EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of our Club family, we want you to be well informed of changes in the way we must operate due to COVID-19. First and foremost, we remain connected and available to the youth we serve. The Boys & Girls Clubs continues to serve as a focal point and key resource in our neighborhoods even when clubs are closed. Kids and teens rely on us now more than ever to meet their needs compounded by the impact of COVID-19.

LMPD Assistant Chief of Police Joshua Judah, a proud BGCK Board Member, stated that the need for our services is “paramount” and to “be prepared for an increased need in service delivery as we respond to the disruption our youth and families have faced.” He also shared that the number of complaints on criminal activity and loitering of youth has already spiked. He stressed the important role that the Clubs play in our community's safety. Judah went on to point out the importance of ensuring that the Boys & Girls Club of Kentuckiana is equipped and ready to re-open as soon as possible.

IMPACT ON THE BUSINESS

Although closed, our staff have responded by deepening ties with the families of our members (and new families) in this crisis. The organization is working diligently on cash projections over the next few months to ensure seamless operation and support of our kids. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, BGCK has furloughed over half of its employees. BGCK is the only out-of-school time provider in the neighborhoods we serve. We are grateful for our community’s response to pull together to support those who are most impacted.
EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency services that Boys & Girls Clubs are currently providing include the following:

- Meal service daily—BGCK has **been distributing 850 meals to kids daily** and this number continues to grow. (This partnership has been supported by Dare to Care and JCPS.)
  - Meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner.
  - We’re thankful for newly created partnerships with Brown-Forman, Taco Bell, and other community partners that provide meals for families.
- Hygiene kit distribution.
- Snack pack distribution.
- Books based on age and genre were prepped ahead of time and given out to members.
- Gift card distribution for grocery stores—the meals we are currently distributing are intended for our youth; the need is to assist with food for parents/caregivers.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

We asked our families what they needed most. These items were on their wish list. For information on how you can help contact Tina Hood at thood@bgcky.org.

**Cleaning Supplies:** bleach, dish soap, laundry detergent, Lysol, disinfectant spray

**Personal Items:** baby wipes, diapers, masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, lotion, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels

**Food Items:** individual snack items, ramen noodles, mac ‘n’ cheese, instant oatmeal, water, juice pouches

**Toys and Games:** playing cards, Uno, board games, coloring books, Legos, puzzles, crayons, markers, craft kits

**Miscellaneous:** lunch bags, gallon Ziploc bags, gift cards for restaurants/grocery

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

BGCK launched a virtual programming (**currently reaching over 900 youth weekly**) schedule with members participating on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Staff members are providing virtual lessons and activities in the following areas:

- Self-help/Mindfulness
- Reading/Book Clubs
- Art Instruction
- Sketch Lessons
- Stem Projects
- Healthy Habits

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