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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville's Society of Women Engineers organization (SWE) made 30 blankets with Children in mind. The engineering students now anticipate donating the blankets in April to Dayton Children's Hospital.

This high-touch approach from a high-tech group originated with student leader Sara Freeland, a junior electrical engineering major from Mount Carmel, Illinois.

Freeland has a personal connection to the project – Children's gave her family a blanket when her younger brother was admitted to the hospital years ago. Having experienced the generosity directly, Freeland pitched the idea to SWE as their annual service project.

"Service projects are a very important part of our SWE program. We want to make our SWE of CU chapter stand out by demonstrating God's love to our local community," said Dr. Vicky Fang, associate professor of computer engineering and advisor for SWE. "Getting our girls to roll up their sleeves and serve together helps build community and confidence in their success in engineering."

SWE raised money for the project during the second week of February, exceeding their goal. The extra funds will go toward small items that will also be donated to Children's, such as coloring books and crayons.

"This is a completely student-led project," said Freeland. "We hope to include as many female engineers as possible. And all for a good cause."

After the project is completed, SWE will invite any financial contributors to pray over the blankets before they are delivered to the hospital.

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