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Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs 2020 Community Benefit Report



YMCAs Impact on Communities

Illinois YMCAs adapted their business model to accommodate unique child care needs during the pandemic, **serving 23,071 youth**.

- 35% of those youth qualified for child care assistance
- 4,638 children served during emergency childcare during the first half of the year to allow essential workers to continue working
- YMCAs provided remote learning assistance, allowing 16,043 school age youth to remain engaged academically while providing meals, physical activity and social-emotional support.
- 2,390 pre-school students were able to continue in their development in a familiar, safe and supportive environment.

3,262,555 meals – the majority to children – were provided by Illinois YMCAs in 2020 to help alleviate hunger in their communities.

YMCAs served as **emergency shelters for 457 homeless individuals** and **515 low income residents** were provided safe shelter in YMCA residential programs in 2020.

91% of IL YMCAs provided virtual fitness programs to meet physical and mental health needs during the pandemic.

Drowning prevention continues to be a priority issue, and YMCAs provided **water safety and swim lessons to 4,736 individuals** safely by modifying instruction to accommodate social distancing.

Impact of COVID-19 on YMCAs

32% AVERAGE REVENUE LOSS DUE TO BUSINESS INTERRUPTION

AVERAGE REDUCTION IN STAFF **43%**

\$24,478,843

COMMUNITY SUPPORT RECEIVED BY IL YMCAs

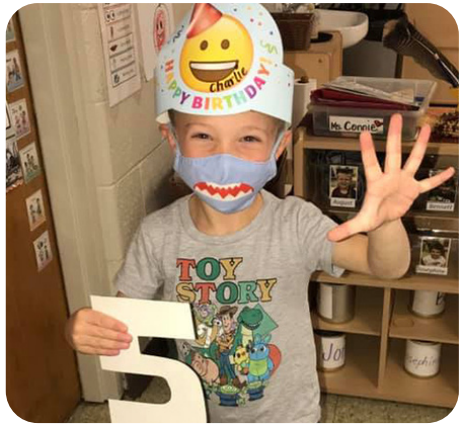
\$25.5 million

FEDERAL STIMULUS RECEIVED BY IL YMCAs

Illinois YMCAs stepped up in numerous ways to meet the unique challenges created by COVID-19 in their communities.

Ys created virtual connections to help combat social isolation for children, teens, families and seniors.

112 BLOOD DRIVES • ORGANIZED FOOD DRIVES • DISTRIBUTED FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED • CREATED 'POP-UP' PANTRIES • CONTACT TRACING IN COORDINATION WITH HEALTH DEPARTMENT • GATHERED AND DISTRIBUTED INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES • PROVIDED COMPUTERS TO STUDENTS FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING • PPE DISTRIBUTION • DISTRIBUTED EXERCISE SETS • PROVIDED IMMIGRANT LEGAL SERVICES • ASSISTED WITH UNEMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS • HOSTED DRIVE THROUGH COVID TESTING SITE • DRIVE THROUGH FLU SHOT CLINIC SUPPLY DRIVE FOR THOSE IN QUARANTINE • COAT DRIVES • SHOE DRIVES • 'AT-HOME' ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOL FAMILIES • HOSTED COMMUNITY CLASSES: VOTER REGISTRATION, HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, HUMAN TRAFFICKING • TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVES AND DISTRIBUTION • BICYCLE GIVEAWAY • PET FOOD DRIVE FAMILY NIGHTS • BOOK CLUBS • TEEN GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMING MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS • OUTREACH CALLS TO SENIORS • WEEKLY PRAYER CALLS • MOM'S CHAT GROUPS • STORY TIME



The Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs brings together more than 800 YMCA program locations impacting more than 150 communities and engaging nearly 1 million Illinoisans to strengthen the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. For more information contact Christy Filby, Executive Director | christy.filby@illinoisymcas.org | 309.798.3423