
Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Portland, OR Chapter

Change in Chapter Leadership and Name

Seven years ago I felt compelled to make a difference in the world, albeit in a small way. I wanted to make quilts for children in need of comfort and security. I discovered Project Linus and was completely surprised that there was not a local chapter. Thus began an incredible journey as I started the Portland Oregon chapter of Project Linus. Along this journey I have received more kindness from strangers than I ever imagined possible. The response to Project Linus in the Portland/Vancouver area has been phenomenal and I thank all of you for your support. My life has been enriched and my heart has been touched time and again as I've met children and adults who have participated in our efforts. Many of the children who have received our blankets have sent thank you notes. Some have made me weep with gratitude that a Project Linus blanket has been able to effect their life in such a positive way.

The time is now right to pass the mantle of leadership on to a new coordinator, Jodene Cook. Jodene has been very instrumental in our success and she will do a fine job of managing this wonderful organization.

It is with sadness that I say goodbye, but I will treasure this time I have shared with you for the rest of my life. Thank you again for everything.

Marla Zupancic

Our chapter has grown so much that we have changed the name of the chapter to the

Portland/Vancouver Chapter of Project Linus, to better reflect the area that we serve.

National Make a Blanket Day 2008

Sewing machine raffle drawing winner

Congratulations to
PATRICIA DAVIS
of Vancouver, WA!

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

Blankets delivered to
date:17,733

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

If you have an email address, please send an email to jcooklinus@q.com with your name to update our contact database. Your information will NOT be shared with anyone and will only be used for the purpose of sharing information that is important and pertinent to Project Linus with you. Even if your email address has not changed recently, please send us an email. Thank you for your help with this!

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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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 tapes-try, 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>
<p style="text-align: center;">We can all be angels to one another. We can choose to obey the still small stirring voice within, the little whisper that says, "Go. Ask. Reach out. Be an answer to someone's plea."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joan Wester Anderson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Blanket Making Days:</p> <p>Portland, OR 3rd Thursday of the month <u>A Common Thread</u>— 10 am-2:00 pm 15230 SW Sequoia Pkwy. 503-624-7440</p> <p>Vancouver, WA 1st and 3rd Friday's - 10am—2 pm <u>Clark Co. Genealogical Society</u> 717 Grand Blvd. Call: Jodene 360-993-1944 or Kathy 360-256-0066</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Blanket Buzz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">As of June 17, 2008 Margaret Mumby Has made and donated to the Portland/Vancouver Project Linus Chapter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2,113</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beautiful blankets !!!!! Thank you Margaret!</p>

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

To dust between the slats of miniblinds and wooden blinds, wrap a scrap of cotton batting around a 12" ruler and secure with a rubber band. From: American Patchwork and Quilting, Frances Perata,, Chico, California

Use 1/4" diameter hole reinforcement stickers to mark the bottom of bobbins with the thread color and manufacturer. The stickers do not interfere with the performance of the sewing machine, and when you change thread the sticker is easy to remove. From: American Patchwork and Quilting, Rebecca Amnott, Georgetown, Massachusetts

Blankets Delivered to Date: 17,733 ! (Portland Oregon chapter—since July 2001)

In 1901 Emma Kunkle Divine, a 17 year old Salvation Army volunteer, discovered that the busy people in the streets of New York were painfully slow in responding to the needy. What could one teenage girl do to reach so many? Emma bought a small bell and started ringing it to attract donors. The donations rolled in and soon the entire Salvation Army was ringing little bells across the nation.

Do you have a cause? If so, find your bell and ring it. Let no one tell you that the problems of the world are too big to tackle, or that one person like you can't make a difference. -Dan Zadra

It takes courage for people listen to their own goodness and act on it.
Pablo Casals

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

Dear Project Linus-
Our daughter was a patient at Dornbecher in the ICU for nine days before she died. It was so nice to have your blanket wrapped around her like a warm hug. I appreciate the warmth your quilt provided our daughter- and us- in her final days. Your work is so kind and so touching. We shall never forget the kindness of strangers.

Dear Friends at Project Linus-
Thank you so very much for the beautiful, warm blanket you made for our little son's birth. He was born 6 weeks early and just came home from the NICU at Legacy Salmon Creek. Your little blanket and card was a bright spot at a scary time for our family. May God bless you for your many kindnesses.
The Wright family

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

Portland : **A Common Thread**
15230 SW Sequoia Pkwy
503-624-7440

Vancouver: **Just for Fun Quilting**
2700 NE Andresen
360-882-9101

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!

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

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

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.

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

Keizer: **The Cotton Patch**
4475 River Rd. N.
503-463-1880

Beaverton: **Mill End Store**
4955 Western Ave.
503-646-3000
Micheal's
Tanasbourne Town Center
18069 Evergreen Pkwy
503-533-2248

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

Project Linus gratefully accepts monetary donations and gift certificates to purchase fabric and supplies.

Canby: **Canby Quilt & Fabric**
248 NW 1st Ave
503-263-3563

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

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

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).

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 jcooklinus@q.com 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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