School District's food distribution program finished for the school year, so Y members collected 1,464 items including canned goods, rice & pasta, snacks, baby food and more for Project Share to help families in need.



Top photo, Marketing Director Michelle Bell and Lifeguard Isaiah Bell deliver the 1,464 food items to ProjectSHARE that were collected during the Drive Thru Food Drive held on May 20. Bottom right, Group Exercise Instructor Linda Henninger collects food donations. Bottom left, we also hosted two blood drives while the facility was closed.