

# Hello Friends

The logo for CCBA (Community Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired) is located in the top right corner of the header. It consists of the letters "CCBA" in a bold, sans-serif font, with a small tagline underneath. The logo is enclosed in a white banner-like shape with a black border.

WE MISS YOU!

Dear ,

We hope this update finds you and your family healthy and well!

It has been one week since the Witherell Recreation Center, the CCBA Preschool, and the CCB all closed. With the COVID-19 situation unfolding rapidly, we wanted to take a minute to bring you up to speed on where things stand at the CCBA.

## **WHEN WILL WE REOPEN?**

Social distancing requires us to remain closed for everyone's safety. We will not be opening on March 30th as we previously planned for the Witherell Recreation Center, or on April 6th as we had hoped for the CCBA Preschool. We will keep you posted about our reopening date as soon as we know it.

## **WE ARE HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

We continue to ask ourselves, "What can we do in the midst of this crisis?" We are a community center and we take care of our community as best we can. To that end, here are a few highlights of what's been happening:

- In consultation with the Board of Trustees, we paid all of our employees for the two weeks we announced we would be closed. Salaried staff continues working, mostly remotely.
- We have been calling all of our senior members to say hello and to make sure they have connections to community resources, should they need anything. If any member needs help now or in the future, please reply to this email and we will do our best to be of service.
- There is a severe shortage of available blood. We are partnering with the American Red Cross to hold blood drives in our game room area on two upcoming Wednesdays: 3/25 and 4/8. [You can sign-up here](#). Please note that there are myriad health protocols in place when running the blood drives.
- We are sending hellos, exercises, and health and wellness tips via [our Facebook page](#). Join us virtually, if you can!

## **MEMBERSHIPS & FINANCES**

As you likely know, the CCBA has been committed to keeping expenses low in order to deliver on our mission of welcoming as many people as possible to our facilities. In the best of times, we are dependent upon selling memberships every day in order to keep the business running. When we closed on March 16th, our income ceased abruptly. If you are in a position to donate funds, in any amount, we would be immensely thankful. [You can do so here](#).

We are asking all of our current members to [fill out this survey](#) so we know what you would like us to do with your membership while we are closed. If you are in a financial position to keep your membership active during the time we are closed, we would be incredibly grateful! If we don't hear from you, we will assume this is your preference and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Lastly, we want to say how much we miss you all. We miss the hellos and the laughs we shared daily. We cannot wait to see you!

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