



PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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THE SKY FAMILY YMCA
From the President and CEO

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Dear Members,

The Y's top priority is always the safety and well-being of our members, volunteers and staff. At the Y, everything we do is guided by our cause to strengthen communities. During this temporary closure, we have transitioned 6 of our Y locations to support children of those who play an essential role in our community's capacity to treat and contain COVID-19. The Y is also still here to help you stay active and connected while you are home and on your own time. At no additional cost to you, as a Y member, we are providing virtual tools for you to stay healthy and connected. Please make sure to "like" and "follow" our local SKY Family YMCA Facebook page to receive your Trainer Tip of the Day and Facebook Live classes taught by your favorite instructors. Also, for the Myzone users, a new challenge is being offered weekly.

We are committed to helping keep Southwest Florida healthy and strong in spirit, mind and body. As a nonprofit, charitable organization, we appreciate your loyalty to the Y and thank you for your patience and understanding during this national crisis. Each year, our YMCA provides over \$1,000,000 in scholarship assistance to those in our community who could not otherwise afford the YMCA services. During this national crisis, there are families of healthcare and first response professionals and caregivers who are in need of assistance. As this pandemic subsides, many families and individuals will be financially insecure and need our services more than ever. **BE THE ONE** to give hope and support for those who need help now and in the future. If you would like to make a donation, please visit www.swflymca.org/give. Thank you for your support!

Blood Drive

Due to the drop in blood donations and the ongoing coronavirus impact, we will have the blood mobile at several of our locations over the next few weeks.

- March 27 at Bonita Springs YMCA 27200 Kent Road, Bonita Springs
- April 1 at Englewood YMCA 701 Medical Blvd., Englewood
- April 3 at the Ft Myers YMCA 1360 Royal Palm Square Blvd, Fort Myers
- April 6 at the Venice YMCA 701 Center Road, Venice
- April 20 at the Punta Gorda YMCA 2905 Tamiami Trail, Punt Gorda
- April 27 at the Franz Ross YMCA 19333 Quesada Ave., Port Charlotte

Donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card.

Food Pick-up Site

The YMCA is hosting a meal (breakfast and lunch) pick-up site at SKY Academy in Englewood Monday-Friday from 11 am-1 pm for youth ages 5-18.

Fort Myers YMCA

Kudos to Fort Myers YMCA's Muheet Ahemed from Youth in Government Program for winning the "Outstanding Statesman of House of Representatives". He and 25 delegate attended the Annual State Assembly in Starke, Florida. During closing ceremonies, the eighth graders received awards.

