

# Project Linus News

## Providing Security Through Blankets

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Today, as I write this, it's foggy and dreary - however, all of the wonderful volunteers that have made so many blankets for Project Linus certainly have brightened the day for many kids - no matter how dreary it is outside!

Blankets seem to appear as if by magic. Quilts and afghans are left at Robinson's without a name. A quilt was left in the donation box at the Mill End in Caldwell without a name.

New volunteers also magically appear - Girl Scouts, high school classes, church groups, quilt guilds and many individuals.

We need help! Help to celebrate our anniversary! That's right - this month we will celebrate our third anniversary. So, mark your calendar for February 17.

We are also celebrating our new Project Linus organization with a new president, new officers, and new headquarters location. Many of the coordinators around the country have stayed with Project Linus, others have decided to continue under a different name - all with the same mission to make blankets for the kids!

To all of you wonderful volunteers who have made blankets, donated fabric, batting and yarn - and, most of all, donated your time to help make blankets for the kids - -

Thank You! Thank You!  
Donna

Kids, big and little, volunteering to help Project Linus: The Silver Sage Girl Scout Council, which covers all of southern Idaho and Malheur County in Oregon, chose Project Linus for their service project last fall. In December they invited us to a blanket presentation. When we arrived there were no scouts anywhere. In a few minutes the door opened and girls with their parents and leaders started pouring in with their arms full of blankets - 40 of them!

One of the third grade classes at McMillan Elementary School in Meridian made seven adorable quilts that they then presented to St. Luke's on a field trip. TVTV (the new cable public service station in Boise) came to a couple of their work days and taped the students as they worked on the blankets. Their teacher plans for her class to make Project Linus blankets again next year.

In January, I got a call from an English teacher at Skyview High School in Nampa. She and her students wanted to help Project Linus as a community service project. Three different 9th & 10th grade classes worked on Project Linus blankets. The students tied 14 quilts, fringed 18 polar fleece blankets, cut out fabric appliques to be sewed onto the polar fleece blankets, and sewed on labels. Four of the blankets weren't completed at the end of the day, so four of the girls took them home with them to finish.

Don't forget! Mark your calendar! On February 17, we will celebrate our Chapter Third Anniversary and Project Linus National Make A Blanket Day.

We're also tentatively planning a Make A Blanket Day for April 28.

Marilynn's Pickets and Patchwork in Nyssa plan to hold Blanket Days on the second Friday of March & May.

Project Linus can use donations of blanket supplies - cotton fabric, low loft batting, and acrylic yarn. The fabric must be new/unused and no smaller than half yard cuts, or cut into 8" or 4 1/2" squares. We just don't have the room to store, or the volunteers to sort, bags and bags of tiny scraps and old clothes. Yes, we do receive bags of old clothes more often than you would think. In addition to cotton fabric, we can use polar fleece, soft corduroy and flannel.

The printing of this newsletter is donated, however, donations of 34¢ postage stamps would be greatly appreciated.



*It's not how much we  
give, but how much love  
we put into giving.  
- - Mother Teresa*

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

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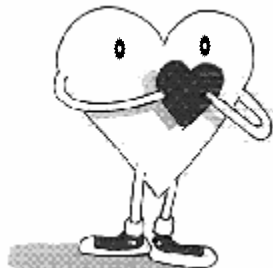
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Last August we sent blankets to Minnesota after terrible tornadoes hit the area. Below is a portion of the e-mail that Carol Babbitt, the PL coordinator in the area at that time, sent to all the chapters who sent blankets to her for the kids.

"I called the command center again this morning in Granite Falls to see if they needed more blankets (I knew they would). When I told the woman who answered the phone who I was and that I was with Project Linus, she just started to cry! She said that there was really no way for her to thank us enough. The children there are carrying these little blankets around, and they are loving them. She knows two little girls in particular who received blankets and will not put them down. The other night they had a really bad thunderstorm, and the girls clung to them all night. I guess the blankets are the talk of the town.

I just want you to know the wonderful thing that you have done. You really are the finest group of people I have had the pleasure to know."

A total of 346 blankets were distributed to the children in Granite Falls, Minnesota.

Carol has moved to Illinois and is our new Project Linus national president. She and many others have put in untold hours putting together a new organization and making sure that all IRS and legal requirements are met.

Do you like paper foundation piecing? Check out this website for a block designed especially for the Project Linus Make A Blanket Day on February 17 by Quiltmaker magazine:  
<http://www.quilts-online.com/qm/>  
then click on Hearts for Linus.



Probably most of you don't like statistics, but we're pretty proud of ours! In 1998 we distributed 91 blankets; in 1999 - 257; in 2000 - 588.

Other interesting numbers - we have distributed to:

- St. Luke's/MSTI - 205 blankets
- Health & Welfare - 136 blankets
- St. Al's - 110 blankets
- Mercy Medical - 89 blankets
- Valley Crisis Center - 72 blankets
- West Valley - 64 blankets

***Third Anniversary Celebration  
and  
National Make A Blanket Day***

**February 17**

**~ 10 am - 3 pm ~**

**Help make blankets  
for the kids  
and have fun, too!**

**Robinson's Sewing Center  
572 Caldwell Blvd  
Nampa, Idaho**

**466-7642**



**Volunteers are  
Very Important People!**

