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NSYMCA Collecting Essential Pet Supplies for Local Shelters

Volunteers needed for Pet Blanket Volunteer Event on February 27

Northbrook, IL: January 2022 – The North Suburban YMCA’s Social Responsibility Committee is collecting essential pet supplies during January and February. The supplies will be donated to three local animal shelters including [Wright-Way Rescue](#), [Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter](#), and [Heartland Animal Shelter](#). Items may be dropped off at the Y’s front desk located at 2705 Techny Rd. in Northbrook.

In addition, volunteers of all ages are invited to the Y on Sunday, February 27th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to help create fleece pet blankets to donate to the shelters. The construction of the blankets require simple cutting and tying, with no sewing required. Space is limited and participants are asked to bring their own scissors and one yard of fleece.

“The community is encouraged to bring their pet item donations anytime between now and February 27, the day of the pet blanket making event,” said Karen Brownlee, chair of the North Suburban YMCA’s Social Responsibility Committee. “One of the easiest ways to teach our children about kindness and empathy is to treat animals well. The pet blanket making event helps to nurture compassion towards animals while providing opportunities for family fun and togetherness.”

Recommended donated pet items include:

- One yard pieces of fleece material
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Cat litter
- Laundry detergent
- Mops, brooms, and buckets
- Trash and contractor bags

- Unopened pet food
- Office supplies (paper reams, pens, highlighters, etc.)
- Dog and cat toys
- Kongs and puzzle feeder toys
- Leashes, collars, and harnesses
- Royal Canin BabyCat Kitten Food

Social Responsibility is a core belief of the North Suburban YMCA. The Y's Social Responsibility Committee recently hosted a successful Blessing Bag Packing Day in December. Many of the volunteers were intergenerational families who came together to help local community members who are experiencing homelessness. For more information about the Y's Social Responsibility activities contact Karen Brownlee at kbrownlee@nsymca.org.

To participate in the Pet Blanket making volunteer event, please register at nsymca.org or call 847-272-7250.

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.



Caption: The North Suburban YMCA is collecting supplies for pets at local animal shelters, as well as hosting an event on February 27 to make pet blankets.



Caption: Volunteers are needed for the North Suburban YMCA's pet blanket making event on February 27. Participants will cut and tie fleece blankets for furry friends; no sewing is involved.