



Project Linus Oregon

Blankets handmade for children in need of a hug

791 Blankets Collected for MABD 2004!

Make a Blanket Day was a great success this year, the Portland chapter of Project Linus received 791 beautiful blankets! Thank you for your tremendous support and desire to help children in need of a hug. Project Linus is becoming well known in our area and agencies are anxious to receive our blankets. Our blankets are known for their beauty and quality. Thank you for your efforts in making our blankets so special!

Winners of the **Janome 6125QC** sewing machines:

A Common Thread - Bertie Bailey

Custom Threads—Cleo Rekart

Cynthia's Sew and Learn—Alfie Stroh

Hood River Sew and Vac—Allie Ferrick

Woodburn Sew and Vac- Sally Palmer

Congratulations to all our winners!

Quilt Tour of Homes !

in Lake Oswego and Tigard on May 2, 2004 from Noon to 5p.m.

Join us for a Sunday afternoon tour of four lovely homes with beautiful quilts, quilt-artist studios, and colorful gardens. An elegant Afternoon Tea at La Provence Bakery and Bistro is included.

All proceeds benefit **Project Linus**
and **H.A.N.S.**—Help Autism Now Society.

Tickets \$25.00 Register with a friend or a group and tickets are only \$20.00 each. Space is limited, early purchase of tickets is highly recommended. Tickets are available at:

A Common Thread

16925 SW 65th Ave.
Lake Oswego, OR
503-624-7440

Please see page 2 of this newsletter to learn more about H.A.N.S.

Project Linus' two fold mission is first to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." Second, it is our mission to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.



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How Can I Help Project Linus? PLEASE follow these Guidelines!

IMPORTANT: Blankets that smell of smoke or strong chemicals, or have pet hair on them, cannot be accepted as they may produce severe allergic reactions in the children. We receive hundreds of blankets monthly and are unable to wash blankets that are donated. **Please sew in smoke-free, pet hair free environments or wash the blanket(s) thoroughly and remove all pet hair before donating the blankets to us.**

Blanket guidelines:

We **ONLY** accept blankets made with **NEW, CLEAN, AND WASHABLE** materials in infant, child or teen friendly colors. We accept blankets that are crocheted, quilted, knitted, fleece blankets, or a tied comforter.

PREFERRED materials: 100% cotton fabric, flannel, fleece, acrylic yarn.

UNACCEPTABLE materials: used mate-

rials, denim, tapestry, upholstery, polyester double knit, felt, vinyl, wool, corduroy or wool yarn.

Accepted Sizes: (measurements are approximate)

Baby—36" x 36"

Child—40" x 60"

Teen—45" x 72"

Batting in quilts should be securely sewn into outer seams and if the blanket is tied, anchor it every 4-6 inches please.

Do not attach buttons or similar decorative items to blankets, they can be choking hazards for children.

Please be sure to **COMPLETE** the construction of your blanket, unfortunately we don't have the time resources to finish it for you. Please remove all pins before turning in your blanket.

If in doubt, would the blanket you plan to

donate be welcomed by you and your child if you were on the receiving end of a Project Linus blanket? Nearly all of the blankets we receive are wonderful, but there have been some that don't meet these qualifications. Rarely, we have had to deem a blanket unacceptable. For your information, these blankets are then donated to other charities.

Project Linus gratefully accepts monetary donations and gift certificates to purchase fabric and supplies. **Please Note:** We accept minimum 1/2 yd. pieces of new 100% cotton fabric and polar fleece. We also accept skeins of washable yarn. (We are unable to accept scraps of fabric or yarn, we do not have the storage capacity).

We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Your donation is *generally tax deductible and you can request a tax receipt from us. (*Please consult with your tax advisor)

Blanket Donors from 2003 (left off list from previous newsletter)

Alfie Stroh—46

Sheila Thompson—1

Virginia Thompson—2

Carol Thornberry- 28

Jaclyn Thornburg-1

Lonnie Thorpe-4

Cathy Tinker-4

Ramona Tinnell-1

Misty Todd-1

Karen Toohey-2

Lydia Towell-3

Areaya Towell-2

Larry Townsend-2

Pat Treichler-2

Winnie Tupper-1

Eileen Ultraske-1

Karen Van Cleave-1

Lori Vanlith-1

Marge Van Zante-1

Diane Varner-6

Holly Varner-1

Mauraine Viaene-1

Charlotte Vickers-1

Sheila Wagon-1

Pam Wagoner-4

Sheila Wahl-2

Donna Wallace-10

Alaina Waller-1

Laura Waller-1

Nancy Waller-1

Ian Warner-1

Linda Warner-1

Eileen Weidner-1

Sheryl Wenstrand-1

Norma & Mel Wheaton-339

Mundee Whitaker-1

Dorothy White-19

Kelsey Whiteside-2

Christine Whiteside-2

Colleen Whyte-1

My apologies for the clerical error!



So what is Autism?

As a parent, picture yourself having a 5 year old child that doesn't know his own name, even if he did, he couldn't tell you because he can't speak. Picture him furiously rubbing off your kisses and refusing all your attempts to hold him on your lap or hug him. Instead he punches you on the face. Picture the agony of being unable to

prevent him from banging his head on the floor for hours everyday or watching helplessly as he rips out his hair and bites himself. Visualize living with a child that doesn't seem to notice the difference between day and night and rarely sleeps for more than a few hours at a time. When he's awake he screams relentlessly, is vicious with his siblings and destroys your home. Imagine this going on for years and in your heart-broken, sleep-deprived state you have to deal with a child that isn't potty trained,

will not wear clothes or shoes, and loves to run away.

With early interventions, these children can make steady improvements. H.A.N.S. was formed in 2002 by an Orthopedic Surgeon and an ER nurse, the parents of a child severely affected by autism. H.A.N.S. is dedicated to helping families with autism by supporting physicians and other professionals in the early recognition, diagnosis and interventions for children with autism. As a result, affected children can receive services to improve their outcomes.

Blankets Collected to Date: 6845 ! (since July 2001)

The Portland Chapter's over 50 Club:

(Blankets donated, not their age!)

Connie Blumthal	56
Evelyn David	56
Margie Dorrance	123
Marge Fine	103
Gay Gaube	54
Jane Gibbs	74
Cheryl Guild	90
Stephanie Holladay	101
Marge Jersey	58
Janis McGraw	58
Margaret Mumby	744!!
Jan Perkins	67
Norma & Mel Wheaton	637!!

There are over 800 individuals who have donated blankets to us, as well as over 3 dozen churches, schools, scouts troops, and youth groups.

You are an awesome group of blanket-eers! Thank you so much for your support of Project Linus.

The need for blankets continues to grow and we appreciate your caring hearts and your generous donations of blankets.

Nationwide: **872,208** blankets delivered since December 1995!

A Great Big Thank you to:

Kwik Kopy in Tigard for your support of Project Linus.

Marge Fine and Constance

Dorreman for collecting hundreds of blankets and preparing them for delivery.

When your talent intersects with a human need, you have found your purpose in life.

Herman Cain, Founder and CEO of Godfather Pizza

Drop off Sites for blankets (*new site is available*)

<u>Lake Oswego:</u>	A Common Thread 16925 65th Ave. 503-624-7440	<u>Vancouver:</u>	Quilt N Stitch 808 SE Chkalov Dr. 360-882-9101	<u>Hood River:</u>	Hood River Sew & Vac 1109 12th St. 541-308-3355
<u>Tigard:*</u>	**Fanno Creek Calicos** 12192 SW Scholls Ferry 503-579-7977	<u>Vancouver:</u>	Jodene Cook 360-993-1944	<u>Salem:</u>	Greenbaum's Quilted Forest 240 Commercial St. NE 503-363-7973
<u>Astoria:*</u>	**Custom Threads** 1282 Commercial St. 503-325-7780	<u>Milwaukee:</u>	Geri Fuson 503-656-9937	<u>Keizer:</u>	Stretch N Sew Fabrics 5089 River Rd. North 503-393-0132
<u>Beaverton:</u>	Mill End Store 4955 Western Ave. 503-646-3000	<u>Gresham:</u>	Cynthia's Sew and Learn 971 N. East Kelly Ave. 503-661-2102		
<u>Hillsboro:</u>	Micheal's Crafts Tanasbourne Mall 503-533-9357	<u>Gresham:</u>	Cheryl Guild 503-286-5913		
		<u>Woodburn:</u>	Woodburn Sew & Vac 1002 N. Pacific Hwy 503-981-6921		

Please attach your name and address to each blanket (with a pin since paper and blankets easily get separated) so we can give you credit for each blanket you donate!

Project Linus Newsletter is now available online!

www.projectlinusoregon.org

Help us save the 50 cents it costs for every newsletter mailed. (the newsletter will look the same as the printed version you receive in the mail, it is in a pdf file format and you will need Acrobat Reader to view it. Acrobat Reader can be downloaded from the internet for free from www.Adobe.com.) You will be notified by email when each new newsletter is available.

Please send an email to us at pdxlinus@comcast.net with the subject of: **Online newsletter**

Our mailing list exceeds 1000 (at a cost of \$500 to snail mail the newsletter). For every 200 people we add to the email list, it becomes a savings of \$100 for us.

Your help is needed as we seek ways to streamline our work and limit our costs. We rely upon donations to maintain the functioning of our chapter. Thank you for your support!

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Providing Security Through Blankets

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**Blankets for children in need
of a hug**

Fons and Porter's "Love of Quilting" Magazine

For every one year subscription (6 issues) of "Love of Quilting" purchased through **Project Linus**, the magazine will give a **\$10.00 donation** to the Portland chapter of Project Linus. Cost of a one year subscription is **\$20.00**. It's a win-win opportunity for everyone! Subscribers pay the same amount as they would normally pay for a 1 year subscription and Project Linus benefits too! Renewals are welcome! Share this exciting opportunity with your family, friends, fellow quilters, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Fill out this form, mail it and your check for \$20 made out to **Project Linus** to:



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