

## **CAP Directors Report**

*October 2021*

### **Adult Athletics**

The Fitness Center added two new pieces of equipment and they both have been a favorite for our students and members. One of the members is willing to donate to get an additional piece of equipment after seeing the great use of the new machines.

Adult open gym numbers continue to increase as we get into the colder months. Plans continue for the start of our Co-ed volleyball season and team training.

### **Adult Enrichment**

Ladies Day Away had eight participants in October.

### **Aquatics**

The month of October was a little better than September staffing wise. Fall sports were slowing down and the schedule became more normal. LeAnne is hoping to hire some more lifeguards after the class in November. The shortage of lifeguard crisis continues nationwide; therefore, we have dropped the cost of the class in November down to only \$50 in hopes of getting more people through the class and on staff. The first session of group lessons also finished at the end of October. We have had to combine and cut group lesson offerings due to lack of staffing. It is difficult to staff both lessons and lifeguards when they are the same staff with both certifications. LeAnne is hoping to hold a WSI course in January so more staff can become certified. This month the Blue Fins also had their first swim meet at home. For the first real meet since COVID started, it was an overall success. It was disappointing that we were not able to do concessions as that is a huge fundraiser for the team, but we were able to do a raffle that brought in a couple of hundred dollars.

### **CAP CARE & Preschool**

CAP CARE launched a new online tracking and communication system for parents called Brightwheel. This app has been much easier to use for staff and parents and has helped reduce some of our cost for the program. During October, CAP CARE participated in the great apple crunch. The 3K and 4K groups participated in taste testing apples while the after-school program enjoyed the traditional caramel apple bar snack. Parents night out for October was a Halloween themed event with ten children in attendance.

Miss Meghan received the 3rd quarter CAPtured award for CAP. Miss Meghan has really stepped up as a leader within the program taking on our 3 and 4K students as well as assisting with training new staff.

First friends ended their first session with ten children in attendance consistently and was on track to add a few more to the second session in November.

### **Community Café**

The dinners will resume at the park next June.

### **Food Pantry**

The Cambridge Food Pantry served 50 households in October, including 32 adults, 20 children and 17 seniors. The Food Pantry registered three new households in October and saw the return of several neighbors that have not visited the pantry in the past 12 months.

The Food Pantry is working on assembling the holiday meal baskets for Thanksgiving. Distribution of Thanksgiving baskets will take place on Monday, November 15. Many of the area churches are contributing food items and have made monetary donations for the baskets this year. The Food Pantry is planning on assembling 55 baskets for distribution.

The Food Pantry continues to work with the school district to organize and implement Bruiser's Pantry in all three district school buildings. The plan is to have the pantries up and running when students return from Winter Break.

### **Ripley Park**

Ripley Park was slowly closing amenities down for the winter. With the great weather, the park continued to be used on a daily basis with highlights being the playground and the disc golf course. CAP utilized the park for the Halloween Spooktacular event which was a great turn-out and served as a great location going forward. Garth and Heather started getting the Holiday Lights up at the end of the month and will be ready before Thanksgiving. The outbuildings had been winterized for the year so the bathrooms are no longer open. Most outside activities are still available while we continue to have great weather and they are being utilized by patrons.

### **Seniors**

Senior Luncheons in October had great attendance with over 30 attendees for each one. October 13th was sponsored by the Cambridge Community Library with a program from Zoozort and lunch from Cambridge Market. The luncheon on October 27th was at Galleria 214 where they enjoyed lunch from CC Sandwiches and socializing with friends while playing various games such as Euchre and Bunco. Attendees have really enjoyed visiting various locations and receiving lunch from different vendors. This has allowed them to experience places they may not have been to or eaten at in the past.

### **Youth Athletics**

In October our Flag Football / Soccer teams closed on their 2021 Fall Season. Awesome coaches, zero issues and fantastic weather made for a great season in both programs. We now head into our basketball season. Girls have started practices and are preparing for our normal league play. The new basketballs are great.

### **Youth Center**

The Youth Center continues to see great attendance. Basketball and some other after school activities started in October lowering the daily average to about 23 students per day. There was a total of 79 students receiving services this month, with 13 of them being newly registered. We held our first Youth Center event of the school year, Halloween Costume Party, with 11 students in attendance. We have been very fortunate that the weather has been staying nice so we can continue to utilize the outdoors since the gyms haven't been a resource for us this month. Anders has been a great addition to our staff and has done a great job keeping the students entertained with various activities.

### **New Hires**

Anders Crisp  
Amanda Punsel

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jordan Nichols, Executive Director