Our families look forward to our summer program every year. After closing for four months due to the pandemic, we safely reopened for summer programming for our members on July 20. For five weeks, members were able to engage in socially distanced activities and interact with their peers.

Each day we were able to serve 43 7-12 year olds and 23 teens in the Club. In this newsletter, you will learn about some of their experiences.

Club staff trained properly to maintain a safe environment for our members. They worked extremely hard to provide socially distanced activities that were active, fun, and engaging. Activities included, giant connect four, swimming, yoga, and tie-dye.

Our generous partners—including, Green City Growers, The Museum of Fine Arts, and Yasso—continued to support us by providing unique programming and experiences for our members.

Thanks to the generosity of Berkshire Partner Blue Hill Club’s many friends, we were able to offer our summer program this year at no cost, allowing our members affected most by the pandemic to have a fun and safe summer experience.

A special thanks to our Weston Friends of Blue Hill and the Weston Community Children’s Association (WCCA) for their financial support and generosity.

Please enjoy reading the rest of our newsletter to see the great experiences our members were able to have.

Best,

Carl Thompson
Executive Director
**Fun with Yasso**

On August 12, Yasso handed out a variety of Frozen Greek Yogurt bars to our members. Members were able to try new flavors. They also handed out giveaways, such as sunglasses. In addition, members designed and created their own flavored bar coloring sheets.

**Swim Program**

Our swimming program was one of the most popular programs this summer. Our members were able to swim everyday for an hour. Our Aquatics Director and his team of lifeguards provided swim lessons for our members as well as free swim. 100% of swim lesson participants advanced to the next level of the program after 5 sessions (5 weeks) by providing motivation, structured practice times, and good instructor to member ratios.

**Teen Engagement**

This summer, 24 teens worked through the Club. The Department of Youth Engagement and Employment employed 14 teens, and 10 teens worked through PIC. Due to specific guidelines, 8 teens were able to work in person at the Club, while the rest worked remotely from home. The teens working remotely supported our remote Zoom programming for members who were also at home.

**Gardening through Green City Growers**

This summer, the teens took over the garden program. The staff prepped the garden beds to be re-planted. The teens planted various vegetables and herbs. They watered the garden every day. Members were able to take home the vegetables that were ready for harvest. Members and staff were also able to take home herbs that were re-potted.

**Virtual Programming**

With our summer hybrid program, we served 30 members via zoom programming. Our staff provided fun and engaging programs. These programs included weekly music lessons, Pixel art, photography, Word Wednesday, Kahoot, Jeopardy challenges, and fitness. A special thanks to the MFA as our Liaison, Isabel planned weekly art activities for our members at home.
THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this summer possible. We could not have done it without you. See you next year!