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**YMCA Swim Team Starts Strong in First Competitive Meet**

**Northbrook, IL: November 2014** – The North Suburban YMCA’s new competitive swim team traveled to Kenosha, Wisconsin for their first intraleague swim meet on November 9. The NSYMCA Flying Turtles, in their first full season, competed across age groups from 8 and under to 14, and came away with positive momentum to propel the rest of their season.

The team’s youngest competitor, Eleanor Kim, competed against girls 8 and under and earned fifth place in 50 yard freestyle and backstroke, as well as 8<sup>th</sup> place in the 25 freestyle. In the 10 and under group, Alexandria Schick had a strong showing with second place in the 50 backstroke, third in the 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, and fourth in the 50 freestyle. Also competing for the girls in that age group were Frances Clippinger, Michelle Nelson, and Ella Stern. For the boys, Nathaniel Sever swam the 50 backstroke (seventh), 100 freestyle (ninth), and 50 freestyle (11<sup>th</sup>) in the 10 and under category, while Joe King placed seventh in 50 freestyle, eighth in 100 freestyle, and ninth in 100 breaststroke for boys 12 and under. Sreeram Danda competed in the boys 14 and under category, earning fifth in the 50 backstroke, sixth in the 100 breaststroke, eighth in the 100 freestyle, and 11<sup>th</sup> in the 50 freestyle.

“We are really excited by the progress our swimmers have made in the short time they’ve been together,” commented Don Enger, Flying Turtles Coach. “They gained great experience in their first meet, and came away inspired to keep improving. This is a team that accepts all swimmers, whatever their abilities, and helps them reach their fullest potential.”

The Flying Turtles swim team practices at the North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday. For more information about the team, contact Don Enger at [denger@nsymca.org](mailto:denger@nsymca.org) or 847 272 7250.



*Photo Caption: The Flying Turtles swim team was all smiles during its first meet on November 9. From left: Nathan Sever, Sreeram Danda, Alexandria Shick, Eleanor Kim, Eleanor Stern, Frances Clippinger, Michelle Nelson and Assistant Coach Mike Catlin.*

#### **About the North Suburban YMCA**

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to make services available for all families and individuals in its 15-city region. All board members are volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served the northern suburbs of Chicago for over 45 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that address the needs of our diverse community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation, contact Barb Flanagan at 847-272-7250 or [bflanagan@nsymca.org](mailto:bflanagan@nsymca.org), or visit [www.nsymca.org](http://www.nsymca.org).