

Hi Sandy,

Nice chatting today! Thank you so much for sharing with your board and community. Here is the first email which gives detail on funding the Y's COVID-19 response efforts:

What a strange & challenging time we find ourselves in. With this unprecedented health crisis, the Y has been forced to pivot in ways in which we have not planned. While our operations are closed, the Y's mission to help others is alive like never before. Here are a few ways our Y is meeting critical needs:

- The Collins & Katz YMCA is providing showers and sanitation for those experiencing homelessness. As of May 18, we have provided 979 showers to over 200 unsheltered Angelenos with kindness and care, offering towels, food, water, clothing, hygiene kits, and feminine products to our most vulnerable residents. We need your support for administrative costs to keep the program running, as well as the purchase of items.
- In partnership with Westside Friends, we are distributing fresh produce weekly to our most vulnerable families and neighbors. We are truly helping to nourish our community in a time of great need: As of May 21, over 900 bags of food have been given to hungry neighbors, including folks at the Harper Foundation, Marina Manor, Safe Place for Youth, and Boys & Girls Club at Mar Vista Gardens. We have experienced lines of over 100 people on Thursdays at the Y on Westgate Ave waiting to grab food when it's available.
 - **Funding is needed to purchase groceries at wholesale, as the need is much greater than we anticipated.**

The Y is also:

- Making wellness calls to older members of the community to offer assistance and a warm voice to speak with in a time of isolation. To date over 300 community members over the age of 75 have been phoned by our teams.
- Keeping kids and families active through social media activities, and grab & go goodie bags that were picked up by over 120 neighborhood children who need a break from stay-at-home life.
- Hosting much-needed blood drives facilitated by the American Red Cross to help bolster the dangerously low blood supply in our community.

We need your help. Without philanthropic support, these programs will not sustain during this pandemic. In addition to the costs associated with each of these items, we are also continuing to pay full benefits for furloughed staff until they are able to return. Your contribution will ensure our ability to

continue offering the critical services and resources our community needs right now.

Checks are payable to:

Collins & Katz YMCA – Community Impact Fund
Attn: Aaron Donahue, Executive Director
1466 S Westgate Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Link to donate online is here: www.ymcala.org/emergencyfund Be sure to select 'Collins & Katz Family YMCA' from the gift designation menu.

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Please help us care for our neighbors, community and Y Family during these difficult times. www.ymcaLA.org/emergencyfund