



Project Linus Oregon

Blankets handmade for children in need of a hug

Project Linus has incredible blanketeers!

Message to all Blanketeers!

As in life, the same holds true in Project Linus, we don't hear the words thank you often enough! I would like to personally thank all of you for the devotion and kindness you have shown for children in need of a hug through the gift of your handmade blankets. Your generosity continues to inspire me and to fill me with gratitude for your help and support. I wish I could send personal thanks to each one of you, but unfortunately that is not possible as 200-300 blankets are donated each month to our chapter. The postage alone would be overwhelmingly expensive.

I receive notes and calls from the organizations that we donate blankets to and they each express how much it means to the children they serve, as well as to those who work with these children, to receive such beautiful blankets of wonderful quality. Thank you for the care and love you put into each blanket!

Please make sure I have your correct contact information in the event a child sends you a thank you for your blanket. Some thank you notes never make it to you if I don't have an address to forward it to.

Happy Blanketeering!

With my heartfelt gratitude to each of you,
Marla

Quilt Raffle winner!

Congratulations to

Lupe Green

for winning the beautiful queen size quilt
made by Erin Davis

Drawing was held Dec. 15th, 2005

National Make a Blanket Day

Janome sewing machine raffle drawing

Congratulations to

Stephanie Holladay!

Our thanks to A Common Thread for once
again supporting Project Linus'

Make a Blanket Day 2006

Be sure to take a look at our website for
much more information:

www.projectlinusoregon.org

List of all donation sites

New - thank you's received

Links to free patterns

Links to websites of supporting businesses
(just for fun Google Project Linus!)

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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.

Project Linus
Providing Security Through Blankets
Portland, OR Chapter

How Can I Help ? PLEASE follow these Guidelines! Revised 10/05

Blankets must meet these Project Linus NATIONAL GUIDELINES:

Here are a few DO'S and DON'TS:

DO make blankets from **New, Clean, Washable** materials in infant, child or teen friendly colors. Remember these blankets are meant to be **colorful, cheerful, and cuddly**.

DO crochet, knit, quilt, or tie your blankets—or finish the edge on polar fleece.

DO make blankets from 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece or acrylic yarn.

DO secure the batting into outer seams and if the blanket is tied, please anchor it every 4-6 inches cutting ties to 1 inch or less in length (Use cotton pearl floss)

DO weave in all yarn ends on crocheted and knitted blankets.

DO pre-wash all fabric that you feel may cause a problem with bleeding.

DO check, double check and triple check your blankets for straight pins. It's better YOU find that pin and not the child who receives your blanket.

DO be creative! Keep in mind that children will be selecting a blanket with which to cuddle and receive comfort.

DO COMPLETE the construction of your blanket,

DON'T make your blankets out of tapestry, burlap, upholstery fabric, 70's type double knit, felt, vinyl, wool, holiday fabric or wool yarn. Also, please do not donate these types of fabrics and yarn.

DON'T attach buttons or decorative items to a blanket, They can be a choking hazard.

DON'T use thick fabric paint on the surface of your blanket. Use **ONLY** permanent fabric markers made specifically for fabric when coloring on muslin.

DON'T use fabric that has been stored and has a musty smell. The mold spores can cause an allergic reaction in a child.

DON'T use older fabric. The older the fabric is, the more fragile the fibers become and will break down and tear with each washing.

DON'T donate blankets that smell of

smoke or strong chemicals, or have **pet hair** on them. We **cannot** accept them.

Accepted Sizes: (these measurements are **approximate**)

Baby—30" x 36" (**Minimum size**)

Child—40" x 55-60"

Teen—45-50" x 64-72" (**Maximum size**)

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 **FULL** skeins of washable yarn. (We are unable to accept scraps of fabric or yarn, we do not have the storage capacity).

We are a 50 1c3 nonprofit organization. Your donation is *generally tax deductible and you can request a tax receipt from us. (*Please consult with your tax advisor)

Events—looking ahead

April 14th 10am-1pm

Make a Difference Day at Story Quilts in Beaverton—supporting Project Linus and other charities (please call ahead to let them know you are coming)

Late August

Project Linus booth at the State Fair in Salem. If you are interested in helping, call Marla at 503-320-0494 for details.

Blanket Making Days:

Lake Oswego, OR

3rd Thursday of every month

A Common Thread— 10 am-2:00 pm
16925 SW 65th Ave. 503-624-7440

Vancouver, WA

1st and 3rd Friday's - 10am—3 pm

Connecting Threads

13118 NE 4th St. 360-260-8900

Welcome to all volunteers from ABC Quilts!

The board of directors of the national organization of **ABC Quilts** has made the difficult decision to dissolve ABC Quilts. They are pleased to announce their partnership with Project Linus and encourage their volunteers to join in the efforts of Project Linus. ABC Quilts has provided support to children all over the world for the past 17 years through the gifts of handmade quilts.

Tips and Tricks for Sewers:

Use wedge shaped rubber doorstops underneath the back of your sewing machine to tilt it forward for better visibility while sewing.

Small paintbrushes come in handy to clean lint from the bobbin case area of your sewing machine.

Keep swatches of fabric in a small photo album. It's perfect to take to the quilt shop when trying to coordinate fabrics for a quilt.

Use a piece of gripper shelf/drawer liner under your foot control to keep it from sliding away from you.

When creating a quilt with many fabrics, cut a small piece from each one and string it on a double thread. You can easily count the number of fabrics used in the project.

Wrap a strip of Glad Press N Seal around a spool of thread to keep it from unwinding.

Blankets Delivered to Date: 11,763 ! (Portland Oregon chapter—since July 2001)

You mean the world to someone. Someone you don't even know loves you for who you are and what you have done for them. Every night, someone thinks about you before they go to sleep. If not for you, someone may not be living. To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.

Unknown

Blankets donated nationally by all 360 chapters:

1,540,243 (as of 12/31/05)

Just a thank you note! Six of us were in a car crash, one fatality, and two kids flown to OHSU. I couldn't get to my 9 year old for 1 1/2 days. She was scared to death without me. Weather prevented my arrival in the storm of 12/18/05, and when I arrived I was glad to see her being comforted by your quilt! She so loves her quilt. You made a BIG difference, thank you!
Mom

When you volunteer, you are not paid in money or recognition, you are paid in love. People may forget what you said, and people may forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel. Unknown

We work daily with youngsters who have been traumatized by abuse, want and neglect. They come to us often with little more than what they are wearing, and many times even their clothes must be destroyed due to drug contamination. Try to imagine having absolutely nothing in the world. Couple that with the separation from the only family they have known and the history of abuse, and you can easily see how much a blanket "of my very own" can mean to our children.

Oregon Department of Human Services

Drop off Sites for blankets

(*new site is available*)

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

Tigard: **Fanno Creek Calicos**
12192 SW Scholls Ferry
503-579-7977

Astoria: **Custom Threads**
1282 Commercial St.
503-325-7780

Beaverton: **Mill End Store**
4955 Western Ave.
503-646-3000

Story Quilts
9340 Beav-Hillsdale Hwy
503-384-0185

Gresham: **Cheryl Guild**
503-286-5913

Clackamas: ***Pioneer Quilts***
20330 SE Hwy 212
503-558-1111

Hillsboro: **Micheal's Crafts**
Tanasbourne Mall
503-533-9357

Vancouver: ** **Connecting Threads**
13118 NE 4th St.
360-260-8900

Hood River: **Hood River Sew & Vac**
1109 12th St.
541-308-3355

Salem: **Greenbaum's**
240 Commercial St. NE
503-363-7973

Keizer: **Stretch N Sew Fabrics**
5089 River Rd. North
503-393-0132

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

Portland: ** **Naked Sheep Knit Shop**
2142 N. Killingsworth
503-283-2004

Wilsonville: ** **Speckled Hen Quilts**
30789 SW Boones Ferry
503-570-3368

Take your finished blankets to one of these drop off locations. Blankets will then be labeled and prepared for delivery by some of our chapter volunteers. Please attach your name and address to each blanket with a safety pin so we can give you credit for each blanket you donate!

Blankets must be given directly to a Project Linus chapter. Individuals, groups and troops may not take blankets directly to the recipient facilities due to privacy rules.

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**

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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**A Project Linus blanket is like
a big hug when you most need
one!**

Fons and Porter's "Love of Quilting" Magazine

Subscribe to "Love of Quilting" through **Project Linus**! New subscribers, as well as renewals, pay **\$20** for a 1 year subscription. This is the same amount as if you subscribed directly through the magazine. Fons and Porter donates part of the proceeds to Project Linus if you subscribe through us. Share this exciting opportunity with your family, friends, fellow quilters, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

FYI— July 2006, the magazine is raising all of its subscription rates to \$22 per year.

Fill out this form, mail it and your check for \$20 (before July 1st) made out to **Project Linus** to:



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