

## **CAP Directors Report** *December 2020*

### **Adult Athletics**

Jazzercise is operating on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturdays again. The drop in basketball program on Wednesday nights has also started back up.

### **Adult Enrichment**

Ladies Day Away took the month off in December.

### **Aquatics**

Dane County's Order #10 expired, Order #11 allowed for return of programmed activities and rentals.

Kathryn is still looking into swim lesson options if/when we are able to hold group lessons again, as those are in high demand and an essential skill for kids to learn. Currently we are able to run private swim lessons if a household adult can get in the water with the child.

Sales this month:

December: 25

2020 Total: 126 (2019 total sales: 224)

(Kathryn completed her new goal of breaking 115 membership sales in 2020)

### **CAP CARE & Preschool**

December was a busy and exciting month for CAP CARE. They applied for a \$50,000 PDG Community Innovations grant. This grant was sponsored by DCF and encouraged applicants to collaborate with at least one other organization/company to support young children ages birth to 5 and their families in the Wisconsin communities. Applicants could seek funding to launch new programs, expand exciting work, or to support collaboration across programs and partners. CAP CARE wrote their application to focus on the following collaborations (a copy of the grant application can be found in Mandy's research project).

- Expanding care to 3 year olds to include students in the EC program
- Expanding hours of care to include morning or afternoon EC and 4K students
- Collaborating with the Food Pantry and CART to provide a CARES scholarship that would be available to assist families struggling to pay for childcare
- Collaborating with the Farm to School program to bring Chef in The Classroom to the 4K program at CAP CARE, start a program similar to Eco Jays, and build 3 hydroponic systems for the classrooms in CAP CARE.

CAP CARE also applied for a Foundation Grant to help fund some of the above expansions and collaborations. This grant would help purchase additional materials needed to change our license to include 3 year old children, as well as build the additional hydroponic systems for the K-4th grade rooms in CAP CARE

CAP CARE is happy to report that there were no COVID exposures within the program during the month of December, and CAP CARE did not need to provide virtual school during the month of December.

### **Community Café**

The Community Cafés have been suspended until further notice.

### **Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry served 44 households in the month of December including 136 adults, 66 kids, and 7 seniors. In addition, the pantry distributed over 48 holiday baskets to area residents. The pantry was closed for the holiday on December 28.

### **Ripley Park**

Holiday lights were up and running all month of December. We have received feedback of how well they look this year.

### **Seniors**

All senior programming has been suspended until further notice.

### **Youth Athletics**

The Girls Basketball teams held 3 host dates in the month of December. Teams from McFarland, Fort Atkinson, Lake Mills, Deerfield, and Luther Prep joined us for most of those dates and appreciated our precautions and organization of the events. We plan to continue practices and a couple games into the month of January.

Our boys season kicked off as well, and held one host date for our 5th grade boys. The 5th-8th grade is practicing regularly and each have at least 3 weekends lined up for the month of January. The league is not operating as normal but surrounding communities have been able to connect and set up host days.

In January our Intern (Brad) will be joining the CAP group. His love for sports and all around Rec. activities will be a big help as we begin to navigate the boys basketball season, along with planning for our upcoming spring events.

### **Youth Center**

The Youth Center was closed during December.

### **Youth Enrichment**

Breakfast with Santa was a success. We hosted a drive thru style breakfast this year outside. We had approximately 10 volunteers. Our volunteers were PODS of people who have been working or volunteering together during this time. CAP CARE oversaw the craft tables. The HS Food Pantry volunteers oversaw the food and letter tables and the CAP directors oversaw the entire activity with Officer Tony playing the part of the Grinch. There was a lot of positive feedback from families who appreciated the safe alternative to the annual event and were amazed with the amount of food they received as well.

The Adopt a Child event was a huge success as well. This year we added a donation button strictly for the Adopt a Child program and raised over \$4,000 from that alone. Due to many patrons not going inside banks and many families shopping online instead of in stores, we also created a virtual tree along with the physical tree in Hometown Bank, and window tree at Badger Bank. Hometown Bank's tree sponsored 8 children. Badger Bank's tree sponsored 5 children and raised approximately \$1,000 with their drive thru 'fish bowl'. The virtual tree sponsored 47 children. CAP sponsored 24 children

with the Adopt a Child donations and was able to provide each child with an additional \$25 Walmart gift card. This year the entire program provided presents for 95 children in the Cambridge area.

First Friends and Sporties for Shorties have both been canceled for the remainder of the current school year.

Parent's Night Out was cancelled in December due the current order at the time

**New Hires**

Jeff Agnew

Kaila Buehler

Brian Frohmader

Michael Ganzow

Rob Gilkey

Drew Jeffrey

Fritz Kaiser

Jason Krapfl

Brain Meitner

Brad Seidl

Hailee Sundquist

Lance Tarnutzer

Lily Weiss

Respectfully Submitted,  
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