



Metro Detroit Youth Clubs

learn. grow. lead. succeed.

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To the Metro Detroit Youth Clubs community:

These are unprecedented times that are shaping our way of life. The arrival of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 brought with it rapid change and disruption. We are most grateful for the clear guidance and support we are receiving from the State of Michigan, the Centers for Disease Control and the leadership of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and their respective health departments.

While our locations closed in response to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order, the MDYC Club Directors and leadership team have developed an aggressive plan to serve our Club members and the community. MDYC's strength and impact are built on the powerful connection Club members have with the MDYC professional team. Following Governor Whitmer's Stay At Home Executive Order, MDYC launched an outreach effort to identify the basic needs and concerns of Club members and their families. We are connecting families in need of mental health support to professionals who are ready to assist them. We are identifying families concerned about food security and linking them to local resources. We are developing resources and programming to engage MDYC Club members so they can learn, grow, lead and succeed in this environment as well.

We invite our MDYC Club families to complete the following online survey so we can identify emerging needs. You will also find a comprehensive list of local community resources. Link: www.miclubs.org/help

Elected officials and medical experts point to the weeks ahead with grave concern. It is imperative that we leverage every resource to help our Club members, their families and the community to navigate these times. The warnings indicate the road ahead may be filled with the potential for trauma and drama. Our professional team understands that the security provided through the Club experience and connections between Club members and MDYC professionals has powerful impact on a normal day let alone in times like these where fear, anxiety, grief and loss can leave lasting wounds.

Your financial support is critical as we work to meet these needs. We invite you to visit www.miclubs.org to invest in this effort. You can click on the DONATE button to lend your support.

We know these times will provide many defining moments - in fact, our collective response may define future generations. Should you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at tillander.brett@miclub.org or reach out to your Club Director. Our commitment to our MDYC Club members and their families is unwavering.

Sincerely,

Brett Tillander
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