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UBS Volunteers Bring Artistic Boost to North Suburban YMCA

Northbrook, IL: A team of volunteers from the Northbrook offices of UBS applied both artistry and elbow grease to create new directional signage throughout the North Suburban YMCA. The project was complemented by a corporate donation that will provide tools and storage for a new “Maker Space” in the Y’s Visual Arts Department.

Volunteers from UBS’s Community Corps program spent several days at the Y creating artwork that was both beautiful and functional. Working in collaboration with Y staff members, the UBS volunteers created a directional art display to help guests navigate the building’s lower level. The display included framed legends and stenciled pictures for each area of the space. In addition, volunteers painted a colorful door mural that welcomes guests to the Visual Arts Department.

The Y’s new Maker Space provides young artists with the supplies and equipment to create projects of their own design in an unstructured environment. UBS provided a grant of \$2400 for a cabinet to store a variety of tools and materials, including rubber mallets, pliers, hammers, a drill, wrench set, safety goggles, screwdrivers, joint pliers, artist brushes, levels, and more. Visitors also have access to the Y’s Digital Media Lab to help fulfill their visions.

“UBS Northbrook has made a real difference to our members and guests who use our building,” notes Kim Nyren, NSYMCA Director of Community Investment. “Their project helps people find their way around with graphics that are bright and engaging, and the company’s donation will get our new Maker Space off to a great start. We appreciate all the hard work that went into creating these great enhancements to our building.”

“As members of the Northbrook community, we are excited to partner with the YMCA to be able to connect and assist in developing programs and initiatives that give back to the community,” said Kerry Schwarcz, Director/Market Administrative Officer for UBS Northbrook. “We look forward to continuing our partnership with the YMCA.”

For more information about Visual Arts programs at the North Suburban YMCA, visit NSYMCA.org.

About the [North Suburban YMCA](#)

The North Suburban YMCA serves 15 northern suburbs of Chicago, and for over 48 years has provided programs and services that address youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility every day. Working together for good is who we are: An association of people united in a common effort to help individuals become healthier, more connected, and confident. There is no other nonprofit quite like the Y: We have the national and local presence and partnerships to not just promise, but deliver, positive change, making sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. For more information, visit [NSYMCA.org](#).



Photo 1 Caption: Volunteers from UBS's Northbrook offices created colorful signage and murals at the North Suburban YMCA. Top left to right Annette Rumas, Kathy Banjac, Krystal Niggemann, Jamie Talbot. Bottom Row: Andrea O'Brien, Alex Goodman, Karen Heisler, Kerry Schwarcz.



Photo 2 Caption: A colorful door mural, painted by Krystal Niggemann of UBS Financial Services, welcomes guests to the North Suburban YMCA's Visual Arts Department.