

# FutureCorps

Long Island students making a difference



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## Cozy Kids

**Baldwin Middle School** students wanted to make a difference in the lives of the children at the Cancer Center for Kids at Winthrop University Hospital by making cozy fleece blankets to comfort them.

During the project, the students displayed leadership and dedication toward their act of kindness by volunteering their time after school to work on the soft and cuddly blankets, which they hope will provide warmth for the young patients.

"I am very proud of the students' willingness to serve others in the community. They continue to impress me with their eagerness to give their time to others," said Kerrylyn Xjimenez, a 6th grade teacher who started the tradition several years ago when one of her students, a cancer patient at Winthrop, remarked at how special it made him feel to receive gifts made by his peers.

When asked how it made them feel to be a part of this effort, Savanna, a student, said, "When I help others it makes me feel like I made a difference. Giving back is important." Meanwhile, another student named Sianni said, "You never know what someone is going through and it is good to make someone smile."



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