

Project Linus of East Tennessee Coordinator

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What size should blankets be?

Suggestions for approximate blanket sizes are as follows: (in inches)

Preemie	Baby
18x18	36x36
30x30	36x40
36x36	36x42

Swaddling Blankets: ~36" x 50" (light weight flannel works best)

Toddler through pre-teen: larger than baby up to 55x60 or even larger

Teen-size: about 2 yards long and 48" wide or larger

All blankets should be made of new washable fabric or yarn in child friendly colors.

Please no buttons, metallic fabric/ yarn or notes/names attached with straight pins, etc. All ribbons should be securely attached. Please double check blankets for straight pins and other unwanted items.

LOCAL NEWSLETTER: Be sure to ask to receive the monthly newsletter. Let us know you want to be on the mailing list to receive it by U.S. Mail or email. You can sign-up on the website or email Deb.

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER: Be sure to sign up for the National Quarterly Newsletter at www.projectlinus.org . It is only available by email.

How was Project Linus named?

Project Linus was named after the adorable security blanket-toting character from the Peanuts comic strip. Creator Charles Schultz was aware of our efforts and delighted to have Linus inspire blanket makers to help comfort children in need.

Communicating with Us by Email

If you communicate with Deb by email, please put Project Linus in the title of your email so she is sure to open it and not discard it unopened as SPAM. Deb's email is:

Deb@ProjectLinusEastTN.org

Thanks!

Project Linus of East Tennessee

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

Local Chapter Website
www.projectlinuseasttn.org

National Office
www.projectlinus.org

Project  Linus
Providing Security Through Blankets
East Tennessee Chapter

How Can I Help Project Linus of East TN?

It's easy to help Project Linus. Simply make a blanket and donate it. Drop the blanket off in a tied bag with your name inside to one of our drop off spots. (Check the website or contact Deb Miller to obtain a list of area drop off locations.) Your blanket will be given to a child in need.

What kind of blankets are donated to Project Linus?

Our volunteers, known as "blanketeers", provide new, handmade, washable blankets to be given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children, ages 0-18. It is Project Linus' policy to accept new blankets of all sizes. All styles of blankets are welcome including quilts, tied comforters, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans, and receiving blankets in child-friendly colors. Please no double layered tied fleece blankets. (See back for size suggestions.)

May I request a blanket for a child in a traumatic situation?

Yes, contact Deb Miller.

Where Does Project Linus of East TN donate items?

- East TN Children's Hospital - Knoxville
- Children's Center of the Cumberland – Scott Co.
- Campbell County's Children's Center
- Clinch Valley Children's Center – Anderson County
- Methodist Medical Center – Oak Ridge
- Community Health of East TN – Campbell County
- KidsFirst – Loudon County
- UT Medical Center – Knoxville
- Cumberland Medical Center-Crossville
- Mission of Hope – TN/KY
- ChildHelp USA – Knoxville/East TN
- Avalon Center (Domestic Violence – Cumberland & Morgan Counties)
- To children of soldiers killed in action and other children in traumatic situations both locally and nationally including TAPS (www.taps.org) and Snowball Express (www.snowballexpress.org)
- To schools/agencies for disaster counseling including for school shootings and for weather disasters, etc. both locally and nationally
- Special requests
- And many other local organizations serving children in traumatic situations

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/ProjectLinusEastTN/>

I'm not very "crafty", how can I help?

- Financial Donations * see below for details
- Purchase yarn and fabric for others to use
- Purchase stamps, computer printer paper, mailing labels and more
- Volunteer to help with fundraising projects

*We always welcome financial donations to help with PL expenses including publishing the newsletter, mailing of blankets, buying blanket tags, etc. If you wish to make a donation, please send it to Deb (see back). We'd prefer a check made out to Project Linus; or Gift Cards (Walmart, JoAnns, Staples, Office Depot, etc.) are great ways to donate also. You can make donations online at www.projectlinus.org and designate "PL East Tennessee" in the comment box.

Project Linus is a 501-c3 organization

Be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding any applicable tax deductions for which you may be eligible.