



Project Linus News

Providing Security Through Blankets

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Here it is October already! Many things have happened since the last newsletter.

I know many of you are wondering if we will send blankets to NYC and DC. The coordinators in both areas have been overwhelmed with blankets. So, unless we hear differently, we will be distributing our blankets to kids right here in our area that need a big hug.

On a lighter note—my husband and I just returned from a wonderful trip to Alaska. We drove both ways—no getting on a ferry one way for us! I visited every quilt shop I could find! I caught my limit of 2 salmon on our fishing trip on the Kenai River—my husband did not!

Our chapter has had so many things happening in the past few months. Check out the rest of this newsletter to read all about them!

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 had a booth at the Nampa Crime Prevention Fair in August. We cut muslin blocks ahead of time so that the kids that came to the fair could draw pictures or color the blocks to make quilt squares for Project Linus blankets. We now have 250 muslin quilt blocks to be sewed together!

Boise Basin Quilters asked Project Linus to have a Design A Block Booth at the quilt show in September. We had volunteers of all ages—men, women, and children—designing and sewing blocks for Project Linus quilts. We came home from the quilt show with 535 quilt blocks.

That makes 785 quilt blocks that need to be sewed into quilt tops and tied or quilted.

Recently, I received a call from Nyssa Gardens, an assisted living residence in Nyssa, Oregon. Some of the residents made blankets for Project Linus—16 really cute quilts.

The ladies made and sold lap quilts, made from donated fabrics, to other residents. They used that money to buy bright kid fabrics and batting to make quilts for Project Linus. One of the ladies who isn't able to help because of severe arthritis bought fabric for the quilts.

They plan to make more quilts as soon as they can get more fabric.

Project Linus Make a Blanket Days are planned for October 27 & December 8 at Robinson's Sewing Center, 572 Caldwell Blvd, Nampa.

October 27 is National Make A Difference Day. Let's see how big a difference we can make!

The next Blanket Day at Marilyn's Pickets and Patchwork in Nyssa will be on November 9. Come help make blankets and check out their new store. It's next door to the old store and it's really great! Lots of fabric and you can eat lunch right there—in the Koffee Korner.

We hope you can join us at one or all of the Blanket Days planned for the next three months. We have all those blocks that need to be sewed into quilt tops!

Do you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share?

Project Linus National Office is planning to publish a Project Linus Cook Book as a fund raiser. Each Project Linus chapter will be able to sell cook books to help with chapter expenses.

If you have a recipe, or recipes, that you would like to have included in the book, please give a copy to Doris or me no later than October 24. It would help if the recipes are typed.

I think it would be fun to have lots of Idaho recipes included in the cook book.

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

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... Through Blankets



Make A Blanket Days

**October 27
December 8**

~ 10 am—3 pm ~

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

November 9

~ 10 am ~

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

A big thank you to the Lutheran Brotherhood and Wal-Mart for cash donations to our Project Linus chapter. These donations enabled us to pay for fabric, batting, and copying expenses.

All cash donations received by Project Linus chapters are sent to the national office. Eighty percent of that amount goes back to the local chapters. The remaining twenty percent helps fund national office expenses.

**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)

Project Linus in the News!

Look for the November issue of Ladies Home Journal due on the newsstands this month.

Project Linus will be spotlighted in this issue!

**Blankets
Delivered to date:
1,375**