

ACAP UPDATE 12-04-20

Dear Wonderful ACAP Community,

We are incredibly grateful and deeply humbled by the response to our first ever virtual fundraiser, An ACAP-tivating Event! As of this writing, **we have exceeded our goal of \$38,000** and donations are still arriving each day. THANK YOU to everyone who supported this event!

The first time around, there are bound to be mistakes. There were some hiccups, particularly with the donations platforms and people being unable to donate online. We apologize to anyone inconvenienced by this. We will do better next time.

On the other hand, there is much to celebrate in addition to meeting our goal. We have so many people to thank for this event, and at the top of this list, our deepest gratitude to our dear friends Jim, Katelyn, and Lauren Dyer. Their \$10,000 gift to ACAP made all the difference in our ability to make our goal. We also thank the amazing fundraising powerhouses of Team Hunn Family, Team Sums of Anarchy, and Team Mami Wata, our top three fundraising teams. Team Hunn Family crushed the competition with \$8395 in donations. Team Sums of Anarchy, made up of Finance Committee members, did an awesome job with \$1726 in gifts, and Team Mami Wata, led by ACAP member Olivia Chones, also shone with \$1500 in donations. Our other teams all did a fantastic job – most of them raised more than the \$500 goal we suggested, and many of them had great fun while raising money.

Noted sponsors in addition to the Dyer family include: the Liebherr Family, the Zarling Family, Katie Baesemann, the Goedland Family, the Balusik Family, and the O'Grady Family. The level of support was truly beyond our expectations, and we are so grateful to everyone who participated in this event. For more updates, please check out our fundraiser page on our website and our Facebook page.

Winter Holiday Party

Sadly, ACAP will not be holding our annual Winter Holiday Party this year. We are in the process of discussing a fitting replacement activity for this beloved "family reunion." We hope to find a way to express our gratitude to our community, share our wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season, and spread some cheer. We will celebrate all the more joyously when we are able to be together in person again in December 2021.

Programming Updates

ACAP continues to work towards the safest possible environment for our members onsite. To that end, we have taken the following actions:

- ACAP purchased hepa filtration units for each classroom currently being used for programming at ACAP and Art Links. This is in response to a CDC recommendation to increase air circulation and purity.
- Staff are working to encourage members to add or move to face masks from face shields. Health experts recommend face masks be worn when people are together in enclosed spaces.
- Staff are developing a plan to acquire plexiglass barriers to be placed on tables during lunchtime. This is an added measure (along with distancing, disinfecting, and handwashing) to help control the spread of any potential viruses while people have removed their masks for eating.
- ACAP would like all members and care teams to keep the communication flowing about member illnesses, exposures, quarantines, and any positive COVID diagnoses. We have strong, protective policies in place, but the success of our efforts ultimately depends on good and timely communication from ACAP members. We ask to be notified about illnesses and absences, even from members who are only participating in virtual programming.

Update about Weather-Related ACAP Closures

ACAP has adjusted our weather policy in light of potential changes to onsite services at the Waukesha School District. Our current policy is to cancel ACAP operations if the school district cancels for inclement weather. However, because of the possibility that local schooling may become fully virtual, ACAP has adjusted our process so that we can independently determine whether and when to cancel.

As of today, ACAP will still close when the Waukesha School District closes because of bad weather. However, ACAP may also make a determination to close operations independently. Our closures will be communicated as they have in the past:

- ACAP will notify Fox 6 Storm Center of our closing
- Staff will alert our community through postings on our website and Facebook
- Staff will notify Transportation Companies to alert them of the closing

Thank you for your support,



Sandra Gines, Executive Director