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LPMS students make, donate 50 fleece blankets to patients at Mott Children's Hospital

Annual service project helps students develop leadership qualities and social skills needed for success

Lincoln Park, Mich. – Members of the **Lincoln Park Middle School** student council and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) recently partnered with **Fleece & Thank You** to make and donate 50 fleece blankets to children in the pediatric ward at Mott Children's Hospital. Each blanket is equipped with a personalized inspirational video to encourage children during their health journey.

"Giving back helps students gain confidence and shows them how a small action can make a big difference in their community," said **Robin Cornell**, a transition coordinator at Lincoln Park Middle School. "Being on student council or a member of the National Junior Honor Society coupled with the experience of helping those who are less fortunate will help prepare these students to be engaged citizens and leaders in their communities."

The student council and NJHS chose to make and donate blankets as their annual service project. In total, 50 sixth through eighth grade students spent three hours making the 50 customized blankets.

"I really enjoy helping people, so I was excited to learn that we were making blankets for sick kids at Mott Children's Hospital," said **Mia Rodriguez**, an eighth grader at Lincoln Park Middle School. "The blankets we made were really cool and the video messages added a special touch. I hope the kids who receive the blankets are inspired by our messages."

Fleece & Thank You was on hand to assist with blanket quality control, transcribing the video messages and make the final delivery to Mott Children's Hospital.

"These experiences help teach responsibility and hard work, and build the leadership and social skills students need to succeed long after they graduate from Lincoln Park Middle School," said **Tara Randall**, principal of Lincoln Park Middle School. "I am proud of our students for being so thoughtful in their service project selection this year. I hope these blankets provide these children with the comfort and strength they need to continue fighting their illnesses."

Lincoln Park Middle School students also recently donated more than 1,500 canned goods to a local food bank prior to Thanksgiving and have adopted five LPMS families for Christmas.

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