

PRESS RELEASE

The Winnetka Club: Spreading Holiday Cheer at Children's Memorial Hospital and Lake Cook Health Center

(January 2, 2013) Members of The Winnetka Club Youth Auxiliary recently participated in an exceptional charitable event at Children's Memorial Hospital. The December 13th event provided an opportunity for patients, families and staff to engage in decorating Christmas stockings and creating colorful ornaments. About 75 patients and their families attended this celebration of creativity and giving.

“This event provided a perfect opportunity to share the Christmas spirit and have fun with Hospital patients – helping each of them create their own special stocking,” stated Patty Felker, Vice President of Philanthropy for The Winnetka Club.

The Youth Auxiliary has been a long-standing part of The Winnetka Club with its own programs and philanthropy. It is open to students (freshmen through seniors) from high schools in the New Trier district. It provides opportunities for young people to participate in community service. The Youth Auxiliary raises funds to support its activities as well as contributing to scholarship awards of The Winnetka Club.

Ten members of the Youth Auxiliary also shared the holiday spirit on December 16th at Lake Cook Health Center, a nursing home located in Northbrook. Members baked and decorated Christmas cookies in advance and gathered with residents in the cafeteria to sing carols – and later distributed cookies, candy canes and Christmas cards while caroling through the halls. “Singing carols and sharing Christmas treats was greatly appreciated,” said Danna Carr, co-president of The Winnetka Club, “and so rewarding for our Youth Auxiliary members who are eager to share with those in need.”

The Winnetka Club (formerly, The Winnetka Woman's Club) is a non-profit organization with a well-recognized history of service. The Club's current philanthropic focus is providing scholarships to graduating seniors living in or attending high school in New Trier Township. For over 100 years, The Winnetka Club has been dedicated to community service and involvement.

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