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April 24, 2020 Update

Dear Y Members:

Thank you for your support of the Y and your patience during the Coronavirus outbreak. We hope you and your family are healthy and safe.

YMCA Membership

The Meriden YMCA has served the community for 153 years and the New Britain-Berlin YMCA has served the community for over 137 years. Thank you for supporting the Y and our mission to develop strong children and families of all economic backgrounds. We are a nonprofit organization and your membership and program fees allow the Y to faithfully serve thousands of local families and individuals each year.

Although we are closed we have been continuing to serve our community with:

1. Free Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers;
2. Virtual workouts to help you stay healthy at home including new live classes and videos announced this week;
3. Daily wellness tips, workouts and recipes;
4. Check in calls to our senior members and weekday newsletters with exercise videos and wellness tips;
5. Fun kids sports, arts, STEM and education activities;
6. Virtual game nights for our theater group, swim and gymnastics teams.

Next week we are starting free virtual dance, screenwriting, art and STEM programs for you to enjoy, and we'll continue to add new workouts. We're also working on expanding virtual game nights to more programs.

We are hopeful that you will be patient during this unprecedented time and continue to support the Y. Our YMCA has helped keep our community healthy and we ask that you please keep your membership active so we can keep our YMCA healthy during these challenges. Your support is more critical than ever.

Please consider donating your May membership dues if you can. We will use these funds to help our community members affected during this virus outbreak. One way these funds will be used is to help pay for emergency child care for essential workers. Your donation is tax deductible.

Please click on the link below and let us know what you would like us to do with your May membership fees. You can donate your dues and keep our Y and community healthy or place a temporary hold on your membership. When you place a temporary one month hold, your dues are not taken out of your account the same as if you

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canceled. The difference is you show that you still stand with the Y. It is also easier to reactivate your account when we reopen our building.

We understand that not every family is able to do this due to their financial situation. Please contact us and let us know. Click the link below and tell us what you want to do with your membership. The dues of all active and donated memberships will be donated to the COVID-19 Emergency Child Care fund.

[My Y Membership](#)

YMCA Programs

All programs which were interrupted with the closing are postponed. We plan to make them up when we reopen. Program directors will be in touch with participants as information becomes available.

Summer Camp

We are still planning for a summer of fun and are in regular contact with the State of Connecticut's Office of Early Childhood Development. We will share any new summer camp information as soon as it becomes available.

Contact the YMCA

You can still contact our Y branches:

- Meriden YMCA at (203) 235-6386
- Berlin YMCA at (860) 357-2717
- New Britain YMCA at (860) 229-3787.

Calls are being forwarded and someone will respond back to you. All Y information including any updates about when we will reopen will be posted on our web sites at meridenymca.org and nbbymca.org, sent via email, and posted on our social media.

We are confident that together, we will get through this, and be back to serving our communities soon.

Sincerely,

John Benigni, CEO, Meriden-New Britain-Berlin YMCA
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