



March 10, 2021

Dear Community Member,

We are happy to announce the 44th YMCA/Wiltwyck Pro-Am is scheduled for Monday, September 20th. The Pro-Am is our top fundraiser and allows our YMCA to provide services and assistance to so many in need in our community.

As COVID-19 spread through our community, the future felt so unpredictable. We knew we had to adapt fast to a changing reality. As the YMCA Gym doors closed our focus pivoted to helping our community in crisis. We would like to share with you what was accomplished:

- The YMCA became the distribution site of meals for the city of Kingston. Up to 12,000 meals a week were delivered to individuals and families in the city of Kingston. YMCA staff and volunteers, along with the support of many other community organizations delivered meals to those without transportation, work, and vulnerable to the virus. It was a remarkable effort that was implemented days after the community shutdown
- Our Essentials workers were the heroes throughout this year working tirelessly despite the dangers. These mothers and fathers needed childcare so they could work and provide vital services. The YMCA made available four Emergency Childcare sites throughout Ulster County so families would have a safe environment for their children to go to school virtually, play and interact with other children despite the omnipresence of COVID-19.
- An unexpected demand for bikes hit our community in late spring and summer. Our YMCA Lend-A-Wheel Program responded by providing 229 refurbished bikes, helmets and bike locks to individuals in need of transportation for work, shopping, or school. Three repair clinics were offered so individuals could learn how to perform simple repairs on their bikes.
- Wellness checks were made to our seniors to make sure they were safe and supported.
- Our virtual fitness programs and activities provided youth, families, adults, and seniors with a means to stay healthy while at home. A woman in Germany thanked us for the virtual exercise classes and said it "made her feel connected".

*In times like this, we're reminded of how interconnected we all are. Now, more than ever, our community needs us. And we need you. **Please sponsor the YMCA/Wiltwyck Pro-Am as generously as you can.** You can use the enclosed form to pledge your sponsorship. You can also use it register a team or player(s). If you would like to discuss your sponsorship or team please contact Kristyn Keller at (845) 338-3810 Ext 115 or kkeller@ymcaulster.org*

Best regards,

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