

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:

Special thanks to Atomic Fibers for hosting us at an Open House on October 6th. We had a great turnout, gained some new volunteers and enjoyed visiting. Thanks to Judy Dowker for helping me coordinate the event and to all of you that stopped by!

October was a busy month with our Atomic Fibers Open House, Sewing Day and Annual Meeting (see more info inside) and speaking engagements. I had a great time meeting with the [Hardin Valley Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints](#). They have selected Project Linus of East Tennessee as a charity to support. They were busy working on blankets by the time I left! Thanks to Marilyn Tyler and Dixie Craven for hosting me at the event.

[The First United Methodist Church of Knoxville \(United Methodist Women\)](#) have been long time supporters of Project Linus of East Tennessee. They invited me to speak at their meeting and join them for lunch. Special thanks to Jeanette Cox, Carole Heiser and Cheryl German for hosting me at the event. We appreciate the group's ongoing support.

We received a special donation this month from the [Concord United Methodist Church Project Linus Group](#). The donation was in memory of their PL group founder Kathie Short. Kathie passed away 3 years ago in November. She was a personal friend as well as a tremendous supporter of Project Linus and this group has truly carried on her mission.

Our good thoughts and prayers go out to Melody Bressler-Hay. Little did she know when she was so busy tying quilts at the Atomic Fibers Open House that she would fall a week later and break her arm. We hope she recovers soon and is back to quilting in the near future. Please keep volunteers Barbara Sage, Barbara Roberts and Jackie Godden in your prayers and good thoughts as they battle health issues. And, keep Leighanna Colgrove (coordinator of PL group at Concord United Methodist) and her family in your prayers upon the passing of her father.

I hope your holiday season is filled with peace, love and lots of time with family and friends.

Deb Miller

Mark Your Calendars

Feb 23rd or if the weather is bad March 2nd/9 AM – 3 PM: Sewing Gathering and Scrappy Quilt Workshop (see inside for details)



Financial Donations:

Gail Sharp (We really appreciate Gail's regular and ongoing donations to Project Linus of East TN.)
 Kroger's Rewards Program
 First United Methodist Church/United Methodist Women – Knoxville
 Concord United Methodist Church/Project Linus Group in memory of group founder and leader Kathie Short. Kathie passed away 3 years ago in November.
 Concord United Methodist Church/Project Linus Group in memory of the father of LeighAnna Colgrove.
 Lynne Attaway
 Anna Fritz (gas card)

Blanket and Other Donations:

Debbie Shepherd: 3 blankets, yarn and fabric
 Judy Dowker: 6 blankets
 Deb Miller: 1 blanket
 Montserrat Pachero: 15 blankets
 Wilma Caughron: 10 blankets and caps
 Lorraine Huyah: 1 quilt top and fabric
 Barbara Knight: 2 blankets
 Barbara Roberts: 4 bunting blankets, 98 caps
 Janet Evans: 1 blanket
 Sandy Rees: 34 quilts (with a special thanks to Twisted Sisters for passing along donated fabric for many of these quilts)
 Anonymous: 1 large box of fleece and other fabric
 1st United Methodist Church (Knoxville) – 12 blankets
 Sonja Benton: 2 blankets
 Luise Waldhauser: 7 blankets
 Patricia Talbert: 5 blankets
 Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church (NOW Circle): 10 blankets
 Barb McFall family: 11 blankets

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- **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*

Sewing Gathering and Scrappy Quilt Workshop

Ready to SEW? Come on down to the Roane State Knoxville Campus on February 23rd 9 AM – 3 PM. Please note if the campus is closed due to weather, the date will be moved to March 2nd. Stay tuned to local news channels, the Roane State website (www.RoaneState.edu) and announcements will be made on our Facebook Page regarding weather. See below for directions/map. Please note LUNCH will NOT be provided so bring your own or plan on running out. Drinks will be provided.

Karen Feltner will be demonstrating how to make scrappy quilts. More details in the next newsletter. We will also have plenty of fleece and flannel for making quick easy blankets. Bring a machine if you can/want. We will have a few machines available. We will also have some blankets that will need labels sewn on them and if there is an interest, we will set up some quilts to tie.

Location: Roane State Knox County Center for Health Sciences

Directions: 132 Hayfield Road, Knoxville, TN 37922

From East Knoxville, 1-40W, 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>

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: (Jan)
- ❖ East TN Children's Medical Center– Knoxville: (Nov) 51 blankets, hats, & pillowcases,
- ❖ UT Medical Center–Knoxville: (Oct & Dec) 120 blankets, hats and pillowcases
- ❖ Helen Ross McNabb: 40 blankets
- ❖ 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: 41 blankets, scarves and hats
- ❖ Clinch Valley Childrens Center (Anderson Cty):
- ❖ Blount Memorial Hospital: 120 blankets
- ❖ Roane Medical Ctr./Covenant: 35 blankets and pillowcases
- ❖ Avalon Center–Cumberland County: 26 blankets
- ❖ Cumberland Medical Ctr: 20 blankets and caps
- ❖ CHILDHELP USA (East TN): 40 blankets
- ❖ Methodist Medical Center – Oak Ridge: 27 blankets including 9 Hugs for Heroes blankets
- ❖ Provision Care Proton Therapy, Knoxville: 20 blankets
- ❖ Hope Resource Center: 20 blankets
- ❖ IVA's Place:
- ❖ Susannah's House – Knox County:
- ❖ Tenth Judicial District Childrens Advocacy Center - The H.O.P.E. Center: 11 blankets
- ❖ Snowball Express: 50 blankets (see article in newsletter)
- ❖ Various Organizations: scarves, hats and gloves

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.

Project Linus Sewing Day and Annual Meeting:

We had a great time at the event at the end of October. Over 45 volunteers participated – most stayed all day while some stopped by for just a little while.

A big shout out to Judy Dowker, Karen Feltner, Patti Stewart and nephew Kendall, and Bev Abele for working so hard that day; transporting blankets, fabric and yarn to/from the event; and making the event successful.

We made blankets, sewed on lots of labels, tied quilts, sorted through and gathered lots of yarn and fabric from donations to PL, visited, learned more about PL, enjoyed lunch, and much much more. Thanks to all that could be there!

Thank You's: continued

Chris Parker: 1 blanket
Elizabeth Rea: 3 blankets
Kathy Minter: 23 blankets
Anonymous: 2 blankets (Yarn Patch)
Ellen Womesley: 12 blankets
Anonymous: 14 blankets
Jill McMaster: 4 blankets
Tracy Houser/First Farragut United Methodist Church: 1 blanket
Bessie Jowers and Stephanie Hannah: 8 blankets
Barbara Sage: fabric
Anonymous: 8 blankets
Anonymous: 17 crochet blankets let at Yarn Patch
Flo Buffington: 2 blankets
Loise Alread: hats
JoAnn's Store on N. Peters: 4 blankets
Janice Brandt: 4 blankets, hat, bootie set
Hilari Frederick: 5 blankets
Anna Fritz: 2 blankets
Barbara Roberts: 25 blankets
Helen Low: 2 blankets
Terry Doll: 5 blankets
Lynne Attaway: 7 blankets
Edna Davis: 4 blankets
Karen Feltner: 12 blankets
Susan Hammons: 20 blankets
Sewing Buddies (Joan Pfrommer): 8 blankets
Lise Neiles: 2 blankets
Jackie Godden: 65 baby hats, yarn
Alma Roberts: 8 blankets, sweater/hat sets
Barbara Knight: 4 blankets
Frieda Dale: 6 blankets
Concord United Methodist Church: 63 blankets & hats
Kim Mosier: 4 blankets
Carolyn Lawson: 2 blankets
Helen Forbes' blankets keep coming in almost a year after her death.
Thanks to the many blanketeers that are finishing the quilt tops she made. These include Karen Feltner and Judy Dowker. This month Kim Mosier finished 9 of her quilts and Carolyn Lawson finished 2.
First Farragut United Methodist Church: 22 blankets
Flo Buffington: 5 blankets
Marj Gossett: 3 blankets and 30 caps
Farragut Christian Church/Kathy Henry/Barb Knight: 6 blkts.
Kathleen VanHouten: 6 blankets
Sandy Rea: 6 blankets
Terry Painter: 1 blanket

Project Linus Links and More:

You Tube is a great website. Go to it and search Project Linus. It's amazing what you will find. The national video and song detailed below, lots of videos on making PL crocheted edge and other blankets, etc. Take a few minutes to explore it - you will find some great information.

Project Linus Blanket Deliveries:

Project Linus Coordinators and Volunteers make blanket deliveries to the agencies and organizations that provide blankets to children in traumatic situations. This video is a great example of how these deliveries take place across the nation every week:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxD2YyzUqEk>

Project Linus Smiles Video: This video is a clear example of all the smiles Project Linus brings to volunteers and the children we serve.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KX6f1IaDpRw>

The Project Linus Theme Song is

Covered in Love: You can hear it on You Tube at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUAW2bSjSvg>

Project Linus Website:

www.ProjectLinus.org

Project Linus Facebook – We'd love to have you "join us":

<https://www.facebook.com/projectlinus/>

Project Linus Instagram:

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NEW

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.

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.

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. They will post pics on the website after the event in early December. We were honored to send 50 blankets to the event this year for the children that lost a loved one in service to our country.