



TWO RIVERS YMCA & ROCK ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

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Our priority is the health and well-being of our staff, volunteers, donors, members, and patrons. Therefore, we are not recruiting or soliciting anyone in person until we know it is safe for everyone and, have put the current Capital Campaign on "Pause."

Pausing the campaign gave the joint task force an opportunity to review whether or not to move forward with this project. Unanimously, all members felt this is the right project for the people of Rock Island and the effort should continue. In fact, as the COVID-19 crisis passes we anticipate the need and demand for the services this project provides will increase. The importance of our collaboration is highlighted by the increased need within our community and the limited resources available.

While this pandemic has us Sheltering-in-Place, both the library and the YMCA are still providing services to our community. A few examples include:

Rock Island Public Library

- Making it easier for people to obtain library cards online
- Continuing to offer WiFi for unemployment claims, Census reporting, and educational advancement
- Increased social media use for patrons
- Exploring ways to assist people once the crisis has passed
- Obtaining more computers to assist people with employment
- Implementing a five-phase reopening plan that will gradually offer curbside library service, and eventually, in-house service

Two Rivers YMCA

- Providing childcare for first responders and essential workers to school age and preschool age children
- Providing meals for those children through the Nourish program
- Calling members, seniors and the most vulnerable to conduct wellness checks
- Presenting a new virtual workout each morning
- Online bilingual storytelling each morning provided by the Preschool Director
- Developing phased-in reopening strategy and plans for new ways of delivering service including revised income-based membership and childcare assistance strategies to ensure proper support to all in this changed economic climate.

Placing the campaign on "pause" does not mean we are standing still. We are working on several measures to make sure we are prepared to move forward when the current threat of COVID-19 has passed. These measures include communicating with our volunteers and prospective donors and preparing materials for the campaign as well as communicating with our Campaign Cabinet, local/regional foundations, and individuals who have demonstrated an early interest in the project.