



Project Linus Oregon

Blankets handmade for children in need of a hug

Project Linus National Make a Blanket Day 2005

Please join us for the **3rd annual Project Linus/Janome America National Make a Blanket Day** on Saturday, February 19, 2005. This is an annual event to create new, hand-made, washable blankets to be distributed to kids in need.

Janome America dealers around the country are partnering up with their local chapters of Project Linus. In February 2004 over 40,000 blankets were collected nationwide for Project Linus. The Portland chapter contributed 791 blankets to that total! 250 Janome dealers in 41 states participated. Sewing clubs, quilt guilds, school groups and community members donated yarn, fabric, batting and notions to make blankets and created one of the largest craft gatherings in the country. Each dealer gave away one Janome 6125 QC sewing machine. This year's event will bring even more blankets to Project Linus, and each dealer will give away one **Janome DC 3050** sewing machine to a lucky winner! For every blanket donated to Project Linus, participants will receive 1 raffle ticket to qualify to win the sewing machine at their local participating dealer.

Local Portland Janome dealers are participating in this event and are encouraging members of the Portland metro area to participate by making blankets for the Portland Oregon Chapter of Project Linus. Please check with your local dealer for planned blanket day events at their stores on February 19th. Local participating dealers are located in the box at the bottom of this page. All blankets donated at these dealers stores from January 15, 2005 to February 28, 2005 will be eligible for the drawing. Fill out an official Project Linus Make a Blanket Day raffle ticket, provided by the dealer, for each blanket you donate. You **MUST** follow **ALL** blanket guidelines (see inside) for your blanket to qualify for a raffle ticket. The drawing for the sewing machines at each of these locations will take place on Monday February 28, 2005.

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!

A Common Thread: 16925 SW 65th Ave. Lake Oswego 503-624-7440

Aloha Vac N Sew: 18335 SW TV Hwy, Aloha 503-649-6050

Hood River Sew and Vac: 1109 12th St. , Hood River 541-308-3355

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 in-

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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" (**Minimum size**)

Child—40" x 60"

Teen—45" x 72" (**Maximum size**)

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)

Upcoming Event's: Mark your calendars

2nd Annual Quilt Tour of Homes

to benefit Project Linus:

Sunday, May 1, 2005

Join us for a Sunday afternoon tour of lovely homes with beautiful quilts, quilt-artist studios, and colorful gardens. An elegant afternoon Tea at La Provence Bakery and Bistro in Lake Oswego is included. Tickets are \$25.00. If you register with a friend or a group, tickets are \$20.00. Tickets will be available in April at A Common Thread in Lake Oswego.

Northwest Quilt Expo

September 2005

Look for the Project Linus table as we share the opportunity for quilters to join in our efforts of bringing comfort and security to children in need.

We are looking for a quilt to be raffled off for our annual fundraiser for our chapter. If you or your group is willing to donate a full or queen size quilt, or quilt top, for our raffle, please contact Marla at 503-534-1151.

Tips and Tricks for Sewers:

Place an old-fashioned wooden folding drying rack (30 inches wide is ideal) at the end of your cutting table to extend the work area when you're laying out 2 yards or more of fabric. Drape the fabric over the dowels to prevent it from dragging. Use the same rack beside your machine to keep fabric strips in order when piecing a quilt.

Uses for rubber gripper drawer lining:

Put a piece under your cutting board, rotary cutting mat, machine foot pedals, and sewing machine to keep them from walking while you are cutting or sewing.

When you are quilting by machine, place a piece between the quilt top and each hand, allowing your hands to lie flat and cramp-free even when you apply pressure to guide the fabric.

Keep a small piece next to your machine to hold small tools and prevent them from rolling off the table as you sew.

Send your sewing, quilting, crocheting or knitting tip to pdxlinus@comcast.net for us to include in the newsletter.

Blankets Collected to Date: 8755 ! (since July 2001)

Project Linus blanketeer **Margaret Mumby** reached a major milestone this past December! She donated her **1000th** blanket to the Portland chapter of Project Linus! A celebration in her honor was held to acknowledge her accomplishment and tremendous generosity.

Margaret was honored by about 30 Project Linus volunteers who gave her 1000 fat quarters, 1000 Hershey Kisses and 1000 Life Savers! Much fun was had by all. Look for her story on our website www.projectlinusoregon.org.

Thank you Margaret for your love and devotion for children in need of comfort and security. The world is a better place because of you!

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: 1,085,886
blankets donated (as of 9/30/04)
Project Linus' 10th birthday is
December 25, 2005!

Thank you for the beautiful quilts you brought to our Candlelighter families at Camp Harlow. Our son uses his quilt everyday! He has had two separate battles with cancer and continues to face many struggles. Having this special quilt will remind us of the love of people like you to put a smile on our face!

The Lambert Family

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>Salem:</u>	Greenbaum's Quilted Forest 240 Commercial St. NE 503-363-7973
<u>Tigard:</u>	Fanno Creek Calicos 12192 SW Scholls Ferry 503-579-7977	<u>Milwaukee:</u>	Geri Fuson 503-656-9937	<u>Keizer:</u>	Stretch N Sew Fabrics 5089 River Rd. North 503-393-0132
<u>Astoria:</u>	Custom Threads 1282 Commercial St. 503-325-7780	<u>Gresham:</u>	Cynthia's Sew and Learn 971 N. East Kelly Ave. 503-661-2102	<u>Aloha*:</u>	*Aloha Vac N Sew* 18335 SW TV Hwy 503-649-6050
<u>Beaverton:</u>	Mill End Store 4955 Western Ave. 503-646-3000	<u>Gresham:</u>	Cheryl Guild 503-286-5913		
<u>Hillsboro:</u>	Micheal's Crafts Tanasbourne Mall 503-533-9357	<u>Woodburn:</u>	Woodburn Sew & Vac 1002 N. Pacific Hwy 503-981-6921		
		<u>Hood River:</u>	Hood River Sew & Vac 1109 12th St. 541-308-3355		

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).

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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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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