COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE

What we are achieving together in response to the needs in our neighborhoods.

CHILD CARE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

With schools closed, many first responders and essential workers need accessible and affordable child care. WA Ys are providing free and low-cost child care to support first responders and other essential employees. We are caring for their families while they care for ours.

Providing care for 1,616 children daily

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All of our backup child care support disappeared instantly and left us scrambling. The Y was so fast in seeing the need and filling it. The relief I felt I just cannot explain.

~ First Responder

FEEDING VULNERABLE CHILDREN

WA Y’s are working closely with school districts and community partners to address meal access for children and low-income families.

Providing 193,357 meals per week

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Food banks have only been able to provide us canned goods...The Y has been a blessing to us as they have been able to get us the fresh food we desperately needed.

~ Community Member

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HOUSING AND COUNSELING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The critical services we provide for teens and young adults like transitional and long-term housing, mental health treatment, crisis intervention, and casework are more important than ever.

My friends from the Y are among my closest companions. Being good friends means we can count on each other to be there and during this time of isolation, frequently visiting on the phone to keep spirits up.

- Program Participant

Providing housing for 330 young adults per week

SENIOR HEALTH OUTREACH

Senior citizens are the most at-risk for COVID-19 and many are experiencing increased social isolation and loneliness. WA Ys are helping senior members stay connected to Y staff and to each other through regular outreach, making sure seniors maintain access to critical resources like groceries, and staying physically and mentally healthy during isolation.

I have been doing online Y videos every day to keep my motivation going. Thank you for the great exercise videos and for the call to check-in on me.

- Y Member

Connecting with 1,500 seniors per week

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