

# 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

It's been a busy month for Project Linus, with my work and for me. We had a great turn out at our annual meeting – see below! I can't wait to figure up our blanket donations for the quarter – I know we've donated a BUNCH of blankets. As can be seen in some of the thank you notes herein, they are VERY MUCH appreciated by the children and our blanket recipient facilities.

For the good news, we had a new great-granddaughter – Laine Elizabeth. Laine is the 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild Bob's 5 grandson's have blessed us with and we've got one more girl due in January. On a less positive note, Bob has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. While it's in an advanced stage, it has not spread. He will be undergoing radiation and hormone treatments. Our wonderful volunteer Jim Cole is also experiencing health problems. Please keep them both in your thoughts.

*Deb*

### Blanket "Break"

We will take a 'blanket break' again this year. This gives us time to get extra blankets delivered for the holidays and a nice break for our volunteers that pick-up and deliver blankets. Please have all blankets dropped off by Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Blanket drop offs can resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

### PLET Annual Meeting

A big thanks to all that attended and helped to make the meeting a success. THANKS to Patti Stewart for "working the parking lot" to get fabric and yarn distributed, Helen Forbes for wonderful door prizes, Jackie Godden for the dish cloth gifts, Doris and Jim Cole for the refreshments and many others for the things you did to make the meeting special. A special thanks to Dorothy Camaron for the Project Linus wall hanging for me that everyone signed – it is wonderful.

We agreed to do 2 meetings per year so look for the next one to be scheduled in March 2008.

We've outgrown the room at JoAnn's. If anyone knows of a room we could use at no charge (we do our own clean-up) that would hold 50 – 60 people, please let me know. It would need to have ample parking, handicap accessible/short walk from parking lot, etc. West Knoxville seems to be the most convenient location (near I-40).

**"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others  
can not keep it from themselves."**

**"-James Matthew Barrie**

**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: 53 blankets and lots of caps**
- ❖ **Baptist Hospital West/Baptist Hospital for Women (Nursery/Emergency Room): 24 blankets**
- ❖ YWCA Domestic Violence Program 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): 15 blankets**
- ❖ REACHS Children’s Center of the Cumberland (Campbell County):
- ❖ Child Advocacy Center of the Ninth Judicial District (Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane):
- ❖ Cumberland Medical Center – Crossville:
- ❖ **Mission of Hope: 56 blankets**
- ❖ Department of Human Services:
- ❖ Good Samaritans – Cumberland County:
- ❖ Avalon Center – Cumberland County:
- ❖ Avalon Center – Morgan County:
- ❖ ETHRA for needy families:
- ❖ A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of TN – Maryville:
- ❖ Martin Funeral Home in Oak Ridge:
- ❖ CHILDHELP USA – Knoxville:
- ❖ Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep – East TN:
  
- ❖ **Patrick Air Force Base – Florida for children of wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan: 10 blankets**
- ❖ **Ft. Richardson Army Base – Alaska for children of wounded soldiers returning from Iraq: 10 blankets**

## **SPECIAL NEEDS!**

- We can always use stamps!
- Black Printer Cartridges for HP DeskJet 882C - HP Black Print Cartridge #45
- Garbage Bags – large heavy duty
- We NEED \$\$\$: We always welcome financial donations to help us 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, Office Depot, K-Mart, etc.), check made out to Project Linus or cash.
- Remember Project Linus is a Non-Profit Organization. Be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding applicable tax deductions.

## **Cookbook Fundraiser**

We sold 3 cookbooks at the annual meeting and some of you took cookbooks to sell. These would make great stocking stuffers (Christmas is just around the corner), a nice housewarming or wedding shower gift. We’ve reduced the price to \$5. Contact Bev Abele or Deb Miller to get cookbooks or for details:

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865-481-3674

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Susan Foster is busy selling cookbooks! I’m not sure how many yet, but I know she’s sold more than a case. Way to go Susan!!!!

## **THANKS**

**From Ronald McDonald House:** From the children and families that call our house HOME, many thanks. Thank you for the donation of lovely blankets. We appreciate your support of our House and its families.

Sue Beverly, Director.

## **Do You Want Your Newsletter Sent by Email?**

Don’t forget if you would prefer to have the newsletter emailed to you in Word or PDF/Adobe Acrobat format on email to let Deb know at [Miller1219@aol.com](mailto:Miller1219@aol.com)

*The miracle is this - the more we share,  
the more we have.*

-Leonard Nimoy

## *Donations - Thank You*

**Ruth Rosenbaum and Dorothy Cameron: 25 quilts**  
**Lois Noe and Dorothy Cameron: 24 quilts**  
**Helen Forbes and Dorothy Cameron: 25 quilts**  
**Lorena Roach: 3 quilts**  
**Maribeth McHone: 50 preemie blankets**  
**Patti Sandage: 2 quilts**  
**Doris and Jim Cole: Fabric and 4 blankets**  
**Carol Norts: 5 quilts**  
**Wilma Shinpaugh: 1 blanket**  
**Candy Seibel: 1 blanket**  
**Fran Flynn: 8 blankets**  
**Farragut Christian Church home sewing group: 3 blankets**  
**Helen Low: 3 blankets**  
**Janis Gammons: 6 blankets; 3 sweater sets**  
**Marti Newlon: baby caps**  
**Bettie Hite: 3 blankets**  
**Nancy Farmer: 6 blankets**  
**Annhara Henderson: 2 blankets with matching caps, 8 blankets, 1 cap**  
**Claire Racine: 1 blanket**  
**Carol Yates, Mabeline Sizemore and Wanda Nance: 4 fleece blankets**  
**Carol Yates: 2 fleece scarves**  
**Mabeline Sizemore: 2 blankets (1 with matching cap)**  
**Wanda Nance: 18 blankets, 1 stuffed cat**  
**Bev Abele: 1 blanket, 9 squares**  
**Patti Stewart: 8 blankets**  
**United Methodist Women – First Farragut United Methodist Church: 5 blankets**  
**Lois Alread: 2 blankets**  
**Brownie Troop #749 of Farragut: 2 blankets**  
**Lynda Everman: 4 blankets with matching caps, 1 blanket**  
**Dorcus Quilters: 11 quilts, 20 handmade bags, 1 box large ziploc bags**  
**Cathy Prater: 5 afghans, 1 large bag of bags**  
**Marilyn Dunn: 1 blanket**  
**Marion Fraser: 1 blanket**  
**Char Short: 4 blankets**  
**Judy Lee: 5 blankets**  
**Vickie Frye: 2 blankets**  
**Linda Phelps: 1 blanket**  
**Nonie Mase: 1 blanket**  
**Jane Hembree Crowley: 4 blankets (1 with matching pillow, 1 w/ Snoopy & 1 with hat & teddy bear)**  
**Judy Montgomery: 1 blanket**

See NEXT page for more donations.

### **Unidentified Items:**

- 5 caps
- 6 fleece blankets
- 1 afghan, 3 stuffed animals wrapped in small blankets, 4 caps
- 8 quilts

### **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 and for providing yarn to Lucille.
- **Kim Harris, 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 gang at ETHRA Workforce Development**
- **Dorothy Cameron** for her quilting services for Project Linus.
- **Patti Stewart** for help with deliveries, shopping and whatever else I need her to do!
- **Kathy Bates** for sewing on labels.
- my folks **Irene and Don Hawker** for delivery of blankets in Cumberland County
- **Wanda Nance** for the great work on the website.

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.

*- Del*

### **MORE DONATIONS:**

**Lyn Worthington: 9 blankets**

**Jen Goforth: 2 blankets**

**Sandy Rea: 3 blankets**

**Dawna Gray: bag fabric, batting and supplies**

**Park West Church Quilters: 14 blankets**

**DyAnn Wilson and Marie Howard: 1 blanket**

**Bettie Hite: 3 blankets**

**Joyce Seidel Hausman: 9 blankets**

**Flora Looby: 5 blankets**

**Hilari Frederick: 3 blankets**

**Betty and Celeste Pack: 3 blankets**

**Betty Anderson: 4 blankets**

**Jeanne Doran: 1 blanket**

### **Project Linus Items**

Some that attended the meeting were interested in buying some Project Linus Items. I'll be ordering the items listed below. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please send a check (made out to Deb Miller) and on a separate sheet of paper the name of the item(s) and your name and mailing address. The cost includes the postage to mail the item to you. Items should be in by the end of November at the latest. Orders are due to me by no later than October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Project Linus sew on patch (approx. 2" x 3") designed to show on the sleeve or on a breast pocket of a shirt \$3 each

Project Linus Vinyl Window Cling (approx. 4" x 5" ) designed to go in your car windshield or on any window \$4

Skip Stitch Rotary Cutter Blade \$12 – this blade fits a rotary cutter and makes small holes in the edge of fleece so you can crochet around the fleece. I'll send directions with the blade.

Project Linus Fleece Pattern Booklet \$8

### **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.*

### **A Special Thanks**

“Our son Colby was hospitalized at UT after finding out one week prior he had heart disease. His aorta at the top of the heart had a 100% blockage that he had been born with but had gone undetected for 16 months since his birth. During his surgery to remove the blockage the IV came out of the vein in his foot and went undetected. When they found it he had to undergo surgery on his foot to save it and get all the fluid out. He underwent two more surgeries to close wounds after that. Some of the kind staff at UT grabbed one of the blankets you had donated and brought it up to Colby in the PICU. You have no idea how special that was. I know someone took a great deal of time to make that and we truly appreciate your generosity. I only wish more people in this world were more giving like you all are. Colby is continuing to heal and they think his foot will be fine. So far his heart is doing well also. Thank you again. We are continuing to use his blanket at home. We are praying for Project Linus and that you will produce many more blankets. You are a gift from God.

Love,  
Jamie, Scott, Caleb and Colby

### **Thanks You Notes from the Children at Avalon Center in Cumberland County:**

**Thank you for your thoughtfulness. These blankets have made us feel comfort when we need it the most. Thanks and God Bless.**

**Josie, Jamie and Molly**

**Thank you for the quilt. David**

**Thank you for the beautiful quilt, it really brightened my spirits when I first came here. It keeps me warm and also you all do beautiful work. Melissa**

**Thank you for the beautiful blankets. My grandchildren love them. It's ladies like you that make the world a better place.**