BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF TRUCKEE MEADOWS AND EARLY LEARNING CENTERS NOW SERVING CHILDREN OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

All-Day Childcare Still Available for Families in Need

RENO, Nev. (March 26, 2020) At the request of state and local leaders, the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows (serving youth 6-18) and their Early Learning Centers (serving youth 6 weeks – 5) have reopened select facilities at a limited capacity, to address the childcare needs of the community’s first responders, health care providers and other essential workers. Operating hours have been extended to 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., seven days per week, to align with potential health care industry shifts. Families can still enroll their children for care on a first come, first serve basis. Registration information is available at https://bgctm.org/covid19-programming/

Health care providers were the first to take advantage of these services. On Monday, March 23, the Club and Early Learning Centers cared for over 100 kids across six facilities.

“We are extremely grateful for our partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. Thanks to their childcare services, our health care heroes can rest assured knowing their kids are in great hands and in a safe environment, while they serve on the front line to keep our community safe. This offering helps our staff fight the good fight during this pandemic.” -Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Chief Human Resource Officer, Renown Health

Weekly Club program fees are $50 and Early Learning Center fees vary depending on the child’s age. Scholarship assistance is available and no child will be turned away due to an inability to pay. All children will receive three meals and one snack each day.

The Club will be supporting our members in continuing their academics by providing scheduled, staff-supervised time both in the morning and afternoon. Students will be able to work on any academic activities provided by Washoe County School District during their time at the Club. Members will be allowed to bring in their own laptop or paper packet to work on, under the direction of staff.

“Our facilities were completely closed last week and we used that time to develop extensive policies and procedures for how to safely and confidently run programming this week. We are complying with all CDC distancing and cleaning requirements and we are controlling our environments as much as possible. Only kids and staff are allowed inside the buildings and we’re requiring daily signatures from the parents, confirming their child is not currently experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.” - Mike Wurm, CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows

The Club plans to share informational videos on their YouTube and social media pages featuring traditional Club programming, beginning March 30th, for their Club kids at home. Thirty-minute STEM lessons, sports and fitness exercises and how-to art projects
will be posted daily for anyone to access.

Lastly, the Club is still offering free Grab and Go meals, Monday-Friday at five locations, for youth 18 and under. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. and lunch service begins at 11:30 a.m. For more information, visit BGCTM.org

“Our community is facing challenging times with school closures, food insecurity and a need for quality, affordable childcare for parents in the health care sector. We’re happy to be able to meet those immediate needs for as long as we possibly can. We are diligently working on ways to generate revenue in the absence of our normal programming fees, sports camp registrations and building rentals, so we can continue to be a resource for the community. We know many are hurting financially at the moment, but we’re hopeful those with the capacity to give to nonprofits, will.” said Wurm.

If you’d like to donate to the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, please visit https://bgctm.org/ways-to-give/donate-now/.

Facilities Open for Childcare
Donald W. Reynolds Youth & Teen Facility, on 2680 East 9th St.
William N. Pennington Youth & Teen Facility, on 1300 Foster Dr.
E. L. Wiegand Early Learning Center, on 1270 Foster Dr.
Community Assistance Center Early Learning Center, on 335 Record St.
Johnson Family Early Learning Center, on 3700 Safe Harbor Way
Reno Avenue Early Learning Center on, 440 Reno Avenue

To register for the Boys & Girls Club, contact Sarah Odom at 775-360-2471
To register for the Early Learning Centers, contact Calista Tate at 775-360-2499

FreeClub Meal Locations
2680 East 9th St. (Donald W. Reynolds Facility)
1300 Foster Dr. (William N. Pennington Facility)
1090 Bresson Ave. (Carano Youth Center)
3905 Neil Road. (Neil Road Youth Facility)
325 Patrician Drive (Lemmon Valley Youth Center)