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**NSYMCA's Pet Blanket Making Event Returns for a Second Year**

*Volunteers Invited to Create Pet Blankets for Shelters on February 19*

**Northbrook, IL: January 2023** – For the second year in a row, local pet lovers are invited to donate essential animal supplies and create their own fleece pet blankets for sheltered animals at the North Suburban YMCA's free Pet Blanket Making event on February 19 from 1pm – 3pm. The blankets and other pet supplies will be donated to the Wright-Way Rescue, Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter, and Heartland Animal Shelter.

Last year, the event drew about 50 people including several local families who viewed their volunteerism as the perfect opportunity to do something good for the community together. With participants ranging from 4 to 70 years of age, more than 70 blankets were made.

“By volunteering, we contribute to a cause we're really passionate about while simultaneously creating a better community to live in. It's so gratifying to see a fearful, sheltered animal made whole and thriving by your love, care, and efforts,” said Ellen Mirochnick, member of the Y's Social Responsibility Committee and the Y's Special Services Coordinator.

The NSYMCA is accepting donations for the following items for the Pet Blanket Making event and the animal shelters through February. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk of the NSYMCA located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook.

- 1 yard of fleece material needed per blanket
- Paper Towels
- Cat Litter (Clumping, Clay & Recycled)
- Paper
- Laundry Detergent

- Mops, Brooms, Buckets
- Trash and Contractor bags
- Unopened Pet Food
- Office Supplies (Paper Reams, Pens, Highlighters)
- Dog and Cat Toys
- Kongs and puzzle feeder toys
- Leashes, Collars, and Harnesses
- Royal Canin Baby Cat Kitten Food

Please visit the website at [nsymca.org](http://nsymca.org) to register or call 847-272-7250. This event is free and open to the community. Look for more Social Responsibility Volunteer events at the North Suburban YMCA. For more information about the Y's Social Responsibility activities contact Karen Brownlee at [kbrownlee@nsymca.org](mailto:kbrownlee@nsymca.org)

**About the [North Suburban YMCA](#)**

The North Suburban YMCA services Northbrook and 14 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 501(c)3 charitable organization, inclusive and welcoming to all in our community. Learn more at [NSYMCA.org](http://NSYMCA.org).



**CAPTION:** *Evan Rosenberg proudly displays the blanket he made last year at the North Suburban YMCA's Pet Blanket Making event. This year's event will take place on February 19.*