

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.*

Important Announcements

Coordinator's Corner

Fall Meeting November 1 – See Details inside including a map. I'm finalizing details as I write this newsletter, but come prepared (bring bag(s)) to pick up fabric and yarn (LOTS) for your Project Linus blankets, see demonstrations of unique ideas for blankets, see examples of blankets, hear about what's going on with Project Linus, help sew on labels, cut out blanket tags, win door prizes and more. If you have a particular blanket technique you'd like to demonstrate we'd love to have you do so, please contact me by phone or email.

We will once again be taking a "blanket break" this year. Please do not leave blankets at our drop off locations between November 15th and January 2nd. This will allow us to "catch up" and keep blankets out of our drop off locations during their busy time of collecting for other worthwhile causes around the holidays.

If your mailing label on the envelope has a red X on it, our records show we have not heard from you in over a year. If you want to be left on the mailing list, we will gladly do so, but you need to contact me via phone, email or mail to let me know. If not, we will remove your name from the mailing list and this will be your last newsletter. We can MAKE MISTAKES, so if you've gotten a RED X on your label in error, just let me know. THANKS.

There will NOT be a November newsletter due to my travel for work and other obligations. The next newsletter will be in early December. So, albeit early, Happy Thanksgiving!

Deb

Please note: The First Lutheran Church on Broadway is NO LONGER a drop off spot. Please do not leave blankets there. THANKS.

**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:
- ❖ Smoky Mountain Children's Home – Sevierville:
- ❖ East TN Children's Medical Center – Knoxville:
- ❖ **UT Medical Center–Knoxville: 50 blankets**
- ❖ Baptist Hospital West/Baptist Hospital for Women:
- ❖ YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter – Oak Ridge:
- ❖ CEASE Domestic Violence Shelter & Program – Morristown:
- ❖ **Lisa Ross Center: 48 blankets**
- ❖ **Children's Center of the Cumberland (Scott County): 30 blankets**
- ❖ **Campbell County Children's Center:**
- ❖ **REACHS House of Hope (domestic violence) in Jacksboro, TN: 25 blankets plus caps**
- ❖ Kids First Child Advocacy Center of the Ninth Judicial District (Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane):
- ❖ Cumberland Medical Center – Crossville:
- ❖ **Mission of Hope: 44 blankets, hats, scarves and stuffed animals**
- ❖ Department of Human Services:
- ❖ Good Samaritans – Cumberland County:
- ❖ **Avalon Center–Cumberland County: 15 blankets**
- ❖ CHILDHELP USA (East TN):
- ❖ Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep – East TN:
- ❖ Saving Little Hearts (East TN):
- ❖ Family Promise:
- ❖ Clinch Valley Childrens Center (CAC Anderson County):
- ❖ **MidEast Community Action Agency: 10 blankets**
- ❖ **Women's Care Center of Sevier County: 45 blankets**

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.

**Mark Your Calendars NOW
for the
Fall Project Linus of East
Tennessee Meeting**

**A Map and more details are
included in this newsletter.
November 1, 2008
10 AM – Noon
Concord United Methodist
Church - Knoxville**

Women's Care Center of Sevier County

Project Linus of East Tennessee is pleased to be able to provide blankets to this worthwhile organization. The aim of the center is to empower individuals to make healthy life choices. They provide a host of services including parenting classes, adoption referrals, encouragement of healthy pregnancies and much more. More information is available at their website at www.sccsevier.org .



There were 9 blankets left at First Farragut United Methodist Church with no name on them. If they were your donation, please let Deb know.

GFWC of Tennessee/Smoky Mountain District: 58 blankets

Meredith Devereaux: \$30

Teresa Branham: 2 blankets

Barbara Wheat: 12 afghans, 2 pillowcases

Mable Wheat: 3 blankets

Judy Dubois: 6 hats

Sandy Rea: 2 blankets

Helen Low: 3 blankets and yarn donated through her church

3rd – 5th grades at First Farragut United Methodist Church: 14 blankets

Dyann Wilson: 3 blankets and safety pins

Ms. Mills and Suffern: 6 blankets, 5 caps

Michelle Hurrell: 4 blankets

Dorothy Lowe: Yarn and Pattern Books

Kathi Van Houton: 5 blankets

Jeannie Doran: 1 blanket with stuffed animal

Jackie Szczepanik: 1 blanket

Jo Marsh: 1 blanket

Carol Johnston: 1 blanket

Sharon Carey: 7 blankets, 18 hats, 1 pillow

Anna Nichols: 1 blanket

Janis Robinson: 2 blankets, scarf and caps

Kathy Minter: 4 blankets

Jean Brown: 7 blankets

Lucille Sherrod: 19 blankets

Barb Loadholtz: 1 blanket

Parkwest Quilters: 10 blankets

Carol Brown: 4 blankets

First United Methodist Church: 3 blankets

Hearts and Hands Women's Ministry – JoAnna

Sunday School Class – Central Baptist Church

Fountain City: 27 blankets

Dorcus Quilters: 16 blankets

Marie Norman: 6 pillow cases

Donation in memory of Linda Weiber's sister by Tom and Mara Eckhardt.

Janet Dugger - Donation

Donation in memory of a friend from Tom and Mara Eckhardt.

Financial Donations in Memory of Janis Gammons: Commercial Bank of Harrogate, TN, Deborah Mynatt, Adroit Medical Systems, Loudon, TN, Loudon United Methodist Church
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 and many other things.
- **Sheila Lappin** for help with deliveries/pick-ups.
- **Barb Loadholtz** for picking up blankets at Lucille Sherrod's, sewing labels and for providing yarn to Lucile.
- **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.
- **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*

GFWC of Tennessee Smoky Mountain District

I had the pleasure of addressing this group of approximately 70 women on Saturday September 13th at their Fall District Meeting. Each of their chapters had made blankets for Project Linus of East Tennessee. We received 58 blankets from this wonderful group of ladies.

As many of you know, Project Linus of East Tennessee has regularly donated red, white and blue to the national organization TAPS that supports children of military that have been killed. We received the following thank you note from the national coordinator:

On 9-11, I received a thank you from TAPS to share with all of you who are helping with the mission of the children of TAPS. It brought back so many memories of when we all banded together and got blankets back to the East Coast. To me, the silence of no aircrafts in the skies was frightening...and then Angel Flight West and Air America were authorized to fly first with blood services.

Recently when I asked for help for TAPS, there were 62 Chapter Coordinators who signed on and have been continuing to help . Thank you one and all for your compassion! TAPS shared this message:"There's a country of America which you have to defend, but there is also the idea of America. America is more than just a country,...it is an idea!"

Thank you one and all,
Gratefully,
Barb McLean, PL Coord No Idaho and Spokane WA Chapter

Project Linus Meeting - November 1, 2008 10 AM – Noon Concord United Methodist Church - Knoxville

We have lots of exciting things planned:

- Yarn and fabric available to make your blankets with.
- Tamara Ownby from Hope Resource Center will tell us about the center and how they use our blankets
- Karen Feltner will demonstrate a handy technique for making tied quilts and how they do them so the children in their church can do the tying.
- Patti Stewart will be demonstrating the skip-stitch blade and new ideas for making fleece blankets
- Update on what's going on with Project Linus
- Snacks, Drinks and Door Prizes
- Time to help Project Linus by sewing labels, cutting blanket tags, etc.
- Time to visit and socialize

Thank You

We received a nice thank you note from Ronald McDonald House this month. Director Sue Beverly, the staff and families they serve are always appreciative of our donations.

Cheyenne Crumbley at the Red Cross sent a nice note thanking us for the blankets donated for the children Hurricane Ike evacuees relocated to Knoxville.

“Thanks so much for the blankets! Our discharge nurse was thrilled! And the small clothes will be perfect for our infant massage part of the final Centering Pregnancy class! What a blessing.” Charlene Ellis, Education Coordinator
Lisa Ross Birth & Women's Center

“We are having such a great response from our clients with your blankets. There is nothing like seeing the kids smile when they receive one. I wanted to let you know ,we are running low on kids and teens blankets. I also wanted to thank you from the bottom our hearts for the great work you do. You make such a difference.”

Melissa Davis
REACHS House of Hope (Campbell Co.)
Victim Advocate

We had a nice thank you note from Christine Evans-Longmire at the Kids First Child Advocacy Center of the Ninth Judicial District. They really appreciated our recent blanket donation.

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.