

Project Linus News

Boise/Southwest Idaho Chapter

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5,784

Children
Have Received
Blankets from
Project Linus
Boise/Southwest Idaho



Important Dates

February 19, 2005
National Make A Blanket Day &
Chapter 7th Anniversary
Celebration

Robinson's Sewing Center
572 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa
10 am - 3 pm

March 4 & 5, 2005
Project Linus Fundraiser
Idaho Steelheads Hockey
Game - B of A Centre, Boise

March 11, 2005
Make A Blanket Day
Marilynn's Pickets & Patchwork
Nyssa
10 am - 2:30 pm

March 11, 2005
Volunteer Day
Bishop Kelly High School, Boise
9 am - 2 pm

March 26, 2005
Make A Blanket Day
Idaho Sew & Vac
4500A Overland Rd, Boise
10 am - 4 pm

April 15, 2005
Information Fair
O'Connor Field House
Caldwell
10 am - 3 pm

April 23, 2005
Make A Blanket Day
Robinson's Sewing Center
572 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa
10 am - 3 pm

May 13, 2005
Make A Blanket Day
Marilynn's Pickets & Patchwork
Nyssa
10 am - 2:30 pm

May 21, 2005
Make A Blanket Day
Idaho Sew & Vac
4500A Overland Rd, Boise
10 am - 4 pm

Make A Blanket Day - Saturday, February 19, 2005

Come join us for our annual National Make A Blanket Day and our Chapter's 7th Anniversary Celebration on February 19, from 10 am - 3 pm, at Robinson's Sewing Center, 572 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, Idaho. Call 466-7642 for directions to the store.

Bring your favorite finger food, appetizer, or dessert; soft drinks and water will be furnished. If your last name is from A - M, please bring a dessert; N - Z, please bring an appetizer, salad, or finger foods. We're doing this because last year almost all the food was desserts! Yes, we like desserts, but we really need something else, too!

There will be door prizes and other surprises, so come join us and have a good time!

We will be working on blankets for the kids, but if you just want to drop by to see what we're doing, eat some good food, and visit with other volunteers, we would love to have you. Don't feel that if you've never been to a Blanket Day, you shouldn't come - you are welcome.

We will have a blue canned food barrel at our Blanket Day. Canned goods that are donated will go to the Canyon County Hunger Coalition. If you can spare a can of food, please bring it to our Blanket Day. ♥

Idaho Steelheads Fundraiser for Project Linus

We're really excited about our upcoming fundraiser at the Idaho Steelheads Games on March 4 & 5, 2005.

The Steelheads have donated a suite (\$500 value) and a team jersey (\$150 value) for a raffle. Marlys Baxter and Karen Hanson are making a "Hockey Wallhanging" that will be raffled along with the suite & jersey. We will also be raffling off a couple sets of hockey tickets along with either a tote bag or pillow.

Several of our volunteers are making tote bags and pillows, using hockey fabric, which will have either Steelheads patches or pen-nants sewed on them. These items will be sold at the hockey games.

Please call if you're interested in working at the Project Linus booth at either of the games - Friday, March 4, or Saturday, March 5. It should be lots of fun!

If you have family or friends that are hockey fans, why not buy them a few raffle tickets? You'll be helping Project Linus raise the funds necessary to keep our chapter going and have a chance at a really neat prize! ♥



*A bouquet of hearts to all
Project Linus volunteers!
Thank you! Thank you!*

See the next page for more
upcoming events.



Donations Received

Through the generosity of a Boise hospital and friends of Project Linus we have received \$1545 in donations and gift certificates in the past few months.

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center gave us a grant of \$1000. Donations were also received from Jack Nicoson, Sharron & Ernie Paul, Julia Ziegler and the Kuna Chamber of Commerce, and Skip Talsma.

The quilt that we raffled at the Adventures in Design put on by Robinson's Sewing Center in November made \$130 for our chapter.

Both Alden-Waggoner and Summers Funeral Chapels have again donated the use of their copy machines to copy flyers and brochures.

To all of you:

THANK YOU!



Donations are used for:

- ♥ Fabric
- ♥ Muslin for crayon squares & Crayons
- ♥ Polar Fleece
- ♥ Batting
- ♥ Blanket making supplies:
 - Safety pins
 - Crochet thread
 - Rotary cutter blades
 - Thread
- ♥ Copy paper
- ♥ Printer ink cartridges
- ♥ Postage stamps
- ♥ Copying newsletter
- ♥ Supplies for events -
Quilt Shows & Fairs

The best kind of sleep beneath heaven above is under a blanket handmade with love!

Project Linus - Boise/Southwest Idaho NOW LISTED WITH United Way of Treasure Valley.

United Way of Treasure Valley: This volunteering website allows volunteers to quickly find the perfect volunteer opportunity through a unique search engine.

Use by volunteers is free of charge. Please visit United Way of Treasure Valley today at <http://www.volunteersolutions.org/uwvtv> to find out more. ♥

From a local law enforcement officer . . .

I wanted you to know that we had to take some very young kids away from their parents because of an abuse situation. One of the little girls was only three years old and this was very traumatic for this little one. She was crying real hard for her mother while we waited for Health and Welfare workers to arrive. I got one of the quilts and wrapped it around her real tight and she stopped crying almost immediately. I saw one of the workers the other day and she said that girl didn't let go of the blanket for over a week and she still sleeps with it in her new foster home.

Please pass this on to those who donate their time and money to make these quilts. They really do work and much better than the teddy bears. It gives them the hug they need and are too afraid to take from us scary cops.

From B Cornwall, Ada County Sheriff's Dept.



From other Project Linus chapters . . .

This summer our chapter delivered fleece blankets to a special camp for children with disabilities. The counselors were very excited to have the Project Linus blankets, since they frequently have problems with some of the boys accidentally wetting the bed. The director decided that they were going to use our blankets to replace the kids' blankets while they were being washed, and then give them all PL blankets on the last day.

One of our volunteers called me, laughing. She had heard that on the first night, one of the boys in the cabin accidentally wet his bed and received a blue sports blanket. Everyone in his cabin LOVED it! The second night, all the other kids in the entire cabin wet the bed.

They are rethinking their blanket delivery policy for next year!

From Kathleen, PL Coordinator, Cincinnati, OH



Children are fascinated when they see older people doing something. My current Linus blanket goes with me to doctors' offices. Recently, two young girls asked what I was making. I told them about Project Linus. The older one was interested in the stitching. The younger one (about five) was more interested in what the blankets were for and asked me, "Would a Linus blanket be good for thunder?"

From a volunteer in Carroll County, MD



I want to express my gratitude for your thoughtfulness. In August 2002 during my delivery at St. Joseph's, an accident occurred and that split second changed everything. Technically, not only did I die during the emergency c-section, but my daughter was born with collapsed lungs and a displaced heart.

During my baby Meg's NICU stay, she received a beautiful blanket made by Phyllis S. My now-healthy and rambunctious two year old adores it, and every night she asks that she and her baby doll be covered up by the blankie.

Meg will always have Phyllis' blanket as a reminder of the love and generosity of others.

Thank you so much for helping us through what was a terrible time in our life.

Your kindness lifted our spirits beyond measure.

Sincerely, Keesha T.

From Sandy, PL Coordinator, Reidsville/Rockingham Co, NC

Bishop Kelly High School Blanket Day

Project Linus will be spending the day at Bishop Kelly High School on March 11 for an all day Blanket Day. If anyone would like to come help work with the kids, give me a call.

They will be tying quilts and fringing polar fleece blankets.

This is the same day as the regularly scheduled Make A Blanket Day at Nyssa, so we'll have two Blanket Days that day!



Information Fair

Our Project Linus chapter has been invited to have a booth at the Information Fair at the O'Connor Field House in Caldwell on April 15, 2005.

We will be sewing "Strippy Quilts" like we sewed at the Kuna Quilt Show last summer.

Give me a call if you would like to help. It is always a lot of fun to work (play) at one of these events!

Hours will be 10 am - 3 pm. You don't have to work all day - just work the hours that are convenient for you.



**Make A Difference!
Make A Blanket for a Child!**



New Project Linus Chapter in Idaho

We have a new Project Linus chapter in Idaho. Janis Felsted, Shelley, Idaho, is the new coordinator for Southeast Idaho.

We welcome her! Our chapter has been working long distance with Brady's in Idaho Falls for the past two years. We have several volunteers in that area that have been making blankets and mailing them to me.

I'm really pleased that they will have a chapter on that side of the state so that the blankets they make can go to the children in their area.

If you have friends or relatives in southeastern Idaho who would be interested in making Project Linus blankets or volunteering in any way, please ask them to contact Janis at (208) 357-1844. ♥



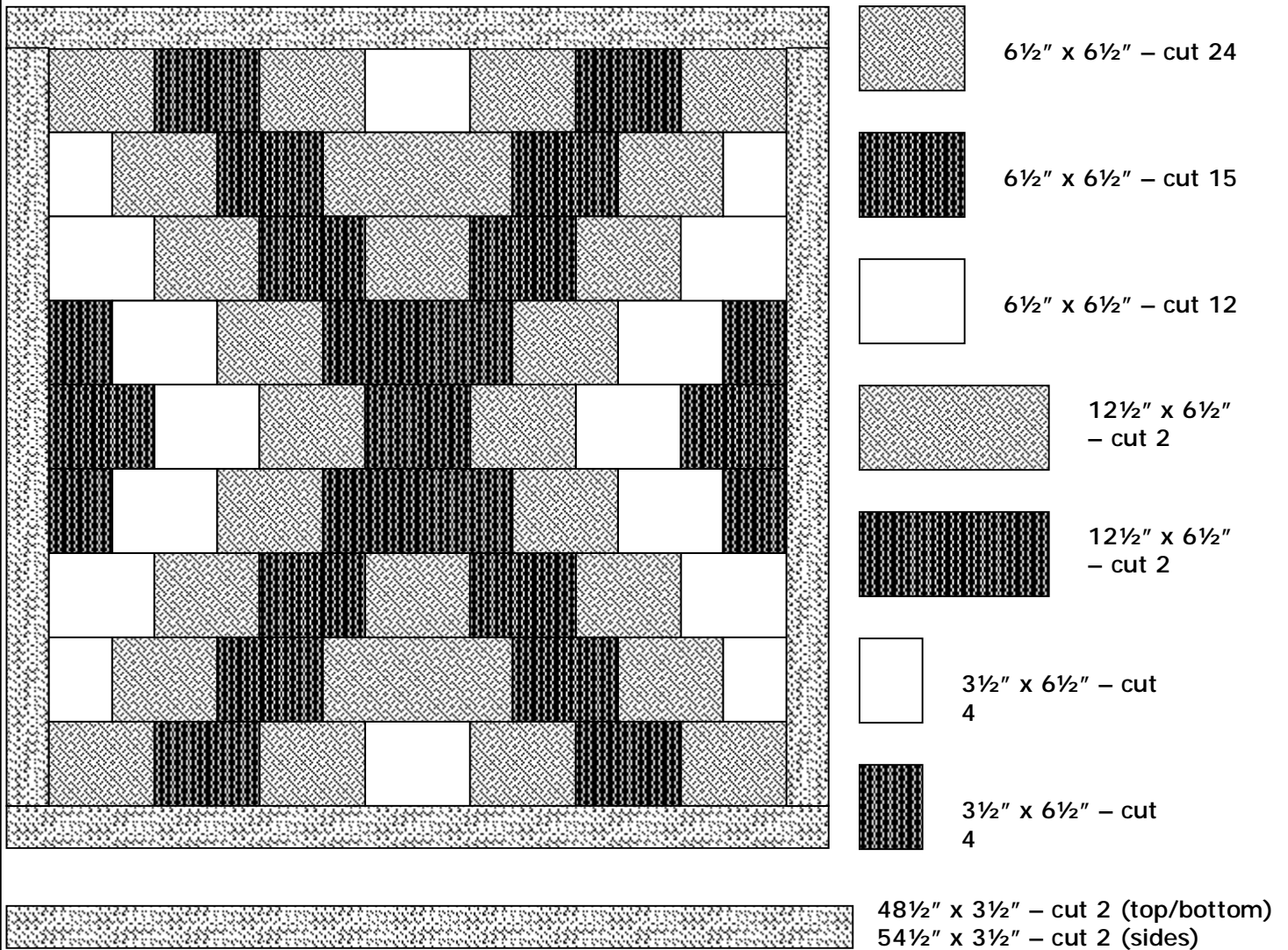
*To love what you do and feel that it matters
- how could anything be more fun!*

I'm going to try to include simple, quick-to-make quilt patterns in each newsletter. Would you like to see patters on our website? Let me know.

"X" Marks the Spot Quilt Pattern

Many thanks to Kathy Darling, PL Coordinator, Kitsap County, WA, for this pattern and to Judie Agee, Phoenix, AZ, for e-mailing it to me in a format that I could use for our newsletter.

This is an easy quilt to sew together because there are no corners to match up! Great way to use up scraps.



Quilt size: 42" x 54" without borders, 48" x 60" with 3" borders
All seams are ¼".

Use your favorite method of finishing. We usually use the envelope method:

- Cut batting the size of the top.
- Put top of quilt right sides together with the backing.
- Lay top and backing over the batting.
- Stitch all the way around the edge, leaving an 8" opening.
- Turn the quilt inside out.
- Topstitch ¼" inside the edging for a "finished" look.
- Machine quilt, hand quilt or tie every 3 or 4 inches.

Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting*™ Magazine

Subscribe to or renew Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting*™ magazine and help Project Linus at the same time. A one year subscription is \$20 - \$10 of that will go to Project Linus.

You must subscribe through Boise/Southwest Idaho chapter for Project Linus to receive the \$10. Just send me a check for \$20 made out to Project Linus and you will be getting your magazine soon. Be sure and indicate whether this is a new or renewal subscription.



Boise/SW Idaho Project Linus Website

Our chapter has a new website. If you haven't been there yet, we're at www.LinusIdaho.org.

You will find dates of future events, pictures of past events. and lots of information about our chapter.



Donations may be dropped off at:

Robinson's Sewing Center, Nampa
572 Caldwell Blvd
208 466-7642

Marilynn's Pickets & Patchwork, Nyssa
541 372-5336

Idaho Sewing & Vacuum
4500A Overland Rd, Boise
208 338-0144

For pickups in the Boise area call:
Marlys Baxter - (208) 362-6499
Claudia Barden - (208) 327-5700

Postage and E-mail Addresses

I'm trying to send as many newsletters as possible by e-mail. If I don't have your e-mail address, please let me know. E-mail me at: Southwest.Id@projectlinus.org

If you bring just 5 new first-class postage stamps to Blanket Days, that would take care of mailing newsletters.



[Wish List](#)

Volunteers . . .

- ♥ Individuals ♥ Youth & church groups
- ♥ Quilt or sewing guilds
- ♥ Civic organizations & businesses

Blankets . . .

- ♥ Quilted, tied, crocheted, or knitted
- ♥ Any pattern, kid friendly colors
- ♥ Sizes (approximate): 36" x 36", 40" x 60", 45" x 72"
- ♥ Must be new, clean, handmade, and washable

Blanket Supplies . . .

- ♥ New, unused washable cotton fabric, flannel or polar fleece
- ♥ Low-loft batting
- ♥ Acrylic yarn

Other Donations . . .

- ♥ Gift certificates from fabric or quilt shops
- ♥ Cash donations for batting, postage stamps, paper, ink cartridges for printer, and other chapter expenses.

Please note . . .

We cannot use donations of old clothes, parts of old clothing, or old curtains.

Volunteers Are Very Important People!



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