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NSYMCA's Pet Blanket Making Event Draws Community Pet Lovers

Northbrook, IL; February, 2023: Local pet lovers donated essential animal supplies and made pet blankets for sheltered animals at the North Suburban YMCA's second annual Pet Blanket Making event held on February 19. The event drew approximately 150 volunteers ages 3 to 77, and hand made over 60 blankets and 80 braided dog toys.

This special volunteer project also caught the eye of Chicago's media, with CBS-Chicago, NBC-5, and ABC-7 all covering the event.

Coordinated by the North Suburban YMCA's Social Responsibility Committee, the pet supplies donations included large bags of dog food, newspapers, chew toys, and the blankets which will be donated in March to [Wright-Way Rescue](#), [Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter](#), and [Heartland Animal Shelter](#).

For many of the participants, the pet blanket event was a family affair. "We decided to come out today because my grandma has a shelter dog and we love her so much and wanted to help other shelter dogs," said Hailey James age 6 from Northbrook.

For other volunteers, the making of these pet blankets was a valuable method for children to learn the benefits of contributing to the community. "Volunteering makes me super happy and I plan to volunteer even when I get older," noted 9 year-old Lia Soristo,

Pet supply donations will be collected until March 1, 2023 at the NSYMCA, 2705 Techny Road Northbrook, IL. 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.

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 #1 : *Cara Wetter (left) and Lia Soristo, both age 9, show off their handmade blankets at the NSYMCA's pet blanket making event for local shelters.*



Caption #2 : *Joyce Asher age 77 (left) with grandson Andrew, a 6th grader from Wood Oaks Junior High, spend quality time together making pet blankets at the Y's pet blanket making event for local shelters.*



Caption #3 : *Northbrook resident Gianna James with her children Madison, age 3 and Hailey, Age 6, making pet blankets at the NSYMCA.*



CAPTION #4: *The NSYMCA Pet Blanket Making Event drew over 150 volunteers who made over 60 blankets and 80 dog toys for local animal shelters.*



Caption #5: *The Yau Family including 9 year-old Sahana (front left), 10 year-old Katelyn, and 8 year-old Hannah share family time with their parents at the Y's pet blanket making event.*