



Project Linus News

Providing Security Through Blankets

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Today the sun is shining - a welcome sight on a winter day. Just like the blankets that you make to be given to at-risk kids are a welcome sight.

It has been just one year since Project Linus was reorganized and the organization has just kept growing and growing. Our new officers are doing a wonderful job.

The number of blankets donated by Project Linus nationally and locally continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Project Linus now has 300 chapters nationwide - total blankets donated nationwide is over 400,000. Our chapter, as of December 31, has delivered 1802 blankets.

Our chapter sent 25 blankets to New York City. A total of 10,000 blankets were donated by Project Linus to New York City and Washington, DC kids.

Check out the rest of this newsletter to read all about what's going on with our Linus chapter.

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

**Enthusiasm
is contagious,
Start an
epidemic!**

Project Linus Cook Book. The plans for our Project Linus cook book fund raiser have been cancelled. The national office, after consulting with their attorney, found it would be very difficult to administer a fund raising project for a non-profit organization in 46 different states with 46 different sets of tax laws.

We're all really disappointed that the cook book is not going to happen. I want to thank everyone who sent in recipes.

Fabric softener. Yes, fabric softener! If you need to launder a blanket before you donate it to Project Linus, please use non-scented fabric softener. We don't want to run the risk that a kid in the hospital may be allergic to the perfume used in the softener.

I had to wash several quilts because the perfume in them was so strong. After washing and drying the blankets, and then running them on air dry in the dryer for 2 hours - the scent was still there. I finally hung them out on the line in the sun for most of the day to completely get rid of the perfume.

Also, please check the blankets you donate carefully for straight pins. A doctor recently found a straight pin that had been used to attach a care label to an afghan. Luckily, he found it before the child did. We don't want to injure the kids we're trying to comfort.

Make A Blanket Day and Food! Mark your calendars - our Fourth Anniversary and National Make A Blanket Day will be at Robinson's Sewing Center, 572 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa, February 16.

We thought it would be fun to have a pot luck lunch, so bring your favorite appetizer or finger food. Cake and beverages will be provided.

Blanket Days are held at Marilyn's Pickets and Patchwork in Nyssa on the second Friday each month. The next Blanket Day at Nampa will be April 13.

We hope you can join us at one of our Blanket Days. It's a fun way to comfort the kids and meet new people!

Volunteers needed! Not just yet, but we will. Our Project Linus chapter has been invited to have a booth again this year at the Nampa Crime Prevention Fair on August 3.

Boise Basin Quilters Quilt Guild has invited us back to the Quilt Show again this fall. Our Design A Block booth was a huge success and we didn't have nearly enough volunteers! Last year was our first year to have a booth at the quilt show and we had no idea how well it would be received. The dates for the quilt show are September 28 & 29.

Let me know if you can help at one or both of these events.

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

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Blankets are donated to:

St. Al's, Boise
St. Luke's & MSTI, Boise
WCA, Boise
Red Cross, Boise
Ada County Sheriff's Office

Mercy Medical Center, Nampa
Nampa Police & Fire Departments
Valley Crisis Center, Nampa

Health & Welfare, Caldwell office
West Valley Medical Center, Caldwell
Canyon County Sheriff's Office
Caldwell Police Department
Linden House, Caldwell

Parma, Wilder, Fruitland, and Nyssa
Police Departments

Camp Rainbow Gold, Royal Family Kids
Camp, and Operation Warm Heart

Walter Knox Hospital, Emmett

Make A Blanket Days

**February 16
April 13**

~ 10 am - 3 pm ~

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

208 466-7642

**March 8
May 10**

~ 10:30 am ~

**Marilynn's
Pickets & Patchwork
118 Main Street
Nyssa, Oregon**

541 372-5336

The wonderful log cabin quilt made by Sachito Tamura that was raffled at the Sewing Hoopla last fall raised \$105. Claudia Barden won the quilt. The last I knew she hadn't put it on a bed - she was still showing it off!

Thank you, Sachito, for a beautiful quilt. Everyone who saw it, wanted it!

**Volunteers
Are Very
Important People!**

Answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about Project Linus:

- ♥ Blankets can be quilted, sewn, crocheted, or knitted
- ♥ Sizes from 20" x 20" up to approximately 45" x 60"
- ♥ Blankets must be new, home-made, washable & durable
- ♥ We can use donations of cotton fabric, low-loft batting & acrylic yarn
- ♥ Cash donations are appreciated to help pay for blanket supplies and to help cover chapter administrative expenses (paper, postage stamps, and copying charges).

They say numbers never lie - and our numbers show how many of you wonderful volunteers are making beautiful blankets for the kids. Here are our numbers!

| Year | Blankets Delivered |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 1998 | 91 |
| 1999 | 257 |
| 2000 | 588 |
| 2001 | 866 |
| Total | 1802 |

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