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YMCA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO DISTRIBUTE 2,500 MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED.

LONG BEACH, (December 18, 2020) – The Community Development branch of the YMCA of Greater Long Beach continues their work in “Answering the Crisis” with a walk-up food distribution program spanning 2 days, Tuesday, Dec. 22 and Wed., Dec. 23, 2020, by distributing 2,500 meals to those in need.

The COVID crisis has brought into further focus the social and economic inequities that families in communities like Long Beach experience daily. Providing food to support families experiencing food insecurity during these challenging times is one of our most urgent priorities. The Y works locally to focus on empowering young people, improve health and well-being, and inspire action in and across communities.

Join Vice Mayor, Rex Richardson on Wednesday morning, along with other YMCA, and local community volunteers throughout this two-day event. Register to volunteer at: https://LBymca.org/cd/volunteer

Dates: Tuesday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 23  
Time: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Place: 855 Elm Ave., Long Beach, 90813 (Scottish Rite lot)  
Note: Families will need to register in advance online at:  
https://lbymca.org/food

Masks, social distancing, and all Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services protocols will be followed.
**YMCA of Greater Long Beach**, through its seven branches, serves a population of over 816,000 in the cities of Long Beach, Signal Hill, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Bellflower, Paramount, Cerritos, Artesia, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal Beach and Big Bear. The Y offers programs, services and initiatives focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, according to the unique needs of the communities it engages.

**About the Y**
The Y is a leading nonprofit organization for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children committed to bringing about lasting personal and social change. With a focus on nurturing the potential of every child and teen, improving the nation’s health and well-being and providing opportunities to give back and support neighbors, the Y enables youth, adults, families and communities to be healthy, confident, connected and secure. The Y is comprised of more than 2,700 YMCAs in 10,000 communities across the country.

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