

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

As many of you already know, my husband Bob passed away on May 30th. May and June have been very difficult months, but I am doing better and trying to get focused on the future. Thanks so much to all of you that have been so supportive during this difficult time in my life. The cards, phone calls and extra offers of help with PL have truly been appreciated. The number of monetary donations to PL from family and friends in memory of Bob has been overwhelming. Your support and the importance of the service we do with Project Linus have kept me going through these difficult times.

Our sympathy goes to Helen Forbes who recently lost her sister and fellow Project Linus Blanketeer Ruth Krickler.

Now on to happier things! Our blanket donations are "up". We're on target (see below) for our 2008 goal and we've almost reached the 10,000th blanket donated since our Chapter inception. Thanks so much for all you do. There are probably some donations missing from this newsletter. I've not unpacked the last pick-ups at ParkWest Church of God or the Career Center in Blount County. There may be others. They will be listed in the next newsletter.

Deb

National Stats

Vital Statistics	
<small>(as of Mar 31, '08)</small>	
Blankets Delivered	Total Chapters
2,378,995	406

Local Stats Through June 30, 2008

2008: 1,356 – We're 50% of the way through the year and reached 52% of our goal! Let's keep up the great work!

Since Chapter Inception April 2003: 9,957
(43 more blankets and we've reached 10,000)

**"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments,
but what is woven into the lives of others." – Pericles**

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: (June) 25 blankets**
- ❖ Hope Resource Center - Knoxville:
- ❖ Pathways Family Shelter – Harriman:
- ❖ Smoky Mountain Children’s Home – Sevierville:
- ❖ **East TN Children’s Medical Center – Knoxville: (June) 49 blankets**
- ❖ **UT Medical Center–Knoxville: (May) 52 blankets and caps**
- ❖ **Baptist Hospital West/Baptist Hospital for Women (Nursery/Emergency Room): 46 blankets**
- ❖ YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter – Oak Ridge:
- ❖ CEASE Domestic Violence Shelter & Program – Morristown:
- ❖ Katie Miller Group Home/Child and Family, Inc. – Knoxville:
- ❖ New Life Inn/Knox Area Rescue Ministries:
- ❖ **Children’s Center of the Cumberland (Scott County): 25 blankets**
- ❖ **Campbell County Children’s Center: 25 blankets**
- ❖ **REACHS House of Hope (domestic violence) in Jacksboro, TN: 25 blankets**
- ❖ Child Advocacy Center of the Ninth Judicial District (Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane):
- ❖ **Cumberland Medical Center – Crossville: 30 blankets**
- ❖ **Mission of Hope: 32 blankets , 1 pillow**
- ❖ Department of Human Services:
- ❖ Good Samaritans – Cumberland County:
- ❖ Avalon Center–Cumberland County:
- ❖ Avalon Center – Morgan County:
- ❖ A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of TN – Maryville:
- ❖ Martin Funeral Home in Oak Ridge:
- ❖ CHILDHELP USA (East TN):
- ❖ Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep – East TN:
- ❖ Saving Little Hearts (East TN):
- ❖ Faces of Hope:
- ❖ Family Promise:
- ❖ Clinch Valley Childrens Center (CAC Anderson County):
- ❖ **Blanket for a baby in Oak Ridge in a domestic violence situation**

Wish List



- Stamps
- Gas Cards are appreciated
- Ink Cartridges: HP 54 and 57
- 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.

From Ronald McDonald House:

Thank you for your donation of beautiful hand-made blankets for our residents. We appreciate your support of our house.

From the children and families that call our house, Home, many thanks.

Sue Beverly, Director

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.

NEW DROP-OFF LOCATION IN BLOUNT COUNTY

Just Call Lynda Everman and she’ll make arrangements to meet you or have you bring them to her. 865-681-4499



Karen Bensen: 11 blankets
Brenda Sizemore: 7 blankets
Helping Hands Ministry of Beaver Creek:
10 blankets
Teresa Branham: 11 blankets
Ms. Mills and Suffern: 4 blankets, 15 caps, 1 cap/scarf set
Lois Alread: 4 blankets
Kathy and Lowell Bates: Large package of paper
Dean Smith: 3 blankets
United Residence Halls Council at the University of Tennessee: 19 blankets
Lucile Sherrod: 37 blankets
Vi Baughman: 2 blankets
Campbell County Children's Center: Fabric
Maribeth McHone: 50 preemie blankets
Diane Mraz: 14 blankets
Dorothy Cameron & Loraine Roach: 12 blankets
Dorothy Cameron & Ruth Rosenbaum: 12 blankets
Patti Sandage: 2 blankets
Janice Roberts: 2 blankets
Dorothy Cameron & Helen Forbes: 30 quilts
Helen Forbes: 40 blankets and safety pins
Mara and Tom Eckhardt: 2 blankets
Helen Low: 4 blankets
Marion Hoofnagle: 3 blankets
Evelyn Forbes: 3 blankets
Sam Hanson: 9 blankets
1st United Methodist Church Knoxville: 20 blankets
Hilari Frederick: 6 blankets
Jane Hembree Crowley: 30 blankets
Lois Huntington: 5 blankets
Carol Norts: 10 blankets
Pat Hunter: 3 blankets
Carolyn Phipps: 3 blankets
Kathy Van Houton: 14 blankets & 4 hats
Irene Hawker: 1 blanket
Jo Marsh: 1 blankets
Fran Flynn: 8 blankets
Restorative Justice: 5 blankets
Pat Welch: fabric
Barbara Clinansmith & Habitat Store: 18 blankets
Margery Allard: Yarn
Sue Helton: 2 blankets & 2 pair of booties
Lynda Everman: 3 blankets
Carol Brown: 4 blankets

Kathy Minter: 10 blankets
Judy Montgomery: 1 blanket
Parkwest Quilters: 4 blankets
Barbara Littleton: \$35 Cookbook Sales and 10 blanket squares

Special thanks to:

- **Ila Mae Morton for help in hemming quilts**
- **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 and many other things.
- **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

More donated blankets – Thanks:

AnnHara Henderson: 5 blankets

Marie Mitchell: 1 blanket, blankets squares

Dorcus Quilters: 28 quilts

Carol Grathwol: 25 blankets; 2 hats

Jim and Doris Cole: Fabric

Girl Scout Troop 300: 45 blankets

First Farragut United Methodist Women: 7 blankets

Holy Hands Sewing Group – Lenoir City: 6 blankets

Donna Miller: 2 quilts

Barbara Wheat: 4 blankets

Mrs. Mills & Suffern: 5 blankets; 2 bags; 1 wallet



Charlene Durand writes:

Hi, I just wanted to take a moment to thank you all for what you do. We just received a Project Linus blanket in a care package from Saving Little Hearts. It was for my youngest daughter who is 5.5 months old. I would like to have her take this blanket with her to the hospital while she is there for her upcoming surgery. Even though she is so young, I'd like her to have this there with her whether or not she realizes the significance of it, I know I will. Thank you.

Thank you so so much for the blanket. It was very kind and thoughtful. When my son goes for his surgery, he will bring it with him. Thank you again so very much.

Demoura family in Maryville

We received a blanket made by your organization. It was in a care box sent to us by Savng Little Hearts, a group that I am a member of. My son had open-heart surgery on May 1, 2008 and he loves his blankie. It's looking a little worse for wear, but he loves to try to "eat" the duckies!! I took some pictures of him in the hospital with it, and one just now. I'm attaching them to this e-mail, but I will also be printing them out and mailing them. I also included one picture from the ICU, so that you could see how hard these little guys fight to recover, and know that your thoughtfulness and generosity is so appreciated. I figured you guys rarely hear from those who get to enjoy your hard work, so I thought I'd take the time out to say "Thanks!"

Tamara

