

# ♥ Project Linus News ♥

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## **Make A Blanket Day Planned for June 28.**

### ♥ **Special Surprise Guests**

Our Blanket Day for June has been changed to June 28. Doris couldn't be here on June 21, and we don't want her to miss a Blanket Day.

Bring your sewing machine if you want to sew. We will be making quilt blocks, sewing on labels (if LaVera doesn't get them all sewed on), machine quilting or tacking quilts, and binding quilts.

If you don't have a sewing machine, we can still use your help. We need help with ironing, cutting fabric and batting, pinning the fabric and batting together, tying the batting in place, and packaging the finished blankets for delivery.

Do you crochet or knit? If so, bring along your Project Linus afghan you're working on and join in the fun.

Blanket Days are fun! It's a great way to meet people, have a good time, eat lunch, and help make blankets for kids who need a hug.

Mark the date on your calendar - June 28 from 10 am - 3pm. Some very special guests are planning to be there - you won't want to miss them!

We look forward to seeing you!

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I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

- Mahatma Gandhi

## **February Make A Blanket Day was a Huge Success!**

We had 40 volunteers come to our 5th Anniversary Celebration Make A Blanket Day in February. A few just dropped off blankets and didn't stay. Most stayed all day to sew on labels, quilt and sew on binding. Several more sandwiched quilts or tied quilts. Several ladies took quilts home with them to finish. Two high school girls (their first time at a MAB Day) tied quilts all day.

113 finished blankets came in the door during the day.

Certificates of Appreciate were presented to the following volunteers: Darlene Pecht who has made 331 Project Linus quilts; June Howell who has made 115 Project Linus quilts; Dora Mick, Fran Terry, and Kayla Skelton who have been with us since the day our chapter started. They have never missed a Blanket Day except when they were out of town.

A big thank you to **all** Project Linus volunteers who work so hard to

## **Blanket, Blankets, and More Blankets!**

As I write this newsletter, the total number of blankets delivered by our chapter is 3,142.

That's a whole lot of fabric, yarn and batting!

Give yourselves a pat on the back - it's because of all of you wonderful blanketeers that we have had that many blankets to deliver!

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**Volunteers are  
Very Important People!**

## **Blanket Guidelines**

We have had so many questions about what we want and don't want in blankets, we've put together a Blanket Guideline which we have included with this newsletter.

We're not trying to be picky when we set these guidelines. We're thinking of the health and safety of the kids we want to comfort. We don't want to add to their problems with an unsafe blanket.

## **Blanket Sizes**

I can't stress enough how much we need the larger size blankets - at least 45" x 60", or bigger. I just talked to the Child Life Specialist at St. Luke's last week. They're begging for bigger blankets - especially at MSTI (Mountain States Tumor Institute) where they treat a lot of teenagers. Project Linus blankets are a great comfort to the kids while they are receiving chemotherapy treatments.

Just remember that bigger sized blankets fit any age or size kid, a little blanket fits only the little kids!

## **Check for Pins!**

This e-mail came from Project Linus Headquarters:

We received a phone call from a parent whose child received a blanket with a pin that had been sewn inside the blanket. Needless to say - her son was stuck and she was very upset. PLEASE . . . Contact your blanketeers and ask them to always double check for pins. I know this is a very rare occurrence but it does happen and want you to be aware so that we can avoid situations such as these.

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

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. . .Through Blankets



## **Hayden's Blanket**

Just before our February Blanket Day I got a call from a father asking if he could get a new quilt for his little 28 month old boy because his old Linus quilt was in tatters.

Hayden (who received his blanket when he was 6 months old), and his Mom & Dad came to our February Blanket Day with an unusual request. Hayden did not want a new blanket - he loves his old blanket - could we repair it? It's just a simple rail fence quilt in soft pastels. The back was coming off the front, the back had been pieced and it was falling apart, and the batting was in shreds. Hayden's Mom told us that the daycare had banned Hayden's quilt - it can't come to daycare with him anymore it looks so bad.

The front of the quilt didn't look too bad. So, one volunteer removed the back and batting from the quilt (with Hayden standing right there guarding his quilt), a piece of white flannel was found - the old back was white - have to keep this quilt looking just like it did! The quilt was tied by three more volunteers with white yarn and fluffy new batting. The edges were stitched and a new label sewed on. The quilt had been washed so many times that the label was completely blank - no Linus, no writing left.

I talked to Dad a couple weeks later and he said Hayden loves his "new" old quilt.

## ♥ Make A Blanket Days ♥

June 28, 2003

~ 10 am - 3 pm ~

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

July 11, 2003

September 13, 2003

~ 10:30 am ~

Marilynn's Pickets & Patchwork  
118 Main Street Nyssa, OR  
541 372-5336

## **We Need Yarn!**

We often get requests from volunteers who would like to make Project Linus blankets, but they can't afford to buy the yarn.

If you have acrylic yarn you won't use, or if you know someone who has yarn and no longer crochets or knits, we could sure use it!

## **Postage Stamps**

Costs keep going up for postage stamps and copying charges. If each of you would bring just 5 new first-class postage stamps to each blanket day, that would take care of mailing our newsletters.

## **Electronic Newsletter**

If I have your e-mail address - that's how I will be sending this newsletter to you. It saves our chapter a lot of money. If I don't have your e-mail address, please send it to me. My e-mail address is on the first page of this newsletter.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Project Linus will have a booth at the Nampa Crime Prevention Fair the first Saturday in August. We need people to help with the booth. It's really fun to see what the little kids (and adults) will draw and color on their muslin square.

Our Design a Block for Linus booth has been invited back to the Boise Basin Quilters' Quilt Show again this year. It will be at the Boise Centre on the Grove on September 27 & 28 from 10 am - 6 pm each day. We need **LOTS** of help! Last year some of the volunteers hardly got a lunch break we were so busy. If we can get **LOTS** of volunteers, no one will have to work so hard. We need people to sew, iron, cut blocks, and talk to people.

Anyone who volunteers to help in our booth at the Quilt Show will get free admission to the quilt show which promises to be bigger and better than ever with more space, more quilts, and more vendors.