

# Fleece & Thank You

## FACT SHEET

### WHAT

Established in 2015, Fleece & Thank You is a nonprofit organization that makes fleece blankets with encouraging video messages for children who are hospitalized. It is headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Fleece & Thank You is most recognized for holding more than 400 blanket-making events each year. The nonprofit organization also offers a variety of programs to benefit children encountering prolonged hospital stays, as well individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Currently, about 30,000 Michigan children every year face hospital treatments. Fleece & Thank You's goal is to make 30,000 blankets annually to make sure every child gets the comfort they deserve.

On Sept. 21, 2019, Fleece & Thank You volunteers made 2,017 blankets, setting the Guinness World Record for most no-sew fleece blankets made at one event.

### PROGRAMS

**Blanket-Making Events** - Fleece & Thank You provides a full service event where groups come together to make blankets on a specific date/time/location. Then we deliver those blankets to hospitals in need.

**Individual Blankets and Messages** - Create individual blankets at your own pace by following a three-step process: Purchase a Fleece & Thank You blanket kit, make the blanket and video message, and send your blanket and message back to the organization to give to a child in the hospital.

**Fleece & Thank You 150** - FTY 150 is a family of 150 companies, groups and organizations each donating at least 100 blankets in 2018 to help support hospitalized children.

**Blanket Therapy** - A program sponsored by Fleece & Thank You, patients and their family members can leave the stress of their hospital room by making blankets either for future inpatients or themselves.

**Flockets** - Through our work with children and families in the hospital, it is too often that we see a family broken apart by the financial stress of having a child in long term treatment. The average cost out of pocket for a family with a child battling cancer is \$40,000. Not many people have that kind of money in reserve, and a scary time for the health of the child also becomes a stressful time financially for the family. We wanted our shirts to make a difference in this very real problem that we witness too often. For every Flocket sold, we allot 50% of the profit to help with some of the medical bills families face.

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### PROGRAMS CONTINUED...

[Adults with Disabilities Partnerships](#) - In partnership with Enhance Potential and NeuroRestorative, Fleece & Thank You offers opportunities for differently-abled workers to help us make blanket kits.

### WHY

Fleece & Thank You founder, Nicholas Kristock, was inspired to create this organization by Sophie, a four-year-old girl who battled neuroblastoma, one of the toughest forms of childhood cancer. During a time in her life when she should be playing and meeting new friends, she was facing the disconnection of hospital treatments. Nicholas saw this disconnection and needed to do something about it.

A colorful, warm blanket, along with an encouraging video message, can serve as a beacon of hope, brightening the room as it waits in an otherwise cold, scary hospital room for a child. Fleece & Thank You aims to provide children the motivation to endure long treatments, the kickstart to a successful battle, and the hope that everything is going to be alright.

### WHERE

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