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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the Family YMCA at Tarrytown closing?

No, the Family YMCA at Tarrytown is not closing and is committed to providing the same quality programs that we have for the past 116 years. Our Board of Directors, management and front line staff are dedicated to our mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility for our members and community regardless of the ability to pay.

We are going to continue providing infant, toddler and preschool childcare as well as school age full day distance learning for our participants and children of essential workers. Our virtual group exercise classes will carry on and we are expanding our virtual programming in the weeks to come. Dance and cheer will continue as well and as the weather improves look for information about outdoor fitness opportunities.

As you know, we offer so many different program areas to meet the needs of our community. We are so much more than just a gym and swim. The Y is not a building: it's a movement!

Why don't we have a new building yet?

In 2019 when we put the building up for sale our plan was to establish a new fitness facility and provide a seamless transition to our new home. However, over the course of 2020 the impact of COVID on the fitness industry has caused us to reevaluate this plan. As others in our industry have experienced, our membership base has been greatly reduced due to the pandemic. It is down over 70% since March 2020. Therefore, we have changed our focus to opening a new space once the majority of the population is vaccinated and feels comfortable returning to indoor fitness.

Our childcare, cheer and dance programs will be relocating to the Education First (EF) Campus on Marymount Avenue at the end of March.

Where will the Y be?

We are in the process of selecting a location based on a number of criteria so that we can continue to provide the same services we do today including our fitness, group exercise, aquatics, Y Early Learning Center (day care & after-school care), enrichment, cheer, dance and senior programs in a place where everyone is welcome!

Why are you just telling us this now?

It has been an arduous process as the sale was contingent on a number of approvals at the local, county and state level. In addition, it has been hard to foresee the impact of COVID on the overall project. In order for this sale to proceed, Wilder Balter, the developer, needed to secure multi-layer funding, and the Y as a non-profit organization is required to obtain NYS

Attorney General Approval to sell our building. Now that these prerequisites are in place, the closing date of the sale has been set for March 29th.

As you can see, due to the complexity of this transaction, the sale could have potentially fallen through at any moment in time. Additionally, the choice of the closing date was out of our control. As much as we wanted to share this information with you earlier, the date was only determined at the end of last week. On March 10th we finally received approval from the NYS Attorney General to sell the building. We apologize for the short notice.

When will this happen?

Some of our Y's programming (childcare, dance and cheer) will be moving to the Education First (EF) Campus on Marymount Avenue, Tarrytown on March 30, 2021. Our fitness programming at 62 Main Street's last day will be on March 29th. Lap swimming at EF will continue until March 31, 2021. Virtual group exercise will continue without interruption and will be expanding in the coming weeks and months. Once the weather allows we will also offer outdoor group exercise classes.

Be on the lookout for information about a new sustaining membership program. Members who stay with us for a nominal monthly fee will have access to our new virtual platform and can participate in live zoom group exercise classes, select pre-recorded classes and view youth and family programming. This new virtual Y will be launched in April!

Can the National Y help out with the Y's move?

The National Y does not offer financial support or help with the Y's operations. They do, however, provide resources for data and research such as market analysis to help our management team, Board of Directors and other volunteers make decisions. Our financial support comes from grants, the community we serve and members like you.

Would the Y consider moving out of Tarrytown?

It's not our first choice. However, we will select the location that makes the most sense with respect to the availability and people that we serve.

What is replacing the Y at 62 Main Street?

The proposed new development at 62 Main Street will be beneficial for the Village of Tarrytown. It will offer affordable apartments to people 55 and over and will create 40 additional public parking spaces. Our current Y Residents will continue to have a home and be offered subsidized housing in the new development.

Did the sale of the White Plains Y affect your decision?

No. We have been and will continue to collaborate with our neighboring Y's as we all share the same goal — to serve our communities. Even though they sold their building, the White Plains Y continues to serve their community and offers much needed childcare.

Is the Family YMCA at Tarrytown still needed?

The Y Board of Directors and Staff remains committed to helping those in need just as we have since 1903, during both good times and bad. Throughout our history and especially during this pandemic, the Y has been here for our community. When other childcare centers closed during the pandemic, the Y's Early Learning Center remained open so that both our existing families and children of essential workers had full day care options. Local school districts sought our assistance in taking in school age children and we welcomed them with open arms. We arranged for meal deliveries for those in need and reached out to the most needy in our community. We provided support to all of our residents and free housing to over 50% of them who could not afford to pay. No matter the circumstance, our Y remains vigilant to our mission. Since 2018 through today we have given out over \$900,000 in aid to the people we serve as we firmly believe that *NO ONE SHOULD EVER BE TURNED AWAY BASED ON THEIR ABILITY TO PAY!*

Should I be happy about this?

Yes, because we have made the commitment to address the facility issue which has overshadowed the good and charitable work that we do. Ninety percent of the customer concerns we receive are facility related and not due to programming or staffing issues. We dream of the time where our daily focus will be solely on our service delivery rather than our facility.

Additionally, the new development will offer the Village of Tarrytown affordable housing, additional parking and revenue from new community residents. We believe the new development will be an asset to the community.

What if I have more questions?

Email our Chief Executive Officer, Gerry Riera at gerryr@ymcatarrytown.org