
Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Portland, OR Chapter



Happy 6th Birthday to us!

On July 4th, 2007 the Portland Chapter of Project Linus celebrated it's 6th birthday!

A great big thank you to all our many wonderful volunteers who have made each year so very fun and rewarding! Project Linus blanketeers are some of the nicest people in the world! Your generosity and kindness towards children in need of comfort and security has helped our chapter deliver a total of

15,392

blankets in 6 years. If there was a sufficient way to express our appreciation, we would do it. You are amazing!

A special thank you to all those who regularly come to our monthly blanket days and help prepare all these blankets for delivery. Each blanket has a Project Linus blanket label sewn onto it and then the blankets are folded and wrapped with a ribbon. The name of the blanket maker is written on the gift card and attached to the blanket(s) they've made. This is a labor intensive process and we appreciate everyone who devotes this extra time to make these blankets be the "gift" that they truly are.

This process is duplicated all across the country by thousands of other Project Linus volunteers in over 400 chapters! It's heartwarming to be a part of such a remarkable organization. Thank you all!

National Make a Blanket Day

Janome sewing machine raffle drawing

Congratulations to

Patti Amerine of Vancouver, WA!

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

Make a Blanket Day 2007



Project Linus Volunteers
Sew Seeds of Kindness

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, hand-made 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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***NEW* Project Linus Blanket Guidelines:** Please follow carefully (revised 8/1/07)

<p>Blankets must meet these Project Linus <u>NATIONAL GUIDELINES</u>:</p> <p>Here are a few <u>DO'S</u> and <u>DON'TS</u>:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>DO crochet, knit, quilt, or tie your blankets—OR finish the edge on polar fleece.</p> <p>DO make blankets from 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece or washable yarn.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>DO weave in all yarn ends on crocheted and knitted blankets.</p> <p>DO pre-wash all fabric that you feel may cause a problem with bleeding.</p> <p>DO check, double check and triple check your blankets for straight pins. It's better</p>	<p>YOU find that pin and not the child who receives your blanket.</p> <p>DO be creative! Keep in mind that children will be selecting a blanket with which to cuddle and receive comfort. Please see our website for patterns and ideas and links to other websites. www.projectlinusoregon.org</p> <p>DO <u>COMPLETE</u> the construction of your blanket,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>DON'T attach buttons or decorative items to a blanket, They can be a choking hazard.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>DON'T use fabric that has been stored and has a musty smell. The mold spores can cause an allergic reaction in a child.</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT!</p> <p>DON'T donate blankets that smell of smoke or strong chemicals, or have pet hair on them. We cannot accept them.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Your donation is generally tax deductible and you can request a tax receipt from us.</p>
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I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer it or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

William Penn

Blanket Making Days:

Lake Oswego, OR
 3rd Thursday of the month
A Common Thread— 10 am-2:00 pm
 16925 SW 65th Ave. 503-624-7440

Vancouver, WA
 1st and 3rd Friday's - 10am—2 pm
Clark Co. Genealogical Society
 717 Grand Blvd. Call: Jodene 360-993-1944 or Kathy 360-258-0066

Blanket Buzz

As of June 30, 2007, nationally

Project Linus
 has donated
2,210,000
 blankets to children in need of
 comfort and security!
 Total # of chapters : **406**

Tips and Tricks for Quilters, Knitters and Crocheters: (please send us your ideas to share!)

Knitter's and Crocheter's : Think beyond the traditional pastel or primary palettes. Bold combinations of bright hues like hot pink, lime green and orange stimulate the senses; grown-up shades of brown, cream, mossy green and muted purple set a soothing tone. From: KnitSimple magazine

Quilters: to make a handle for your rotary cutting ruler, purchase a woodworking push block. Use double-sided carpet tape to attach the handle to your ruler. If desired, attach dots of sandpaper to bottom of ruler to keep it from slipping.

From: Fons and Porter's Sew Many Tips, Marlayn Maxfield, Pulaski, TN

Blankets Delivered to Date: 15,392 ! (Portland Oregon chapter—since July 2001)

Valuable is the work you do,
 Outstanding is how you always come through,
 Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,
 Untiring in your efforts throughout the year,
 Notable are the contributions you make,
 Trustworthy in every project you take,
 Eager to reach your every goal,
 Effective in the way you fulfill your role,
 Ready with a smile like a shining star,
 Special and wonderful—that's what you are.

Thanks for caring and giving to Project Linus!

<p>I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catchers mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maya Angelou</p>	<p>I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tracy Chapman</p>
<p>Dear Project Linus Quilters-</p> <p>Thank you again for providing love and care for our children here at South-west Washington Medical Center during this past year. We look back with deep gratitude to each of you for your gifts of beautiful quilts that so beautifully transform a hospital experience for a child and their family. Blessings on you and your families.</p> <p>Mary Myers Chaplain, Director of Pastoral Care</p>	<p>We want to thank you so much for the Linus blankets. Being the case manager here at Willamette Cottage (The Christie School) and getting the bedrooms ready for the new kids, I have witnessed how much they appreciate the warm and comforting blankets you provide for us. They all immediately put a smile on their faces, as if they are saying to themselves "at least I have a soft blanket to hold."</p> <p>Thanks so much, you make a big difference in a child's day!</p>

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

<p><u>Lake Oswego:</u> A Common Thread 16925 65th Ave. 503-624-7440</p> <p><u>Tigard:</u> Fanno Creek Calicos 12192 SW Scholls Ferry 503-579-7977</p> <p><u>Astoria:</u> Custom Threads 1282 Commercial St. 503-325-7780</p> <p><u>Beaverton:</u> Mill End Store 4955 Western Ave. 503-646-3000</p> <p> Micheal's Tanasbourne Town Center 18069 Evergreen Pkwy 503-533-2248</p> <p><u>Canby:**</u> Canby Quilt & Fabric 248 NW 1st Ave 503-263-3563</p>	<p><u>Clackamas:</u> Pioneer Quilts 20330 SE Hwy 212 503-558-1111</p> <p><u>Vancouver: **</u> Just for Fun Quilting 2700 NE Andresen 360-882-9101</p> <p><u>Hood River:</u> Hood River Sew & Vac 1109 12th St. 541-308-3355</p> <p><u>Keizer:</u> Stretch N Sew Fabrics 5089 River Rd. North 503-393-0132</p> <p><u>Aloha:</u> Aloha Vac N Sew 18335 SW TV Hwy 503-649-6050</p> <p><u>Portland:</u> Naked Sheep Knit Shop 2142 N. Killingsworth 503-283-2004</p> <p><u>Wilsonville:</u> Speckled Hen Quilts 30789 SW Boones Ferry 503-570-3368</p>	<p>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!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Project Linus gratefully accepts monetary donations and gift certificates to purchase fabric and supplies.</p> <p>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).</p>
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www.projectlinusoregon.org

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

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