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YMCA of Greater Moncton to remain closed until further notice ***Charity seeks donations for programs such as ReConnect***

(Moncton, March 24, 2020) – The YMCA of Greater Moncton will remain closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 situation.

“We initially projected a reopening date of March 30 but due to the unknowns of this pandemic, we will remain closed until advised by government and health officials that it is safe to reopen,” said YMCA of Greater Moncton CEO Zane Korytko. “We encourage our members and the community at large to stay strong during this crisis and follow the instructions of officials regarding social distancing. Let’s work together to flatten the curve.”

The closure affects the YMCA’s Health, Fitness and Aquatics Centre, its Child Care Centre, as well as all Y programs and services.

Since the YMCA is a charity that relies on membership, childcare and program revenue to operate its facilities and programs – revenue streams that are now on hold – the Y is seeking donations to assist with services such as its ReConnect Street Intervention Program. ReConnect staff are continuing to provide vital outreach and social support services to those experiencing homelessness

“YMCA members and friends have started reaching out with donations,” says Korytko. “Donations can be made in support of ReConnect or area of greatest need. We sincerely appreciate each and every contribution at this challenging time for our charitable organization.”

Donations may be made online by clicking the ‘Give Today’ button on the YMCA of Greater Moncton website – www.ymcamoncton.ca – or by mail to 30 War Veterans Ave., Moncton, NB, E1C 0B3.

Meanwhile, the YMCA continues to offer members and the public a variety of options to stay healthy in mind, body and spirit during the COVID-19 crisis, says Korytko. They include:

- YMCA fitness staff have created workout videos that the Y is sharing free of charge via its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

- YMCA members and the public can also access free workouts through this Y Thrive link – <https://bit.ly/33DLUuE> – and some free MOSSA group fitness workouts via the MOSSA MOVE app.
- The Y will also continue to providing suggestion through its social media channels on how families can stay healthy and active during this pandemic.

In regard to the Moncton North YMCA, work continues on the project with full precautionary measures being taken. The satellite facility is still projected for completion this fall. (The Downtown YMCA at 30 War Veterans Avenue in Moncton will operate as usual once the Moncton North Y opens. YMCA memberships will provide access for both facilities.)

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