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YMCA OF GREENSBORO WRAPS UP BRING A BLANKET CAMPAIGN

Over 900 Blankets Donated to Local Shelters

Greensboro, N.C., February 4, 2009—Each winter, the YMCA of Greensboro launches the Bring a Blanket campaign, where YMCA volunteers and staff members distribute donated blankets to various organizations throughout the Greensboro area. Ending on January 31, 968 blankets were distributed from the Guilford and Rockingham County Family YMCAs. Recipients of the blankets included the Gethsemane Baptist Church, Guilford County Animal Shelter, Streetwatch, the Veterans of Foreign War post 2087, Greyhound Friends of N.C., St. Marks Church, the Service Center, and local Urban Ministries of Guilford County. In Rockingham County, blankets were distributed to the Reidsville Outreach Center, the Salvation Army, the Fresenius Medical Center, the Red Cross, and the Rockingham County Council on Aging.

Since it's beginning in 2004, the Bring a Blanket program has increased the amount of blankets donated each year. More than 10,000 blankets have been provided to those living in homeless shelters or group homes. As the YMCA strives to help our area in building a strong and warm community one blanket at a time, many are always grateful for the annual winter program.

For 120 years, the mission of the YMCA of Greensboro is to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. We build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

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