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**North Suburban YMCA hosts their annual Pet Blanket Volunteer Event
“Fleece for Fur Babies” will be held on Sunday, March 9th from 1pm – 2pm**

The North Suburban YMCA’s Social Responsibility Committee is collecting essential pet supplies during the month of February through March 15th. 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, March 9 from 1:00 – 2:00 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 1.5 yards of fleece. To sign up [CLICK HERE](#).

“The community is encouraged to bring their pet item donations anytime between now and March 15,” said Michelle Kruse, 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 with love and empathy. The pet blanket making event helps to nurture compassion towards animals while providing opportunities for family fun and togetherness,” continues Kruse.

Recommended donated pet items include:

- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Cat litter
- Laundry detergent
- 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 Baby or 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 NSYMCA or to help at the event please go to 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.



The NSYMCA "Fleece for Fur Babies" event is Sunday, March 9th from 1-2pm at the NSYMCA located at 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook.