

## CAP Directors Report

December 2021

### Adult Athletics

Our Adult Coed Volleyball schedule is ready and will start in early January. The Fitness Center cardio equipment has been tuned and fixed. Our winter members are back and we are expecting an uptick in usage over the next several months.

### Adult Enrichment

Ladies Day Away had six participants in December.

### Aquatics

December was a refreshingly slower month as Session 2 of group lessons and Blue Fins finished up in early to mid-December as the students went onto Winter Break. The college guards also returned for their break making it easier to schedule and for the staff to trade shifts. Our birthday party rentals continue to come in during the colder months. During this month, we also offered a lifeguard course. We had four register, but two did not pass the prerequisites and could not continue in the course. A challenge we are currently facing is being short staffed with Water Safety Instructors. Because of this we have had to limit class sizes and postpone registrations. We have been trying to schedule a training course so we can get more staff certified, however there are limited instructors in the area and it has been difficult.

### CAP CARE & Preschool

2021 was another year of change for CAP CARE. Early childhood and childcare have continued to gain recognition on the importance of programing like ours to the development of children. This recognition has come through in the form of continued funding and grants through the year. Looking back, CAP CARE has received the following funding

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Wisconsin Shares</b>	<b>YoungStar Payments</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Grand total</b>
1st quarter	\$1,183.50	\$181.27	\$0.00	<b>\$1,364.77</b>
2nd quarter	\$1,251.59	\$715.30	\$27,625	<b>\$29,591.89</b>
3rd quarter	\$2,705.44	\$964.97	\$0.00	<b>\$3,670.41</b>
4th quarter	\$7,273.66	\$2,740.15	\$5,825	<b>\$15,838.81</b>
	<b>\$12,414.19</b>	<b>\$4,601.69</b>	<b>\$33,450</b>	<b>\$50,465.88</b>

In December, CAP CARE began receiving grant money through the Child Care Counts program. \$3,575 was designated to increase access to High-Quality Care. With this grant, CAP CARE began purchasing 2 mobile backpack carts. These will allow children to have their own space for personal items, as well as allow them to not be required to share with a sibling. CAP CARE can also take these carts outside for children to put their belongings on. A larger refrigerator was also purchased to allow CAP CARE to keep more fresh snacks and milk in the classroom. Finally, two teacher storage cabinets were purchased to allow staff a place for their personal belongings and coats. \$2,250 was designated to fund workforce recruitment and retention. Funding from this grant will be used as a scholarship to staff

for continuing education related to the child care field. Funding from both the High-Quality care and Workforce recruitment and retention funds will continue monthly through June.

Parent's Night Out in December had sixteen friends in attendance. They had a pool party and movie. Safe Sitter was offered in December with nine children registered and First Friends started their second session in December and continues to have ten children enrolled.

### **Community Café**

The dinners will resume at the park next June.

### **Food Pantry**

The Cambridge Food Pantry saw a slight decrease in clients served in the month of December.

The Food Pantry served 27 households, including 26 adults, 5 children and 23 seniors.

The Food Pantry distributed 35 holiday meal baskets to neighbors. Ten of those were delivered to food pantry neighbors with no available means of transportation.

### **Ripley Park**

Ripley Park finalized their 2022 Shelter Rental Agreement that will include admissions in the rental cost. Group prices were calculated to have a consistent pricing schedule based on the type of groups.

This will help promote the park for summer day camp companies and Cambridge-based groups.

Holiday Lights shut off on January 3rd and had great traffic and donations received. We will continue to explore ways to increase the display for next year.

### **Seniors**

The December Senior Luncheon was held at Plow. Charles Fiesel prepared a holiday feast complete with a smoked lamb stuffed with homemade stuffing, smoked ham, homemade cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes. Guests enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by a local singer provided by Plow.

We had 35 in attendance for the event but due to restaurant capacity we had to keep a waitlist.

We are currently experiencing large attendance numbers and continue to explore options of larger venues to accommodate all interested participants.

### **Youth Athletics**

CAP Girls Basketball finished up their ESYBL play in early December with an end of season tournament. All five teams had a great season and a couple will extend into extra play in January. The Boys Basketball teams have begun practices and will prepare for their first game day on January 8th. We will have a team at each grade level this year.

A new addition to our youth athletic programs is the Youth Medal Volleyball League. It is very similar to how our basketball league operates and grades 5-8 will be able to compete against surrounding communities between February and March.

### **Youth Center**

The Youth Center was open for 16 days in December with the daily average at 24 students per day.

There was a total of 87 students receiving services this month, with seven of them being newly registered.

We had one after hours event, Holiday Movie Hang-Out, that had 22 participants. We

watched the movie Elf and enjoyed a spaghetti dinner. Our activities included homemade Christmas cookies and sharing some of our favorite video games. We've been very thankful to be able to use the extra conference space at the middle school so the students have been able to spread out and stay physically distanced, as well as having a quiet homework space. The Youth Center received great donations for the Youth Center Fundraising Night. Anew Vintage Dream hosted a furniture workshop during holiday break where four students were able to refurbish donated pieces of furniture to be used as silent auction items. We are still receiving and accepting donations for the event, although it is currently postponed.

**New Hires**

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Respectfully Submitted,  
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