

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

August - September 2021

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:

We really need some specific types of blankets including:

- Hugs for Heroes (see article inside) and info on website
- Toddler, Older Children and Teen blankets

We get regular donations of baby blankets that allow us to meet the current need for those. I'm not saying don't make baby blankets, but if you'd like to make the bigger ones, that would be helpful.

Unfortunately, the Gary Sinise Foundation has decided to keep Snowball Express virtual again this year due to growing COVID-19 concerns. I'll continue to hold donated blankets. For more info, see: <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/snowball-express/>

We have lots of fun things for you to do while supporting Project Linus:

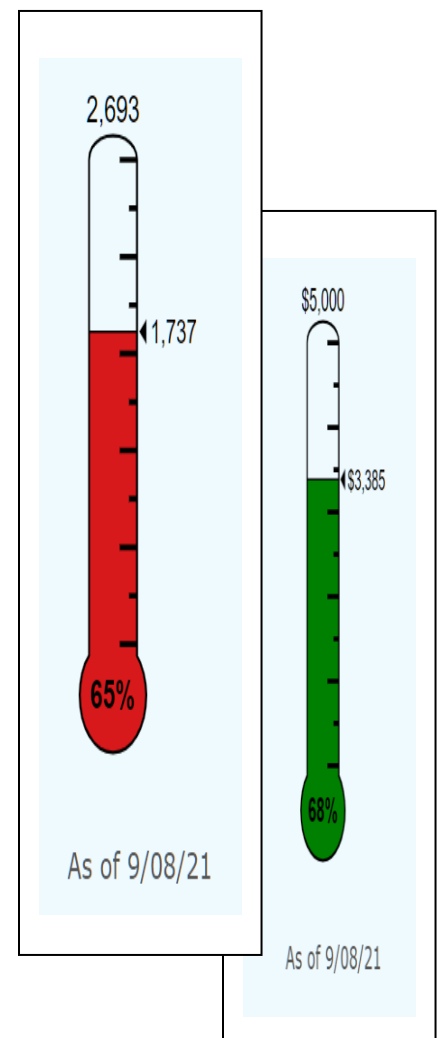
- Are you a quilter or wannabe? Be sure to check out the info on the enclosed flyer regarding the PL Mystery Quilt Challenge.
- Do you crochet or knit? Be sure to check out the info on the enclosed flyer regarding the TEN WRIGGLY WIGGLY CATERPILLARS Crochet and Knit Blanket Fun.
- Ready to get out of the house and attend a small event. Check out our events planned for this fall.

The Water Wonderland Quilt Challenge quilts are all turned in. Stay tuned for more information on voting and being able to see all these beautiful quilts.

Deb

Mark Your Calendars for the following: (see inside for details)

- Saturday, Sept. 18 and Oct. 23: Project Linus Work Days at the Fiberology Lab
- Saturday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 16th: Project Linus Sewing Days
- Saturday, Oct. 30th: Project Linus Open House at the Yarn Patch in Crossville



Your support is appreciated!
Thanks to all of our
Project Linus of East TN
Volunteers!



A special thanks to Toni Carringer and the Fiberology Lab for hosting our Work Day in August.

Financial Donations:

Donations:

Robin Kirkegaard: fabric
Mary Jennings: 10 blankets
Elizabeth Rea: 2 blankets
Jane Stooksbury: 4 blankets
Faye Beauchamp: 5 blankets
Concord United Methodist: 24 blankets
Ardyce Williams: 1 blanket
First United Methodist Church: 14 blankets
Kathy Minter: 26 blankets
Anonymous: 132 plus scarves and hats
Noah Feehan (UTK): 1 blanket
Jacquelynn Schobring: 7 blankets
Kimberly Zeitler: 6 blankets, hats, scarves, etc.
Pat Talbert: 5 blankets
Sandy Rees: 35 blankets
Diane Gerry: 3 blankets, hats and scarves
Edna Davis: 17 blankets and scarf/hat set
Lynn Burkholder: 20 blankets
Creative Cousins: 12 blankets
Vanessa Crowe: 15 buntings
Candee Fultz/Annie's Caring Crochet: 3 blankets
Wilma Caughron: 7 blankets
Ila Mae Morton: 2 blankets
Kathy Henry: 1 blanket
Farragut Christian Church Sewing Ministry: 1 blanket
April McClain: 1 blanket
Barbara Knight: 3 blankets
Sandy Bumbalough: 1 blanket
Linda Weir: 11 blankets, bibs, and burp cloths
Lise Neiler: 3 blankets with hat and book

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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.
- **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, Patrice Wiesner and Jamie Stringer** for help with deliveries/pickups.
- **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, dropping off many of our blankets to the Knoxville area, repairing blankets 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.
- **Barbara Knight** for quilting and other 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

Serenity House

<https://karm.org/serenity/>

For more than 30 years, Serenity has been a light in the darkness for moms, daughters and sisters in crisis. Serving up to 33 women (and children), Serenity offers a free 18-month residential program for those seeking rescue, recovery and freedom from addiction, domestic violence and homelessness. Inside its doors, women can safely confront the root causes of their situation in a loving, healing, Christian environment—hopefully empowering them to succeed in everyday life for the rest of their lives.

Project Linus of East TN is honored to now be providing blankets to Serenity House for the children they serve in their residential program and also at Christmas for their outreach effort to the children that are now living away from the residential program.

Anderson County Family Justice Center

<https://www.fjcanderson.org/>

The Anderson County Family Justice Center provides a combination of free and confidential services and interventions that are available in one convenient location to help victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault and exploitation, and elder abuse, break the cycle of violence and become thriving survivors.

Project Linus of East TN is honored to now be providing blankets to the Family Justice Center for the children in the families they serve.

More Thank You's:

Sandy Rea: 3 blankets	Susan Spicer: 4 blankets
Barbara Roberts: 58 buntings and hats	Flo Buffington: 8 blankets
Bobbie Brown: 4 blankets	Bobbie Brown/Karen Feltner: 11 blankets
Debbie Massey/Karen Feltner: 4	Karen Feltner: 3 blankets
Terry Doll: 10 blankets	Cindy Corona: 7 blankets
Ardyce Williams: 1 blanket	Betty Anderson: 26 blankets
Phyllis Baker with Annie's Caring Crochet: 1	Sherry Ketterer: 4 blankets
Deb Hyder: 7 blankets	Kim Mosier: 7 blankets
Carolyn Lawson: 3 blankets	Lorraine Huynh: 3 tops
Lisa Lounsberry: 3 blankets	Susan Hammons: 16 blankets
Leighanne Covington: 8 blankets	
Anonymous Rag Quilts dropped at Fiberology Lab: 19	
Knitting for Peach/St. Andrews Church Maryville: 2	

A special thanks to AnnHara Henderson. AnnHara is our chapter secretary. She takes care of our thank you notes, mailings and other duties. We appreciate all you do for Project Linus of East TN!!!!

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: 57 blankets and hats**
- ❖ UT Medical Center–Knoxville:
- ❖ **Helen Ross McNabb: 37 blankets and hats**
- ❖ Children’s Center of the Cumberland (Scott):
- ❖ Community Health of East TN (Campbell):
- ❖ Campbell County Children’s Center:
- ❖ Kids First Child Advocacy Center - 9th Judicial District (Loudon/ Meigs/Morgan/Roane):
- ❖ **Mission of Hope: 114 blankets and hats**
- ❖ Clinch Valley Childrens Center (Anderson Cty):
- ❖ Blount Memorial Hospital:
- ❖ 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: (Aug) 49 blankets**
- ❖ **Hope Resource Center: 35 blankets and hats**
- ❖ IVA’s Place:
- ❖ Susannah’s House – Knox County:
- ❖ 10th Judicial District Childrens Advocacy Center- H.O.P.E.:
- ❖ Pregnancy Resource Center:
- ❖ Life Choices of Roane County:
- ❖ **My Very Own/Bags of Love (Campbell Co): 25**
- ❖ Newborns in Need:
- ❖ Immanuel House (Lenoir City):
- ❖ Sleep in Heavenly Peace:
- ❖ Helping Mama’s:
- ❖ **Serenity House (KARM): 45 blankets**
- ❖ **Smoky Mountain Children’s Home Foster Care: 30 blankets**
- ❖ **Family Justice Center (Anderson Co): 25 blankets**
- ❖ **Special Requests: 8 blankets**

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.

Packaging blankets for drop off:

When packaging blankets for drop off, please review these guidelines:

- Put them in a plastic bag preferably that can be tied at the top
- Put your name in the bag with the # of blankets included
- Put a piece of tape or note on the outside of the bag that says “Project Linus”
- New: Please do not use a STRAIGHT pin to attach anything to the bag or blanket
- New: Please do NOT use scented bags

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. **We earn over \$400 a year thanks to the volunteers that sign up for this.**

Thinking of You:

A number of our volunteers have recently lost loved ones and others have been very sick. You are amazing volunteers and continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Hugs for Heroes: We need more Hugs for Heroes blankets. These are baby blankets about 36” x 36” or larger with a matching ~4”x4” “pocket” blanket. When the baby of a father serving our country receives a PL blanket, the pocket blanket is sent to Daddy where he is serving.

More Info At: <https://projectlinuseasttn.org/military/hugs-for-heros/>

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Fall 2021 – Let's Get Together!!!!

East Tennessee Chapter

Fall Meeting

We will not be having a regular fall meeting, but we will be having a series of workdays and get togethers. The times, goal, details and what to bring, etc. will be different for each event so be sure to read carefully!

We hope you will see this as a fun way to participate in smaller groups. Masks are encouraged keeping in mind local requirements could change at the last minute.

Feel free to bring your blanket donations to these events-check with Deb before unloading them.

Saturday, Sept. 18th and Saturday, Oct. 23rd 9:30 AM – 1 PM EST: The Fiberology Lab in Oak Ridge (226 D Jackson Square). This will be a workday to sew on labels. You are also welcome to bring your hand work (knitting, crocheting, etc.) to work on. We plan to be outside under the overhang which provides lots of shade. Bring a chair, thimble, drinks and a smile! We will provide blankets to be labelled, needles and thread. We will have a couple machines to use to sew on labels also.

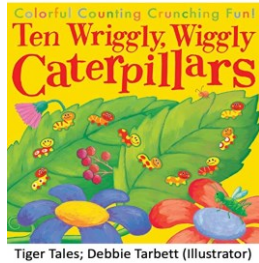
Saturday, Sept. 25th and Saturday, Oct. 16th 9 AM - 2 PM EST: Faith Harvest Church (4850 Kingston Hwy, Lenoir City 37771). Ever wanted to learn to make a quilt top or a scrappy quilt? Or do you just love to sew and make quilts? Grab a friend and join us for this outdoor event to make quilts! This event is for beginning sewers/quilters to advanced sewers and quilters. We will be outside in a covered pavilion with a bathroom and kitchen including a microwave and fridge so feel free to bring your lunch and/or drinks.

Karen Feltner will be our host. She will help us in making quilts using scrappy fabric squares. We will have donated squares in several sizes for making crumb quilts. We will have pattern ideas available also. Bring a yard (or more) of a solid or blender fabric (optional), your machine/sewing supplies and quiltmaking tools. You can bring your own scraps to share also. There will be irons available or you can bring your own. Also, we will have some quilt kits for sale for you to take home with you. There will also be some donated fabric available. Contact Karen Feltner with questions: karenfeltner@gmail.com

Saturday, Oct. 30th 9:30 AM – 1 PM CST/10:30 AM – 2 PM EST: The Yarn Patch (68 N. Main St., Crossville, TN). This will be an open house type event encouraging people to learn more about Project Linus. Bring your hand sewing (crocheting/knitting) and we will have some blankets to label (bring a friend and a thimble – everything else provided).

Stay tuned for more events that could be added this Fall or Winter – Watch Facebook and Email for updates and changes driven by COVID-19 and other events. Contact Deb with questions: 865 719-2862 / Deb@ProjectLinusEastTN.org

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Crochet
and Knit
Blanket
Fun

Let's make some blankets for children with a matching book. These will be given to children in traumatic situations near the holidays.

You make the blanket – the book is supplied.

Be creative -- match the colors of the book and/or incorporate a design (caterpillar, flower, "counting" theme, etc.) -- you decide!!!

Blankets should be 40" x 40" or larger designed for a child ~2-5 years old.

Put the word CATERPILLAR and your name and phone # on a card and stitch or safety pin to the blanket. Leave at a PL drop off location by November 15, 2021 to be entered in a drawing for prizes! We will attach the book to the blanket.

See the book at *The Fiberology Lab* (Oak Ridge), *Yarn Patch* (Crossville) & on most internet bookseller sites. More info at <https://projectlinuseasttn.org/caterpillar-fun/> or contact Deb at Deb@ProjectLinusEastTN.org

Be sure to like our Facebook Page and comment on the Caterpillar post at the top with your progress and final project pictures and watch the comments on this post for ideas for patterns and answers to your questions. @ProjectLinusEastTN



REGISTRATION OPENS:

Monday, August 23, 2021

The **REGISTRATION LINK** will be available on our website beginning Aug 23rd:
www.projectlinus.org

You will receive detailed, downloadable clues and videos which will walk you through the process to create a beautiful 52" x 69" quilt.

Clues will be revealed each week for **9 weeks** beginning **Saturday Sept 25, 2021**

All levels of quilting expertise (novice to experienced) are welcome!

COST: \$20 donation to Project Linus

**Please designate the
EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER
on your registration as the recipient of
your \$20 donation**

THANK YOU!

**Please join us on our
Project Linus Mystery Quilt
Facebook Page**