

# Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

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## East Tennessee Chapter

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*The best kind of sleep under  
heaven above, is under a blanket  
handmade with love.*

### Coordinator's Corner

#### Dear Blanketeers and Recipient Organizations:

Project Linus of East Tennessee continues to grow. When each of you donates more blankets, recruits new volunteers and provides financial and other support, we are able to provide more blankets to more children in need in East Tennessee. To me one of the most wonderful things about volunteering for Project Linus is that you can donate your time when YOU have time, not at a certain required time by the organization. I'm happy to report the following:

#### Blankets Provided to Children:

2008 – 665 blankets (well on our way to our goal of 2,600)

Blankets provided to date (since April 2003): 9,266 blankets

**We'll be celebrating our 10,000<sup>th</sup> blanket donated REAL SOON!**

Please keep all of our volunteers, staff at recipient organizations and the children they serve in your thoughts. Our volunteers are the key part of making the organization successful. The staff at the recipient organizations has the privilege of delivering the blankets, but they are also the ones that have the often difficult task of working with these children through their health, emotional and family issues.

We have many volunteers and their families experiencing health problems right now. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Our sympathies are extended to Helen Low due to the recent death of her husband.

I hope you are enjoying the warm weather!

*Deb*

First and foremost, thank you so very much for your awesome contribution to this very worthwhile program. With all the causes out there, I know it's tough to decide where to donate your time and/or money, and all of us involved in the TTOPS Conference (Teaching Teens Outstanding Parenting Skills Conference) truly thank you for choosing this opportunity to help these impressionable young mothers.

Joanna Simeone

Public Relations Specialist, Community Relations  
East Tennessee Children's Hospital

**Your Donations of Blankets and Other Items Truly  
Make A Difference in the Lives of Area Children.  
PLET has recently or will soon be delivering donated  
items to the following recipient organizations:**

- ❖ Ronald McDonald House - Knoxville:
- ❖ Hope Resource Center - Knoxville:
- ❖ Pathways Family Shelter – Harriman:
- ❖ Smoky Mountain Children’s Home – Sevierville:
- ❖ East TN Children’s Medical Center – Knoxville:
- ❖ **UT Medical Center–Knoxville: 50 blankets and caps**
- ❖ **Baptist Hospital West/Baptist Hospital for Women (Nursery/Emergency Room): 25 blankets**
- ❖ YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter – Oak Ridge:
- ❖ **CEASE Domestic Violence Shelter & Program – Morristown: 30 blankets**
- ❖ Katie Miller Group Home/Child and Family, Inc. – Knoxville:
- ❖ New Life Inn/Knox Area Rescue Ministries:
- ❖ Children’s Center of the Cumberland (Scott County):
- ❖ Campbell County Children’s Center (used to be REACHS):
- ❖ REACHS House of Hope (domestic violence) in Jacksboro, TN:
- ❖ Child Advocacy Center of the Ninth Judicial District (Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane):
- ❖ **Cumberland Medical Center – Crossville: 25 blankets**
- ❖ Mission of Hope:
- ❖ Department of Human Services:
- ❖ Good Samaritans – Cumberland County:
- ❖ **Avalon Center–Cumberland County: 35 blankets**
- ❖ Avalon Center – Morgan County:
- ❖ A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of TN – Maryville:
- ❖ Martin Funeral Home in Oak Ridge:
- ❖ **CHILDHELP USA (East TN): 25 blankets**
- ❖ Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep – East TN:
- ❖ Saving Little Hearts (East TN):
- ❖ Faces of Hope:
- ❖ **Family Promise: 6 blankets**
- ❖ **Special Request: Little girl from Knoxville with Liver Disease**

## Wish List



- Stamps
- Standard white 8 ½ x 11 copier paper
- Safety Pins – small to medium
- Yarn (bright child friendly colors – washable)
- We NEED \$\$\$: We always welcome financial donations to help with PL expenses including publishing the newsletter, brochures, buying labels for the blankets, etc. If you want to make a donation, please send it to Deb. We’d prefer a gift card (Staples, Target, Walmart, , K-Mart, etc.), check made out to Project Linus or cash.
- Remember Project Linus is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization. Be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding applicable tax deductions.

### U.T. and Project Linus

The United Residence Halls Council (URHC) at the University of Tennessee recently participated in Project Linus. Members from each of the 13 residence halls made twenty fleece blankets of varying sizes at the general body meeting. Everyone had a lot of fun, and it was a good service to the community.

### Thanks from the Avalon Center in Crossville:

Thank you for your generous donation of 35 quilts, blankets and afghans. These handmade items are such thoughtful gifts and mean so much to our shelter clients. Your support is much needed and greatly appreciated. Gifts to the Avalon Center assist in providing emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, professional counseling, court support and financial assistance to individuals and families that have suffered abuse. Your assistance also supports our work in the community to break the cycle of violence for future generations. Thank you for joining with Avalon Center’s efforts to make our communities even more wonderful places for us all to live.

Sincerely, Carmen Kington – Executive Director

### Important Date

**TAPS Program patriotic blankets due to drop off locations:**

**April 15, 2008.**



**First United Methodist Church – Knoxville: 50 blankets**  
**Parkwest Quilters: 10 blankets**  
**Karen Feltner: 28 blankets**  
**Sharon Carey: 26 blankets**  
**Annhara Henderson: 13 blankets**  
**Anna Lou Vandergriff and Beverly Abele: 13 blankets**  
**Maetta Conrad: 4 blankets**  
**Betty Anderson/Peg Holley: 4 blankets**  
**Drama Russell: blanket and hat**  
**Barbara Maginnis: hat**  
**Carol Brown: blanket**  
**Diane Mraz: 10 blankets**  
**Dorothy Cameron/Loraine Roach: 10 quilts**  
**Dorothy Cameron/Ruth Rosenbaum: 10 quilts**  
**Dorothy Cameron: 20 caps**  
**Maetta Conrad: 6 quilts; 12 hats**  
**Dorothy Cameron/Helen Forbes: 40 blankets**  
**Lynda Everman: 6 blankets**  
**Dorcas Quilters: 14 blankets, 1 scarf, 1 hat**  
**Kathi Van Houten: 6 blankets**  
**Lucile Sherrod: 38 blankets**  
**Mara and Tom Eckhardt: 2 blankets**  
**River Rats Faith Huddle – First Farragut United Methodist Church: 9 blankets**  
**Cathy and Michelle Hurrell: 4 blankets**  
**Restorative Justice Program: 9 blankets**  
**Irene Hawker: 1 knitted bunny**  
**Pat Hunter 5 blankets and yarn**  
**Marie Mitchell: 3 blankets; 1 scarf**  
**Kathy Henry – Farragut Christian Church: 4 blankets**  
**Bettie Hite: 2 blankets**  
**Jim and Doris Cole: 1 blanket, fabric**  
**Barb Loadholtz: 1 blanket**  
**Judy Montgomery: 1 blanket w/ cap; 2 scarves**  
**Carol Grathwol: fabric and misc sewing supplies**

**Special thanks to Maetta Conrad and Ola Mae Morton for their extra help in hemming quilts for Helen Forbes this month!**

**Unidentified blankets: white garbage bag with yarn and fabric in it; 1 pink knit blanket – If this was your donation, just let me know.**

**Special thanks to:**

- **Doris and Jim Cole** for donating postage and mailing the newsletter, deliveries/pick-ups and much much more.
- **Mara and Tom Eckhardt** for help with deliveries/pick-ups.
- **Sheila Lappen** for help with deliveries/pick-ups.
- **Barb Loadholtz** for picking up blankets at Lucille Sherrod's, sewing labels and for providing yarn to Lucille.
- **Denette Flynn, Kelley Thomas, Debbie Petree and Sug Sexton** for help with deliveries/pick-ups.
- **Thanks to the staffs at the TN Career Centers in Alcoa, Lenoir City and Rockwood**
- **Thanks to the Debbie Petree and the gang at ETHRA Workforce Development**
- **Dorothy Cameron** for her quilting services.
- **Diana Mraz** for her quilting services.
- **Patti Stewart** for help with deliveries, shopping, cutting fabric and whatever I need!
- **Kathy Bates** for sewing on labels.
- my folks **Irene and Don Hawker** for delivery of blankets in Cumberland County
- **Wanda Nance** for the website.
- **Teresa Chasteen and WIN** for paying for the PL storage unit each month

If I missed thanking you for a donation, please accept my apologies and let me know so I can recognize you next time! Sometimes we get behind in picking up and unpacking blankets – please don't be offended; just let me know and we will be sure to get your items logged in and passed on to recipient organizations.

*- Deb*

## THANKS

### From Ronald McDonald House:

From the children and families that call our house Home, many thanks. Thank you for donating 35 lovely hand-made blankets for our families. We appreciate your support of our House.

Sue Beverly, Director

### From CEASE Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center:

Thank you so much for your time and dedication in providing handmade quilts to the children at the shelter. God Bless all your hard work.

Thanks again,  
Jackie Fleming

### From REACHS House of Hope:

We received the blankets that your volunteers made for us this morning. I am truly blown away at how many items we received and how well they are made. Our children will be so happy and blessed to receive one of these beautiful blankets. I can't thank you enough for having a project like this. Please tell all of your volunteers that we appreciate each one of you more than you will ever know for the great work you do.

It is very hard for a family to leave their residence, their clothes, toys, everything behind to come to a shelter full of strangers and items they normally don't have. So for us to be able to give these children a blanket is something that is very special.

Thank you so much for donating to us!

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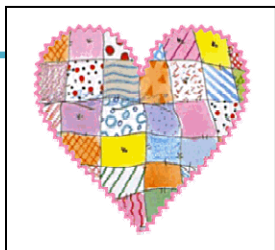


**You may have noticed that Project Linus has been providing blankets to an organization called Family Promise. Cathy Hurrell is coordinating this for us. More info is available at their website: [www.familypromiseknoxville.org](http://www.familypromiseknoxville.org)**

**Mission Statement:** *Family Promise of Knoxville* is a non-profit organization uniting the faith community and other area social services to provide shelter, meals, and comprehensive support to families without homes, enabling them to achieve sustainable independence.

**What We Do:** *Family Promise of Knoxville* is an affiliate of the national [Family Promise](http://www.familypromise.org) organization. *Family Promise of Knoxville* unites the Knoxville community and local resources to do what individuals alone cannot do. The cornerstone of *Family Promise of Knoxville* is our **Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)**. We have united [12 "host" congregations and 17 "support" congregations](#) in the Knoxville area, numerous volunteers, our core staff, and local social services agencies into a synergistic team that **provides temporary housing, meals, and assistance to families without homes to help them become self sufficient.**

*Family Promise of Knoxville* has established the **Family Promise Academy** that provides classes on nutrition, parenting, household finances, and budgeting to current IHN guests, former guests, and families in the community that need assistance. We believe that teaching life skills and parenting skills to families strengthens these families and the community overall. Classes are held regularly.



### Thinking of You

*To those of you that have lost loved ones recently,  
our sympathies are with you.*

*To those of you that are ill, we hope you are feeling better soon.*