

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

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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:

Glad to hear that Dianna Mraz Kring is recovering well from knee surgery but unfortunately, she is now looking at back surgery. We look forward to her getting back to quilting and working on her Project Linus Mystery Quilt! Prayers continue for Kelly Hardwick as she battles leukemia while at the same time remaining busy as a PL volunteer. We were sorry to learn recently about the passing of volunteer Mary Minton. Our sympathy goes to her family.

We hope to see you at one or both of our events in October.

Blessings,
Deb Miller

Mark Your Calendars

October 6: Atomic Fibers (Oak Ridge) Project Linus Blanket Work Day – 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop by for an hour or all day! See below for details.

October 27: Project Linus Fall Meeting and Blanket Work Day – Roane State Campus in Knoxville, 9 AM to 3 PM. See inside this newsletter for details.

November 10: Due date for Snowball Express Blankets. See inside for details.

Project Linus of East TN Sewing Day/Open House Hosted by Atomic Fibers

103 W. Tennessee Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN.
October 6th 10 AM to 2 PM

Atomic Fibers has graciously agreed to host a Sewing Day/Open House. We will have plenty of room to spread out, sew blankets (bring your machines and we will have some for you to use), tie quilts, label blankets, and more. Hope to see you there! Contact Deb Miller with questions [Deb@ProjectLinusEast TN.org](mailto:Deb@ProjectLinusEastTN.org) or 865 719-2862.



Financial Donations:

Fairfield Glade Library Book Sales Partnership
Gail Sharp

Blanket and Other Donations:

Doris Cole: Envelopes
Sandra Rea: 3 blankets
Terry Painter: 3 blankets
Concord United Methodist: 29 blankets
Cathy Hurrell/First Farragut United Methodist: 6
Flo Buffington: 5 blankets
Hilari Frederick: 6 blankets
Janice Brandt: 1 blanket
Ellen Womersley: 14 blankets
Joyce Moody: 1 blanket
First United Methodist Church: 29 blankets
Margaret Woody: 8 blankets
Kathy Minter: 8 blankets
Anonymous: 92 blankets; 7 quilt tops
Edna Davis: 2 blankets
Annhara Henderson & Bev Abele: 1 blanket
Jean Harris: 1 blankets
Penny Richardson: fabric
Laurie Byrne: Yarn
Alma Roberts: 9 blankets
Annett Doherty: 1 blanket
Kathy Hahn: 1 blanket
Kathy VanHouton: 1 blanket
Joyce Jernigan: 2 lankets
Jill McMaster and Marien: 1 blanket
Betty Anderson: 7 blankets
CGI in Lebanon, VA/David Maloney: 5 blankets
Anonymous: Batting
Barbara Sage: 6 blankets
Bessie Jowers: 3 blankets
Stephanie Hannan: 1 blanket
Edna Davis: 3 blankets
Anna Nichols: 4 blankets and hat
Sally Cochran: 12 blankets

- **Tom Eckhardt for building and maintaining our website! And, Mara for all her guidance and 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.
- **Denette Flynn, Debbie Petree, Tamsin Miller, and Jamie Stringer** for help with deliveries/pickups.
- **The staff at the TN Career Center in Lenoir City**
- **Patti Stewart** for help with deliveries, shopping, cutting fabric 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.
- **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

Snowball Express is an event of the Gary Sinise Foundation that provides a holiday vacation for the families of active military who have died since 9/11. This has been held in the Dallas area previously, but for 2018 the event will be at Walt Disney World near Orlando in early-December. You can get more information on their website www.SnowballExpress.org.

How does Project Linus fit in? Each year Project Linus chapters nationwide work together to provide blankets for all the children attending this event. This year we expect to serve about 1200 children.

Michele Mingoia, the Coordinator for the Orlando/Central Florida Chapter, will be the liaison for this event and will partner with neighboring county chapters to receive the blankets, sort, deliver, and ultimately be at the event to help each child pick out their perfect blanket! Project Linus of East TN will once again be providing blankets for this event.

Specifications

- The blankets should be new and can be quilts, fleece, knitted or crochet.
- All blankets must be 45 X 60 or larger. The children who attend must be at least 5 years old.
- If they are fleece tied blankets, please make sure that they do not have selvages, are ONE layer only, and that they lie flat.

Themes – DO's!

- Service-specific blankets are our greatest request (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard- in that order). We do not need Marine blankets as we have plenty.
- Next favorite are Star Wars, Superheroes, Minions, Disney, and camouflage. Bright colors and patterns work, too.
- These kids also like popular themes so we'll need plenty of sports, cartoon characters, cheer, gymnastics, puppies, kittens, horses, lady bugs, any animal, etc.
- We do want blankets from major league teams (NFL, MLB, NHL, NBA)!
- The kids loved the blankets that were entirely crocheted. They also loved the chunky chenille crocheted blankets.

Themes- DON'Ts!

- DO NOT send any blankets that resemble the US flag. Flags are draped over caskets at military funerals and may remind a child of that terrible day.
- Very few of these kids select patriotic themed blankets (red, white & blue). (We send many of these to TAPS.)
- No College teams/logos.
- No Christmas or specific holiday-themed blankets. We want the kids to love and use their blankets year-round.

Blankets are due to drop off locations by **Nov. 10, 2018**.

Exciting News from JOANN's

Many Joann stores around the country are now Project Linus blanket drop off locations.

Just take your items into the customer service counter at the store. They will take them and put them in a bin in the back area. We will pick up regularly from all 3 Joann stores in the area (N. Peters/Knoxville; near Knoxville Center in East Knoxville; and in Sevierville in Governor's Crossing). This is a new program and store managers are educating their staff. If you have a problem, ask for a manager.

Joann Plus is a great way to save money when buying materials for Project Linus blankets and it is for everyone who makes blankets for Project Linus. You must order in bulk to get the great prices. Be sure to check them out at: www.joannplus.com. More info on how to sign up is available at: <http://projectlinuseasttn.org/resources/partnership-joann-fabrics/>

JoAnn's has discontinued their 10% VIP discount program for non-profit program at the end of May.

I've also been receiving information (not through Project Linus) about their new Rewards program which is a good way to save money. I don't have all the details about how this works, but I encourage you to check it out for Project Linus and other JoAnn's purchases.

In addition, I sign up for JoAnn's coupons in every way I can - that way you get multiple coupons such as the ones that only give you X% off one item. You can use one you receive via mail, another via email, another via text, etc. I sign up with two different emails to get even more. Also, there are times you can get a good JoAnn's coupon via Groupon for those of you that use it.

If you have trouble signing up for the coupons, I encourage you to check with the customer service desk at the store. I've found them very helpful.

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:

- ❖ Ronald McDonald House: (July) 40 blankets
- ❖ East TN Children's Medical Center– Knoxville: (July) 68 blankets (Sept) 65 blankets and hats
- ❖ UT Medical Center–Knoxville: (Aug) 76 blankets & hats
- ❖ Helen Ross McNabb: (July) 40 blankets
- ❖ Hope Resource Center:
- ❖ Children's Center of the Cumberlands (Scott): 40
- ❖ Community Health of East TN (Campbell): 30 blankets
- ❖ Campbell County Children's Center: 30 blankets
- ❖ Kids First Child Advocacy Center - 9th Judicial District (Loudon/ Meigs/Morgan/Roane):
- ❖ Mission of Hope: 70 blankets, hats, sweaters
- ❖ Clinch Valley Childrens Center (Anderson Cty):
- ❖ Smoky Mountain Children's Home – Sevierville:
- ❖ Smoky Mountain Family Matters – Sevierville:
- ❖ Roane Medical Ctr./Covenant:
- ❖ Avalon Center–Cumberland County:
- ❖ Cumberland Medical Ctr:
- ❖ CHILDHELP USA (East TN):
- ❖ Methodist Medical Center – Oak Ridge:
- ❖ Provision Care Proton Therapy, Knoxville: 24 blankets
- ❖ Hope Resource Center: 22 blankets
- ❖ IVA's Place:
- ❖ Susannah's House – Knox County:
- ❖ Tenth Judicial District Childrens Advocacy Center - The H.O.P.E. Center:

Double-Layered Fleece Blankets: We have a VERY limited need for these blankets. Please do not make these without checking with Deb first. Fleece is expensive and you can make twice the number of blankets making single layered fleece blankets. There are some great ideas and patterns on the website and by searching the internet including: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8qRlu5Aq0&feature=youtu.be>

Pictures of Blankets: Are you looking for blanket ideas or just want to see what others are doing? Be sure to check out the website and Facebook page for pictures of recently donated blankets and blanket patterns.

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.

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 .

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>

Blanket Beacon: This is the national Project Linus quarterly newsletter. If you have not signed up to receive it, please go to www.projectlinus.org. It is ONLY available by email. It has some great information. I encourage you to sign-up for it.

Blanket Stats/Donations to Children

Nationally since December 1995 7,138,349 blankets have been delivered.



201 West Springdale Ave. ■ Knoxville, Tennessee 37917 ■ (p)

June 12, 2018

Deb Miller
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Dear Ms. Miller:

Thank you so much for your group's donation of 41 blankets to benefit the children clients of the Helen Ross McNabb Center.

Your thoughtful gift will support the mission of the McNabb Center to improve the lives of the thousands of adults, children and families suffering with mental illness, substance abuse or who require the needs of social service. Each year, thousands of folks turn to the McNabb Center for help, and we are grateful to find that help in people like you.

Thank you for your concern and continued support.

Sincerely,

Houston Smelcer, CFP®
Vice President of Development and Government Relations

*Thank you Deb!
- Houston*

To: *Deb Miller, Coordinator
Project Linus of East Tennessee*



From the children and families that call our house *Home*, many thanks!

Thank you for your recent donation of 36 lovely hand made blankets and apprais for our families. We appreciate your support of our House.

No goods or services were provided for this contribution.

Sue Beverly, Director date *6/6/18*

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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.

Project Linus of East Tennessee Fall Meeting and Work Day

October 27th 9 AM to 3 PM (Meeting at 10 AM)

Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided

Please mark your calendar now for this exciting event. You can come for a short period of time or the whole day. Please RSVP if possible and let us know if you are bringing a sewing machine to make blankets. RSVP to Deb@ProjectLinusEastTN.org or 865 719-2862 .

9 AM: Machine set-up; fabric/yarn giveaway for Project Linus blankets, and more.

10 AM: Fall Meeting and Celebration

11 AM – 3 PM: Come prepared to help make blankets (bring your machine if you want or we will have a few you can use), sew labels on blankets, tie quilts and more.

Lunch will be served at approximately Noon.

Location: Roane State Knox County Center for Health Sciences

Directions: 132 Hayfield Road, Knoxville, TN 37922

From East Knoxville, I-40W, heading toward Nashville

1. Take I-40 to Cedar Bluff exit (Exit 378A). Get in the right lane.
2. Turn left toward Kingston Pike at the bottom of the exit ramp.
3. Go 4/10 mile to Kingston Pike. Turn right on Kingston Pike.
4. Go 8/10 mile on Kingston Pike past the Market Place shopping center (with Kroger and Home Depot) and past the Windsor Square shopping center (with McDonald's and Big Lots).
5. At the next light turn right at the Weigel's store onto Hayfield Road.
6. Proceed north on Hayfield Road.
7. Turn right immediately after the red Roane State Health Sciences Center sign.
8. Continue straight until you reach the Roane State Health Sciences Center.

From Nashville, I-40E, heading toward Knoxville

1. Take the Cedar Bluff Road exit (Exit 378).
2. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp. Go 4/10 mile to Kingston Pike.
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For those of you that know the area, Hayfield runs between Kingston Pike and Parkside Rd. At Kingston Pike is the Weigel's and Pinnacle Financial Partners. At Parkside, Hayfield dead ends into Parkside, directly across from Beaty Chevrolet. The Strike and Spare Bowling Alley is on the corner.

<http://www.roanestate.edu/?10205-RSCC-Knox-County-Maps-and-Directions>