

# Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Oct./Nov./Dec. 2020

## East Tennessee Chapter

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*The best kind of sleep under heaven above, is under a blanket handmade with love.*

### Coordinator's Corner:

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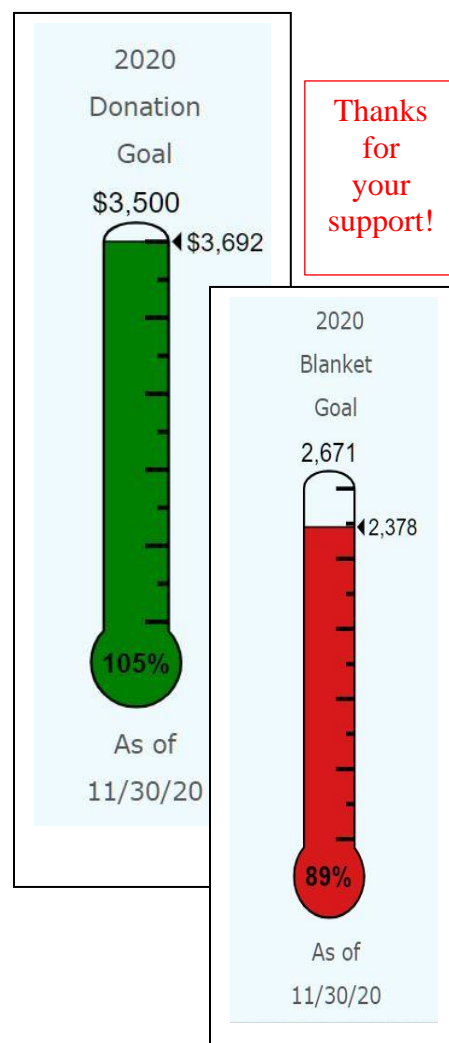
Special thanks to Project Linus volunteer Cathy Hurrell for inviting me to speak at her Sewing Arts and Fashion Guild. We met at a pavilion at Lake Shore Park in Knoxville. I enjoyed sharing information about Project Linus and meeting this great group of women. They also followed up with a generous financial donation and are doing a December Blanket Challenge. And, the weather cooperated, too – it was a beautiful fall day!

I had the pleasure of speaking with a group of teenage girls at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Grigsby Chapel in Knoxville. What a delightful group of young women and excited to support Project Linus. Thanks to Shannon Zierden for inviting me. We had to do this one through Zoom!

As we enter the end of a long and challenging year, I am even more grateful for our wonderful volunteers and for the many organizations we serve that help children in traumatic situations. Many of the staff at these organizations are part of our country's frontline healthcare and other workers that have had to expose themselves to COVID19 everyday and as such have dealt with extreme stress and interruption to their lives and their families lives. We appreciate you all.

Happy New Year and Holiday Blessings,

*Deb*



### Mark Your Calendar:

- December 31, 2020: Revised deadline for Raining Cats and Dogs Quilt Entries (see inside for details)



**Financial Donations:**

First United Methodist Church – Knoxville  
 Gail Sharp  
 Vanessa Crowe and HCA  
 Sewing Arts and Fashion Guild

A BIG THANKS to all of you that have purchased PLET Mystery Challenge Kits, Row and Simple Quilt Kits. And, especially to The Fiberology Lab for promoting and helping to distribute them.

Special Thanks to those that donated to help offset the cost of mailing blankets to the west coast to children traumatically impacted by the fires:

Jill Schobring	Ardyce Williams
Gail Sharp	Ruth Klarin Silverman
Kroger Foundation	Susan Spicer
Karen Brunner	Lynda Everman
Sally Fagg	Ruth & Joe McKeown
Denice Mitrousis	

**Donations:**

Ila Mae Morton: 4 blankets  
 Sharon Carey: 18 blankets  
 Susan Hannah: 7 blankets  
 Linda Weir: 16 blankets  
 Edna Davis: 4 blankets  
 Kim Mosier: 12 blankets  
 Connie Shrader: 12 blankets  
 Vanessa Crowe: 33 blankets  
 Gabriella Soloman: 3 blanket  
 Calvary Chapel Greeneville Ladies Sewing Group/Leann Heathcock: 37 blankets  
 Joyce Moody/Newcomer’s Club: 1 blanket  
 Connie Shrader: 12 blankets  
 Jackie Godden: baby hats  
 Luna Shepherd/Cindy Tipton with Park West Church of God: 13 blankets

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- **Tom Eckhardt for building and maintaining our website! And, Mara for all her help.**
- **Doris Cole** for donating postage and mailing the newsletter, and much much more.
- **Karen Eidson** for help sewing labels and all the special extras she does for our group.
- **Judy Dowker and Missy Dowker Green** for help fixing blankets, sewing labels and much more.
- **Barb Knight** for her extra help!
- **Denette Flynn, Debbie Petree, Melinda Albawi, and Jamie Stringer** for help with deliveries/pickups.
- **Judy Tyl** for sewing labels
- **Tamsin Miller** for supplying labels, envelopes and help with deliveries/pickups.
- **Concord United Methodist Church** for deliveries to Susannah’s House and much more
- **Annhara Henderson** for help with mailing labels, PL correspondence and more.
- My mom **Irene Hawker** for delivery and pick-up of blankets in Cumberland County.
- **Bev Abele** for ongoing volunteer and fundraising efforts, serving as a drop-off site and dropping off many of our blankets to the Knoxville area, and more
- **Carol Newsom and Bev Abele for coordinating Joann’s blanket pick-up efforts.**
- **Karen and John Feltner for help finishing and fixing blankets, assisting at meetings, hosting sewing days, delivering blankets and more.**
- **Sandy Rees** for all her extra help.
- **Teresa Chasteen and WIN** for paying for the PL storage unit each month

If I missed thanking you for a donation, please accept my apologies and let me know so I can recognize you next time! Sometimes we get behind in picking up and unpacking blankets – please don’t be offended; just let me know and we will be sure to get your items logged in and passed on to recipient organizations.

*- Deb*

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To give online go to <https://www.projectlinus.org/donations/> and be sure to designate the EAST TENNESSEE chapter for your donation. Or you can mail your donation to:

Project Linus of East Tennessee  
365 Dean Drive  
Ten Mile, TN 37880

Either way, your donation is tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

### **Drop Off Location Updates:**

Fiberology Lab: The shop will be closed from December 24 – January 9 for a well-earned vacation! Plz note due to COVID19, they are operating with the door locked and by appointment only. If you have blankets to drop off, just ring the doorbell and they will gladly help you.

All other blanket drop off locations are open. Due to COVID19 and the holidays, we suggest you call first before making a trip to drop off blankets.

Please remember when you drop off blankets to thank our drop off locations for their support of Project Linus. They are key to helping us be successful.

### **Website, Facebook and Newsletter**

You can now access lots of information on the website – links to patterns, drop off locations, newsletters, pictures, and more. Check it out at [www.projectlinuseasttn.org](http://www.projectlinuseasttn.org).

It is very easy to go to the website to get your newsletter each month. Just go to the site, click on the newsletter link (banner across the top and bottom left corner) and read/download the newsletter.

For those of you that are getting the newsletter via the U.S. Mail, if you can access the newsletter via the website and no longer need to have the newsletter mailed to you via the postal service, just let me know. It will save us printing costs and postage.

Don't forget to also sign-up on Facebook for more information. You can search for it under *Project Linus of East Tennessee* or access it at the following link:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Project-Linus-of-East-Tennessee/159217337546849>

### **MORE THANK YOU's for Donations:**

Lynne Attaway: 12 blankets  
First United Methodist Church Knoxville: 32 blankets  
Sharon Carey: 18 blankets (more to be unpacked)  
Anonymous: 46 blankets  
Edna Davis: 4 blankets  
Susan Hannah: 1 blanket  
Farragut Christian Church Sewing Ministry: 8 blankets  
Denise Bunton (Annie's Caring Crochet Kit Club): 1 blanket  
Pat Talbert: 7 blankets  
Leigh Anne Covington: 2 blankets  
Kathy Van Doran: 9 blankets  
Sandra Rea: 4 blanket  
Elizabeth Rea: 12 blanket  
Kathy Minter: 9 blankets  
Amy Sloan: 2 blankets  
Sewing Arts and Fashion Guild: 1 blanket  
Terry Doll: 5 blankets  
Patti DeGraff: 15 blankets  
Newcomers Club – Joyce Moody: 1 blanket  
Jennifer Brinner: 1 blanket  
Karen Feltner: 1 blanket, binding 3 blankets, hats and scarves  
Anonymous: 7 pillowcases and 28 blankets  
Johnnie Click: 17 blankets  
First Farragut United Methodist Church: 19 blankets  
Hilari Frederick: 6 blankets (yarn donated by Ms. Linda)  
Bobbie Brown/Karen Feltner: 4 quilts  
Concord United Methodist Church: 22 blankets  
JoAnn's Cedar Bluff: 2 blankets, hats, slippers

**Your Donations of Blankets and Other Items Truly  
Make A Difference in the Lives of Area Children.**

**PLET has recently or will soon be delivering  
donated items to the following recipient**

**organizations:**

- ❖ East TN Children's Medical Center– Knoxville: (Nov) 73 blankets and hats
- ❖ UT Medical Center–Knoxville::
- ❖ Helen Ross McNabb (Nov): 38 plus hats/Oct 65 blankets
- ❖ Children's Center of the Cumberland (Scott): (Jan)
- ❖ Community Health of East TN (Campbell): (Oct) 30
- ❖ Campbell County Children's Center: (Oct) 30 blankets
- ❖ Kids First Child Advocacy Center - 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Loudon/ Meigs/Morgan/Roane):
- ❖ Mission of Hope: 41 blankets
- ❖ Clinch Valley Childrens Center (Anderson Cty):
- ❖ Blount Memorial Hospital:
- ❖ Roane Medical Ctr./Covenant:
- ❖ Avalon Center–Cumberland County: (Jan)
- ❖ Cumberland Medical Ctr: (Jan)
- ❖ CHILDHELP USA (East TN):
- ❖ Methodist Medical Center – Oak Ridge: (Nov) 15 blankets including a Hugs for Heroes blanket
- ❖ Provision Care Proton Therapy, Knoxville: (Oct) 43 blankets
- ❖ Hope Resource Center: (Nov) 32 blankets and hats
- ❖ IVA's Place:
- ❖ Susannah's House – Knox County:
- ❖ 10th Judicial District Childrens Advocacy Center-H.O.P.E.: 46 blankets
- ❖ Pregnancy Resource Center:
- ❖ Life Choices of Roane County:
- ❖ My Very Own/Bags of Love (Campbell Co): (Oct) 27 blankets
- ❖ Newborns in Need: (Oct) 35 blankets
- ❖ Immanuel House (Lenoir City): (Jan)
- ❖ Sleep in Heavenly Peace: (September) 70 blankets
- ❖ Helping Mama's: 26 blankets
- ❖ Special Requests: 2 blankets
- ❖ Luminary Methodist Community Needs: 15 blankets/hats

**MORE THANK YOU's for Donations:**

Faye Beauchamp: 1 blanket  
Irene Hawker: 8 blankets  
Betty Anderson: 20 blankets  
Helen Jensen: 5 blankets  
Kathy Minter: 34 blankets  
Farragut Christian Church/Sewing Ministry: 16 blankets  
Joyce Hatcher: 5 blankets  
Sarah Ellis: 6 blankets  
Cathy Hurrell: 5 blankets  
ParkWest Church: 64 blankets  
Barb Knight – 9 quilt tops finished by Judy Dowker  
Jud Dowker finished 3 more of Helen Forbes' quilt tops  
Joan Pfrommer: large bag of yarn  
Linda Weir: 5 fleece blankets  
First Farragut United Methodist Women: 7 blankets  
Alma Roberts: 23 blankets  
Ardyce Williams: 4 blanket  
Lynnea McHenry: 1 blanket  
Sharon Carey: 23 blankets  
Ellen Wormsley: 2 blankets  
Flo Buffington: 5 blankets  
Cindy Corona: 7 blankets  
Lorraine McArdle/Nifty Knitters Tellico Village: 4 blankets  
Sandy Rees: 20 blankets  
Anonymous: 51 and yarn  
Patricia Talbert: 3 blankets  
Jacquelynn Schobring: 9 blankets  
Faye Beauchamp: 3 blankets  
Edna Davis: 2 blankets, hats & scarves

**PINS!!!!** Please take extra care in checking your blankets for pins. We double check them, too, but we've had a few show up lately.

**Help Project Linus of East TN by shopping at Kroger**

**For more information and to sign-up go to: <http://www.projectlinuseasttn.org/home/kroger>**

This does NOT cost you anything, you still get your Kroger Rewards Points AND you get to help PL of East TN, too! If you THINK you've signed up, please check the bottom of your Kroger receipt. If it doesn't say Project Linus of East TN, please sign up again or ask for assistance at the Kroger Customer Service desk.

**REMINDER: It's Raining Cats and Dogs Quilt Challenge CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19**  
**The fundraiser is still on – we've just changed the dates and process a little. Quilts are due by December 31, 2020.**

1. Submit the quilt through a regular drop off location or by mailing to Deb Miller, 365 Dean Dr., Ten Mile, TN All quilts should have a sealed envelope attached (pinned) to the quilt with the name of the submitter inside. Please clearly mark them RAINING CATS AND DOGS.
2. Quilts will be voted on after the first of the year. This process will be finalized once we know CDC guidelines for early 2021.

Questions? Contact Deb Miller at [Deb@ProjectLinusEastTN.org](mailto:Deb@ProjectLinusEastTN.org) 865 719-2862



Project Linus: A Season of Giving Event!

With the holidays approaching, we are reminded that there are thousands of children across the country who are going through difficult circumstances: children in need of comfort. Project Linus provides handmade blankets as gifts to children who are ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. They may be suffering from illness, a family crisis, homelessness, abuse or have lost everything in a natural disaster. We need your help to continue our mission. On Dec 24, 2020 Project Linus will celebrate 25 years of providing comfort and security to over 8 million children. Please help us to continue for 25 more years. We invite you to go to [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org) and make a "Season of Giving" donation! Be sure to designate East Tennessee so our chapter receives direct benefit from the donation.

A donation of \$15 will make a single layer fleece blanket.

\$25 will provide funds for our newsletter to be printed for those that don't receive email

A donation of \$35 will purchase yarn for an afghan.

A donation of \$50 will pay to send a box of blankets to children impacted by a natural disaster.

Thanks to our volunteers who work so hard to make these blankets!

Thank you for your donation.

Patty Gregory, President/CEO

Deb Miller, Project Linus of East TN Coordinator

*Note: If you want to donate and can not make an online donation, you can make a check out to Project Linus of East TN and mail to:  
Deb Miller, 365 Dean Dr., Ten Mile, TN 37880*

#### **Thinking of You**

To those of you that have lost loved ones recently, our sympathies are with you.

To those of you that are ill, we hope you are feeling better soon.