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YMCA Art Students Featured in First Bank of Highland Park Community Display

November 2016: [First Bank of Highland Park](#) has selected the [North Suburban YMCA](#) as its featured community organization for November, with an exhibit of art by Y students displayed on the bank's Ruth Fell Wander Community Art Wall. In conjunction with the exhibit, First Bank of Highland Park will donate \$2 to the Y for every new "Like" of the bank's [Facebook page](#) in November, up to \$250.

The Ruth Fell Wander Community Art Wall, created in 2002 at the bank's location at 1835 First Street in Highland Park, helps give visibility to the resources and services offered by local non-profit organizations. The Y serves 15 communities in the northern suburbs, with an enormous variety of programs that promote healthy living, strong families, and social responsibility.

YMCA Visual Arts Director Cathie Winnie oversaw the creation of unique group projects to be displayed on the Community Art Wall. The exhibit emphasizes the diversity of Y art programs, allowing students of all ages to enjoy self-expression through a wide range of media.

"We chose 13 of our classes to participate," explains Winnie. "Each class created a collage that resulted in a single piece of artwork, such as clay circles to create a clay fish. We included classes for children as young as two through adults. Many of our classes include mixed media, clay, watercolors, journaling, in addition to drawing and painting. We offer an extensive list of digital media classes as well and will be offering adult coding in this medium in our Winter session."

The YMCA exhibit will be on display during normal office hours through the month of November. A casual reception with refreshments will take place on Saturday, November 5, from 10:00am to noon.

"We are so grateful for First Bank of Highland Park's support of the Y," noted Kathy Fielding, Vice President of Member Engagement. "The bank has partnered with the Y on so many important projects that benefit our entire community, and we're fortunate to have the bank's Senior Vice President Patricia Widmar as a longtime member of our Board of Directors. We encourage everyone to like First Bank of Highland Park's Facebook page to help us maximize their donation, and please come out to their Highland Park branch to admire the artwork of our students."

For more information about art programs at the North Suburban YMCA, visit NSYMCA.org or contact Cathie Winnie, cwinnie@nsymca.org.



Photo Caption: Artwork from the North Suburban YMCA is featured on the Community Art Wall at First Bank of Highland Park through the month of November 2016.

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.