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SILVER BAY YMCA TEENS DONATE HOMEMADE BLANKETS TO FRIENDS COMFORTING FRIENDS

Ticonderoga, NY: The teens of the Leaders Club at Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center – Ticonderoga recently donated several homemade blankets and scarves to Friends Comforting Friends, a local charity organization that supports area cancer patients.

The Leaders Club at the Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center, which currently has six members, brings together like-minded students who routinely demonstrate respect and responsibility and regularly volunteer at various community events and work together to give back to the community. “They were inspired to make the blankets during one of the crochet workshops that we regularly have at the Teen Center,” says Jackie Palandrani, Youth and Teen Director at Silver Bay YMCA. “Working together, they crocheted 6 blankets and 12 scarves for Friends Comforting Friends. It is a wonderful accomplishment for these teens. They have learned to recognize the importance of supporting their community and giving to those in need.”

Friends Comforting Friends, a local nonprofit organization that helps area cancer patients with travel expenses for medical treatments, will use the donated items to create gift baskets for patients who are undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments. “Their wonderful donation of homemade scarves and blankets will be great additions to the comfort care bags we give to patients in need,” states Wendy Shaw, President of Friends Comforting Friends. “We thank the members of the Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center for their generosity.”

The teens in the Leaders Club have expanded their involvement in numerous community volunteer activities and continue to give back in multiple ways, including volunteering at the Ticonderoga End of Winter Carnival; making a basket for the Vermont Children’s Hospital at Fletcher Allen; making and donating bags for cookie decorating at Ticonderoga North Country Christmas; planting an apple tree in Bicentennial Park; and volunteering at the Silver Bay YMCA campus. “We are proud of the strong, compassionate, caring leaders that these teens have become,” says Palandrani.

All teens are invited to join the Leaders Club at the Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center. The Teen Center is offered at no cost to the community and is 100% funded by generous donations, most of which come from outside the local area.

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About Silver Bay YMCA

Silver Bay YMCA was founded in 1902 and is located in Silver Bay, NY, just minutes south of Hague, NY. Its 700 acre campus along one mile of Lake George shoreline offers a wide breadth of programs for all ages. Silver Bay YMCA presently employs 45 full-time staff members with a seasonal staff of 200. Silver Bay YMCA is consistently ranked one of the top ten family reunion sites in the country and is on the National Register of Historic Places with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

As a mission based charity, Silver Bay YMCA offers outreach programs in addition to its core activities as a premier conference and family retreat center. Those activities include:

- Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center in Ticonderoga (Free access for local teens)
- Open Pathways (Access to Silver Bay YMCA for the underprivileged)
- Youth and Government Program (covering Queensbury to Ticonderoga)
- Cancer Respite Program (Free respite for local cancer patients)
- Military R and R Program (Free getaway for recently deployed veterans and their families)
- Brookside Trinity Ministry (Free respite and sabbatical getaways for clergy)
- Vacations Made Possible (Free getaways for local underprivileged families)

Silver Bay YMCA has also won many outstanding awards and has been featured in several local and national media, including:

- Best Resort (2015, 2017 & 2018) Adirondack Life Magazine
- Best on Lake George and Best Exceptional Amenities (2016) LakeGeorge.com
- Best Venue for Family Reunions (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017) Unique Venues Magazine
- New York Times (Travel Section – September 2014)
- Better Homes and Gardens (May 2014)

MISSION: The mission of Silver Bay YMCA is to foster a lifelong sense of belonging, strengthen relationships, and nurture spirit, mind, and body for all.

DESIRED IMPACT: Because of Silver Bay YMCA, personal and family bonds are stronger. People are more connected, respectful, and caring and have the confidence to develop to their fullest potential and impact the communities in which they live. They are inspired by the beauty of the landscape at Silver Bay and are better stewards of the environment.

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