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North Suburban YMCA Invites the Community to Join in the "Fall Fun"

Safe Family Fun Four-Event Outdoor Series Scheduled to "Revive Our Y"

Northbrook, IL – The North Suburban YMCA kicked off "Fall Fun" on September 25 with the first of a four-event outdoor series of events running through November 14. The series includes two drive-in movies with space for up to 75 cars, an outdoor Bingo party in the Y's parking lot, and a 5K Walk/Run.

The first of two drive-in movies featured "*Honey, I Shrunk the Kids,*" and was held in the Y's parking lot at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook last Friday, September 25th. Drive-in parking spaces were socially distanced and movie-goers followed distancing guidelines including wearing masks when not in their vehicles. All guests had at least one empty parking spot between them and the next car. The event was sponsored by <u>AmpliVox Sound Systems</u>, <u>Sunset Foods</u>, and <u>Dairy Queen Northbrook</u>.

To safely accommodate activities for all ages and interests during the pandemic, "Fall Fun" is planned in lieu of the annual "Halloween Spooktacular" and "Fall Fest. This year's activities include:

- **Bingo in the Lot:** October 18 from 4pm 6pm. Hosted by J.D. Mathein, the Y will be using their 1950's retro BINGO equipment donated by the CIVIC Foundation. Families are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes for an all ages costume contest.
- **Spooky Drive-In Movie Night**: October 30, "Movie TBD" starting at dark. A \$30 donation per car is recommended for all participants. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.
- **5K Walk/Run:** November 14, in-person or virtual, starting at 8:00 am. The walk/run will begin at 8:00 am with staggered start times to ensure social distancing. This year the route has been certified.

All proceeds from the "Fall Fun" events will go towards the "Revive Our Y" campaign which helps the Y with increased cleaning supplies, operation costs due to decreased membership and program participation, financial assistance scholarships for families in need and much, much more.

"We're so grateful for the support we've received from the community as we work to support the needs of our members and neighbors during the pandemic. This is a trying time for everyone, and as an organization committed to strengthening our community, we're here to do everything we can to give back to the amazing, dedicated variety of people we serve," commented Kathy Fielding, NSYMCA CEO.

The sponsors of the NSYMCA's Fall Fun "Revive the Y" series include Wintrust Community Banks, Illinois Bone & Joint Institute, Northwestern Medicine, FGK Services, Waterway Carwash, Covenant Living of Northbrook, First Bank of Highland Park, and Align Wellness.

For more information on Fall Fun, contact Kim Nyren, NSYMCA Director of Community Investments & Events, at knyren@nsymca.org or 847-272-7250.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The North Suburban YMCA services Northbrook and 15 surrounding communities with programs and tools that help its residents become healthier, more connected, and confident, ensuring that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. The NSYMCA focuses on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility and is a charitable organization, inclusive and welcoming to all in our community. Learn more at <u>NSYMCA.org.</u>



Caption: The North Suburban YMCA is hosting "Fall Fun" – a 4-Event outdoor community series from September 25 to November 14.



Caption: A family enjoys the Y Drive-In Movie on Sept 25th, part of the 4-part Fall Fun series of their safe events at the Y.



Caption: A parking lot view of the sold-out Drive-in Movie night at the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook.