



## **MEMBERSHIP, PROGRAMS & CAMP UPDATE**

To our valued members,

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the Y. It is because of that support that we can continue to serve the community with essential child care, blood and food drives, and [virtual programming](#) to ensure everyone can remain healthy in spirit, mind and body during these challenging times.

As a charitable organization working toward our mission, we are asking you to continue supporting this essential community work. The YMCA of Greater Hartford will continue to draft membership dues in May, which will be considered a charitable contribution.

If your family is facing financial hardships, please reach out to us about putting your account on hold until we are able to reopen our doors. You can give your branch a call, or email us at [friends@ghymca.org](mailto:friends@ghymca.org).

At this point in time, based on Governor Ned Lamont's Stay at Home order, we are hoping to reopen our facilities starting on June 1. The situation is of course rapidly changing, and we will continue to follow any orders from the State of Connecticut and guidelines from the CDC. We are working hard to plan for the future and ensure that all of our members, program participants, volunteers and staff are safe when we are able to return to our buildings.

We would also like to take this time to announce that our spring 2 programs have been officially cancelled, and we will be automatically refunding all payments. We are suspending May draft payments for sports teams, swim teams, child care, and other programs that are not running. However, we do still have staff working and providing virtual programming, and if you are willing and able to continue to draft your program dues it would go a long way in helping us to continue providing these resources. Any continuation of program drafts would be considered a charitable contribution. If you are interested, please reach out to your branch by phone or by emailing [friends@ghymca.org](mailto:friends@ghymca.org).

Lastly, we wanted to provide an update on [summer camp](#) for 2020. We fully intend to hold summer camp - at our 13 day camps and our 2 overnight camps, [Camp Jewell](#) and [Camp](#)



[Woodstock](#) - and are eager to provide a much-needed outlet for children to come together and engage in fun and enriching activities. We are waiting for final guidance from the state and will issue any notifications and final decisions as soon as we are able. To assist our families, we have pushed back final payments for overnight summer camp until June 1, and day camp final payments are due the Wednesday before a session starts. If you still wish for your camp draft payment to come out on May 1, please contact us. If camp is canceled, we will refund registration fees upon request. In addition, we know many are struggling financially at this time, and would like to remind you that we offer financial assistance for all of our summer camp programs, and we accept Care4Kids. To apply, [visit us online](#) or call your branch.

Thank you so much for being part of our community and staying with us during these trying times. We hope you continue to enjoy our [Y at Home](#) programming. Please subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#), where you can enjoy the daily videos we are producing to keep you and your family healthy and entertained while you are home.

Stay safe, stay well, and we cannot wait to reopen and see you all soon!

Sincerely,

Your YMCA Team