

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:

A special thanks to those of you that helped out by providing items to sell at the Lavender Festival. This letter will be "in the mail" as the festival is taking place. Special thanks to The Fiberology Lab for letting us set up in front of their shop.

So glad to let everyone know the Yarn Haven is back open for business and continues to be a Project Linus drop off location. We're glad they have fought the floods and WON. Welcome back!

Thanks to the Fiberology Lab for hosting us on April 27th. Our next event is planned there for August 24th. Details inside.

We received a nice thank you from AnnaBelle Hammer (Fairfax County Chapter, Northern VA) for our donation of 50 blankets to support TAPs over Memorial Day weekend in Washington DC. www.TAPS.org

Special thanks to my Mom Irene Hawker for hosting a blanket tying event where they finished 13 blankets. Thanks to Concord United Methodist Church for holding a blanket tying event with their tweens (see inside for more info). And, thanks to the Clinton Library for their ongoing help in tying blankets. We are slowly working our way through the quilt tops that have been donated.

I'm headed off to the Project Linus Retreat in Kansas City on June 18th. I hope to bring back lots of exciting ideas for our chapter.

The newsletter is a little "short" this time. My life has been very full lately with family, friends, still working part time, Project Linus, and more.

I hope this letter finds you doing well and enjoying the summer.

Deb Miller

Mark Your Calendars:

**August 24th: Project Linus Sewing Day at the Fiberology Lab in Oak Ridge
(See inside for details)**



Financial Donations:

Sam Phillips/Lightening Sharp/The Fiberology Lab
Gail Sharp

Donations:

Lise Nieler: 1 blanket
Jill McMaster: 4 blankets
Ruth Hughes: 2 blankets
Beth Stephan: 10 blankets
Kathy Minter: 20 blankets
Diane Kruger/First Farragut United Methodist Church:
7 blanket
St. John Neuman Stitching Group: 15 blankets
Suzanne Shires: 1 blanket
Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church/NOW
Circle: 10 blankets
Laurie Bertrand: 10 blankets
Jacquelyn Schobring: 10 blankets
Debbie Shepherd: 1 blanket, yarn
Edna Davis: 3 blankets
Susan Hannah: 2 blankets
Sandy Bumbalough/Farragut Christian Church: 2
blankets
Flo Buffington: 2 blankets
Sandy Rea: 2 blankets
Concord United Methodist Church: 132 blankets, bibs
and hats
Cathy Prater: 5 blankets
Claudette Ryan: 5 blankets
First United Methodist: 2 blankets
Abby Ridenour: 1 blanket, fabric
Cub Scout Pack 701 (grades 1 – 3): 4 blankets
Janice Brandt: 4 blankets
Hilari Frederick: 5 blankets
Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints: 26
blankets
Anonymous: 18 blankets (3 mailed from Bristol)
Alma Roberts: 30 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, Melinda Al-bawi, 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*

**Project Linus Sewing Day
August 24th 10 AM to 3 PM
The Fiberology Lab
226 Jackson Square, Suite D
Oak Ridge**

We hope to see you at this fun event. Come for 30 minutes, for the day or just stop by and say hi! The Sit-n-Stitch area will be set up to sew labels on blankets and/or bring your crocheting or knitting. We will have machines for you to use or you can bring your machine and make blankets. Bring your own fabric or we will have some for you to use. We will have quilts set up to tie and more.

There are local restaurants within walking distance for lunch such as Razzleberry's or you can walk/drive a short distance to the famous Big Ed's.

We hope to see you there!

More Thank-You's:

Lynne Attaway: 6 blankets
Kathi Van Houton: 13 blankets
Dawna Gray: 4 blankets
Christina Parker: 1 blanket
First Methodist Church of Knoxville: 20 blankets and pillowcases
Katie??: 6 blankets
Sharon Carey: 31 blankets
Knitting for Peace: 3 blankets
Susan Spicer: 1 blanket
Tori Ashton: 2 blankets
K. Hahn: 2 blankets
Dorcus Quilters: 6 blankets and pillowcases
Girl Scout Troop 60616: 4 blankets
Cindy Corona: 10 blankets

Concord United Methodist Church Hosts Blessing of the Blankets

By LeighAnna Colgrove

Thanks to everyone who supported the special Blessing of the Blankets during the Mother's Day services on May 12 at Concord United Methodist Church. Blankets collected at Concord UMC this spring were dedicated prior to donation and distribution through Project Linus of East TN. We are so grateful to all those who helped make and bless these gifts of love for children in need of comfort.

Thus far in 2019, our Linus ministry at Concord UMC has collected over 150 blankets. With the donation of these beautiful blankets, Concord UMC will have given over 2,000 blankets since 2008. What a wonderful milestone to celebrate! (See website or Facebook for pictures.)

Concord United Methodist Tweenagers Workshop

By LeighAnna Colgrove

On April 12, the Tweenagers group at Concord UMC participated in a quilting workshop on behalf of Project Linus. These 4th-6th graders learned about basic quilt construction and how to tack/tie a quilt. A raw-edge appliqué project was also presented. Seven adults and 9 children tied three quilts in under an hour! The Project Linus Group at Concord so appreciates our East TN chapter providing quilt tops for these projects. Your handiwork enabled the children to learn a great deal about quilt construction while still being able to complete a project in one session. This workshop has become an annual event, and we were so pleased to share some new skills with these young people. (See website or Facebook for pictures.)

**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: (May) 125 blankets and pillowcases**
- ❖ **UT Medical Center–Knoxville: (June) 75 blankets**
- ❖ Helen Ross McNabb (July):
- ❖ Ronald McDonald House:
- ❖ **Children's Center of the Cumberlands (Scott): 30 blankets**
- ❖ **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: 84 blankets**
- ❖ **Clinch Valley Childrens Center (Anderson Cty):**
- ❖ Blount Memorial Hospital:
- ❖ Roane Medical Ctr./Covenant:
- ❖ Avalon Center–Cumberland County:
- ❖ **Cumberland Medical Ctr: 20 blankets**
- ❖ **CHILDHELP USA (East TN): 33 blankets**
- ❖ Methodist Medical Center – Oak Ridge:
- ❖ Provision Care Proton Therapy, Knoxville: (July)
- ❖ Hope Resource Center:
- ❖ IVA's Place:
- ❖ **Susannah's House – Knox County: 8 blankets**
- ❖ Tenth Judicial District Childrens Advocacy Center - The H.O.P.E. Center:
- ❖ Newborns in Need:
- ❖ **Pregnancy Resource Center: 3 blankets**

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=U8_qRlu5Aq0&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.