

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

We had a GREAT Oak Ridge Project Linus Day. Thanks to Yarns Above and Friends Fabrics for hosting us and to ALL of you that stopped by. Pictures from the event are included in the newsletter. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Nov. 1 for our Fall Meeting – more details will be in the October newsletter.

Our sympathy goes to Helen Forbes on the loss of sister. Two of Helen's sisters have passed away this year so please keep Helen in your thoughts.

Project Linus Blanketeer Janis Gammons passed away unexpectedly in early September. The family has designated Project Linus as an organization for memorial donations. We appreciate their thoughtfulness in this difficult time. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

I'm still having lots of difficulty with my email. Please be patient. I seem to be getting emails "in" okay, but continue to have trouble sending them out to the Project Linus distribution list.

This along with other priorities have caused me to get behind in answering your requests. I'm slowing catching up and expect to be caught up by the middle of September. Thanks for your patience.

Deb

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

2008: 1801 – We're 67% of the way through the year and reached 64% of our goal of 2800 ! Let's keep up the great work!

Since Chapter Inception April 2003: 10,402

"Success means we go to sleep at night knowing that our talents and abilities were used in a way that served others."
-- Marianne Williamson

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: 40 blankets**
- ❖ Hope Resource Center - Knoxville:
- ❖ Pathways Family Shelter – Harriman:
- ❖ Smoky Mountain Children’s Home – Sevierville:
- ❖ **East TN Children’s Medical Center – Knoxville: 90 blankets plus hats and booties**
- ❖ UT Medical Center–Knoxville:
- ❖ **Baptist Hospital West/Baptist Hospital for Women (Nursery/Emergency Room): 20 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):
- ❖ Campbell County Children’s Center:
- ❖ REACHS House of Hope (domestic violence) in Jacksboro, TN:
- ❖ **Child Advocacy Center of the Ninth Judicial District (Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane): 27 blankets plus stuffed animals**
- ❖ **Cumberland Medical Center – Crossville: 30 blankets**
- ❖ Mission of Hope:
- ❖ 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):
- ❖ **MidEast Community Action Agency: 15 blankets**
- ❖ **Red Cross for children Hurricane Evacuees in Knoxville: 35 blankets**

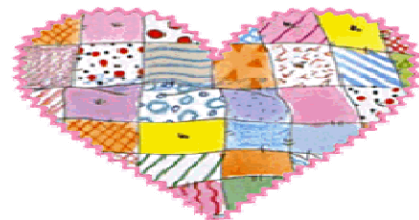
Wish List



- 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

More details in the October Newsletter.
November 1, 2008
10 AM – Noon
Concord United Methodist Church - Knoxville



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.



Sorry I Missed You Last Month:

Bettie Hite: 4 blankets

Amy Morrison: 4 blankets

Lorene Roach: 1 blanket

Pappy's Quilting Place, 3426 Sevierville Rd. –

Maryville/Rick & Tina McCarter -

www.pappysquilting.com: 3 blankets

Pat Hunter: 5 blankets

**Jackie Godden: 2 blankets, 6 Christmas hats, 5
bootie cap sets, 4 caps**

Gail Sharp: 1 blanket

Charlene Tennant: 2 blankets

Marie Mitchell: 3 blankets

Tom and Mara Eckhardt: 1 blanket

Carol Brown: 4 blankets

Jim and Doris Cole: 2 blankets

**Barb Knight/Farragut Christian Church: 9
blankets**

Jean Brown: 13 blankets

Dorothy Lowe: Yarn

Phyllis Spiker: 5 blankets

Kathy and Lowell Bates: Copy Paper

Karen Barry: 2 blankets

Karen Benson: 13 blankets and yarn

Claire Racine: 1 blanket

Dorcus Quilters: 7 blankets

**Marie Norman: 11 pillow cases for Children's
Medical Center special request and 2 blankets**

**Holy Hands Oral Baptist Church: 8 blankets
and 1 pillowcase (special request for Children's
Medical Center)**

Kathy Minter: 4 blankets

Carol Brown: 2 blankets

Mary Mize: 6 blankets and yarn

There were approximately 43 blankets left at ETHRA Workforce Development in Oak Ridge. I think these were from the Oak Ridge Senior Center. If not, whomever left them, 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 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. - *Del*

**Oak Ridge
“Getting To Know You”
Project Linus Volunteer Day
Hosted by: Yarns Above &
Friends Fabrics**

We had a great time at the first Oak Ridge Project Linus Day. The weather fully cooperated. Yarns Above &

Friends Fabrics were great hosts and had tables set up for us both inside and outside. Most of us stayed outside where we sewed labels on blankets and then worked on putting together crocheted blanket squares for more blankets. While doing that, shoppers stopped by to see what we were doing and learn more about Project Linus. I think we even got a few new volunteers from the shoppers around Jackson Square. Project Linus volunteers stopped by throughout the morning to help, to drop off blankets, and just to say hi! Donna Bennett from Yarns Above provided a wonderful selection of food and drink for the morning. A BIG THANK YOU to all that participated!



Thank you for the Blanket given to us at Baptist Hospital. We Love It!

The Maples Family



**I want to thank you for the beautiful blanket we received for our baby girl while staying at Baptist West. I love it. And, I appreciate your time and sacrifice to be a blessing to others. May God bless each of you.
Elizabeth Tindell**

