December 9, 2019

Dear parents,

The Pittsburgh Project (TPP) has existed in this community for more than 34 years. We have served students and their families, service campers from all over the country, and a large percentage of this city’s most vulnerable homeowners. Over the last few years, The Pittsburgh Project has been trying to accomplish its mission while fighting for survival. And though much great work has been done with and for the community, it has been at the expense of the health of the organization’s systems, facilities, and people. For the first time in the history of our organization, at God’s leading, we have decided to take a portion of summer 2020 to invest heavily in the sustainability of our organization. As a friend of the ministry, we ask you to prayerfully stand with us as we take this time of strategic and intentional investment.

In order for us to maximize this investment time, we have made the difficult decision to significantly reduce all of the summer programming we normally offer to our summer camp youth, service camp groups, and homeowners. This means that we will not be in position to offer a full-day summer camp in 2020 for K-12 grade youth (we do plan to have a full day camp available in the summer of 2021). Despite these impending changes, our ministry remains committed to this community and to your children and will offer several reduced programming options (including evening and weekend family activities, discipleship and outreach for older students, and hopefully being able to reopen the pool for extended hours).

We understand that your family counts on our camps, so the decision to reduce programming was not made lightly. However, it is the best option available that will allow us to serve children for summer 2020 while we invest and prepare to serve this community for generations to come.

Because your voice is very important to us, we are planning to hold two parent meetings to inform you of these reduced programming options and to hear from you. The meetings will be held; Friday, January 3rd at 11:30AM and Monday, January 6th at 6:00 PM. We hope you will plan to join us for one of them. We will extend the after-school program later on the 6th for children whose parents are attending the meeting. There will be a light meal provided.

Please RSVP for the meeting that you are able to attend by calling Rebekah Koshir at 412-321-1678 x533 or log on to our website at www.pittsburghproject.org/summer to register your attendance.

Respectfully,

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