

Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate...

- ▶ Blankets donated last 3 quarters—Vanderbilt-324; Individuals-15; Vanderbilt NICU-358; Ronald McDonald House—86; Hurricane relief—158; Our Kids—12; Children’s Services—127; Fire Department—20; Funeral Home—10.
- ▶ Thank you to Fred and Karen of Mid-South Sewing Center for joining our drop off sites and Janome dealer support. Total blankets collected (in a snowstorm) on “Make a Blanket Day” - 150. WOW!
- ▶ Janie’s Sewing Shop in Tullahoma did it again! In the middle of moving their store, they still collected 92 blankets!
- ▶ A big thank you to OIR at the Data Center for their generous cash donation, fabric, and blankets.
- ▶ Thank you to the Interactive Club in Brentwood for all the blankets!
- ▶ Thank you to all our “blanketeers” for making all of our blankets. Every time I think I have labeled and packaged all of the blankets—here come some more! I LOVE it!! Keep up the good work! There are so many more children out there to comfort.
- ▶ Collected 1371 blankets from July 2005—June 2006.
- ▶ Delivered 1468 blankets from July 2005—June 2006.
- ▶ **Total blankets delivered since October 2001 is... 5660. WE DID IT!! Think of all the children we have comforted. AWESOME!!!! Let’s keep it going! Keep up the GREAT work!**

Can you Help????

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:



Delivery Person: Person to deliver blankets to facilities in our area. Must be able to maintain log of delivered blankets. Must have car/van.

Pick-up Person: Person to pick-up blankets from our drop-off sites and/or individuals.

Correspondence Secretary: Person to write thank you notes to our donors. May also be asked to write news releases.

Historian: Person who is willing to maintain scrapbook, news articles, cards, etc.

Project Linus Wish List:

Fabric

100% cotton or flannel or fleece
Child friendly colors and prints

Yarn

New skeins (no wool)
Child friendly colors

Laminating machine & supplies

Gift cards (Walmart, JoAnn’s, Hancocks, etc.)

Postage Stamps

Quilt batting, thread (regular & embroidery
(hand & machine)

Sewing machine/Embroidery machine

Clear Storage Totes (73 qt)

8 1/2 X 14 color copy paper

8 1/2 X 11 white copy paper

Story of Interest...

As my grandson and I were sitting in the car waiting for his ride to church camp, a truck pulled up beside us. The man got out, lifted the hood on the truck and then had a conversation with someone on his cell phone.

I was busy watching for Michael's ride and wished that the rather large truck hadn't parked there since it blocked my view.

Soon the man came to the window and said "good morning." We, of course, responded with a good morning. He went on to tell us that his son spent the first year of his life in and out of the hospital. While he was there, he received a Project Linus blanket that he became very attached to. He told us that every time he sees anything about Project Linus, he remembers that time and the love and security that they felt through that special blanket. (I have PL magnets on my van.)

I guess I was destined to park in that particular spot and the truck was also. We just never know whose lives we will touch. Those few moments speaking with him was a special gift.



We're holding a Fund Raiser!
We have joined forces with Home Interiors to earn money for our chapter.

We are taking orders for candles (jars & tins,) lotions & shower gels, and candle cappers and holders.



Can you help?
If you would like a flyer, please call Kit (604-7317) and she'll send you one. The flyer will also be available at the Blanket Day on July 22nd.



★ Meet Amy Glasner... ★



★ I first met Amy last fall when she and her mother, Jennifer, contacted me about the possibilities of her working with Project Linus for her Gold Star, the highest rank possible in Girl Scouts. She started out by sewing the labels on blankets to prepare them for delivery. The next day, she joined me and my grandson (who earned his Eagle Scout rank with Project Linus) the following day to help deliver blankets. We delivered a total of 211 blankets to Vanderbilt and 24 to the Ronald McDonald House in Nashville. She became so inspired that she began making her own blankets to donate to our chapter. The blankets are now ready for pick-up.

★ Amy has participated in scouting for 15 years, earning dozens of badges and finally earning her Gold Star. She plans to help other troops in her area because she wants to inspire other girls to stick with Girl Scouts and learn the powerful principles the organization conveys.

★ Amy is a graduate of Smyrna High School and is currently a student at Western Kentucky University. She is home for the summer and plans to spend time with her family, including her grandmother, who had a big influence on her interest in sewing.

★ "You can do anything," she said. "Nothing can stand in your way."

★ **Way to go Amy!! Thank you for your participation in Project Linus helping hurting children.**

★ For ways your Girl Scout Troop can help Project Linus, please contact either Kit (604-7317) or Tina (449-5097.)

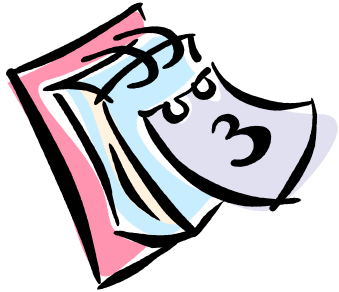


Upcoming Events

7/22/06 Make a Blanket Day 9 am—2 pm
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
1655 West Main St, Lebanon
449-5480



7/29/06 Blanket Day Workday
Mt. Juliet Quilt & Things
Goddard Business Park, Hwy 70
Mt. Juliet
773-1042



8/26/06 Blanket Day Workday
Mt. Juliet Quilt & Things
Goddard Business Park, Hwy 70
Mt. Juliet
773-1042



Project ♥ Linus guidelines...

- ♥ **ALL blankets must be homemade & washable.** (This rule can also include purchased blankets that have embroidery, applique, or edging added to make them homemade.)
- ♥ **ALL blankets MUST go through the Chapter Coordinator.** Blankets must be checked to be sure that there are no pins or odors that could potentially harm a child. Project Linus labels and chapter information are also attached. They have to be inventoried. Only then can they be packaged for delivery to our facilities. Quarterly reports are sent to the National Headquarters, so this is very important. If you would like to help in this area, please contact Kit.
- ♥ **If you know of a child in need or have a facility that you would like blankets to be taken, please let us know.** We are always willing to deliver to children in need.

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Nancy Chaffin working with home school children at the Gallatin Public Library. They completed 20 blankets that were delivered to the White House fire department. Looks like they had a GREAT time, while helping hurting children in the area!



Barrett Ford earned his Eagle Scout rank by raising money to purchase materials and recruiting volunteers to make over 100 blankets.



4-H members in Franklin learning about Project Linus and counting the blankets that they brought to the meeting.



A page out of the Scrapbook!



Ladies at the McKendree Village in Hermitage with the numerous blankets that they made and presented to our Nashville Chapter. Thank you for your loving concern for the children. It was a pleasure meeting with you over breakfast.



A previous recipient of a Project Linus blanket helps to create another blanket for a future recipient.



WB&T Oktoberfest 2005

Our Theme was Hearts and Hands for PL

Above is one of the quilts created from children's hand prints. To the left is a picture of one of our young volunteers sewing the 9 patch squares. Below is a photo of our booth.



Come help celebrate our 5th Birthday at Wilson Bank & Trust Oktoberfest 2006 (623 W Main in Lebanon--10/21-22)



Thanks to Debbie Geer and Wal-Mart we have been able to purchase a large banner to use at our display booths. We have received 2 grants from Wal-Mart to promote our chapter's mission of comforting traumatized children.



You are the STARS !!!!!!!



Just want you to know that I tip my hat to all of you. Without all of your hard work and effort, we would not have been able to deliver over 5000 blankets to hurting children in the area. Your dedication to creating homemade "hugs" is what has made us so successful. I am honored to be a part of this group—so loving—so caring—so thoughtful. Thank you just does not seem to be enough, but I do thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Hugs,
Kit*

We NEED Your Help!!
For the
Vanderbilt NICU



A very special project

Blankets are needed monthly for the Vanderbilt NICU. Each baby needs three blankets and they have between 100 and 150 babies each month. We are in need of your help—we have been unable to deliver even half of the blankets needed.

This is an on-going project!

Blankets can be made of fleece, flannel, or 100% cotton. **No** crocheted or knitted afghans, for they mark the baby's tender skin. Sizes needed are 12x12, 30x30, and 50x50 (and sizes in between.)

A couple of easy blankets are:

- ♥ A piece of fleece cut with pinking shears or serged.
- ♥ Two pieces of flannel with serged edging.

Mt. Juliet Quilt + Things,
Thank you so much for the knit blanket. Our son was born 6 months ago and we use your blanket to cuddle with him in the hospital rocking chair. We have had a long stay in the hospital + have seen our miracle grow from 7 lb. 3.6 oz to 7 lbs. 10 oz. Your kindness has made our struggle a little easier.
Thanks again,
The Potter Family



Scrappy Center Quilt

(Easy)

*Fabric requirements: 1 1/8 yds. of theme print fabric for outer border
1/3 of inner border fabric
Scraps at least 4 1/2" square, about 1 yd. total

*Cutting instructions: Cut four 9 1/2" wide strips of theme fabric
Cut four 2 1/2" wide strips of inner border fabric
Cut forty 4 1/2" squares from scrap fabric.

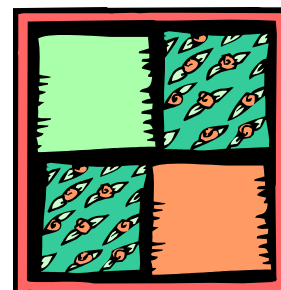
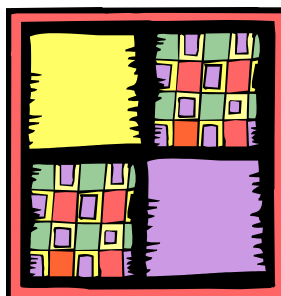
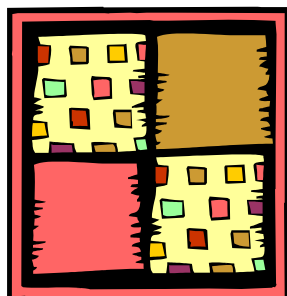
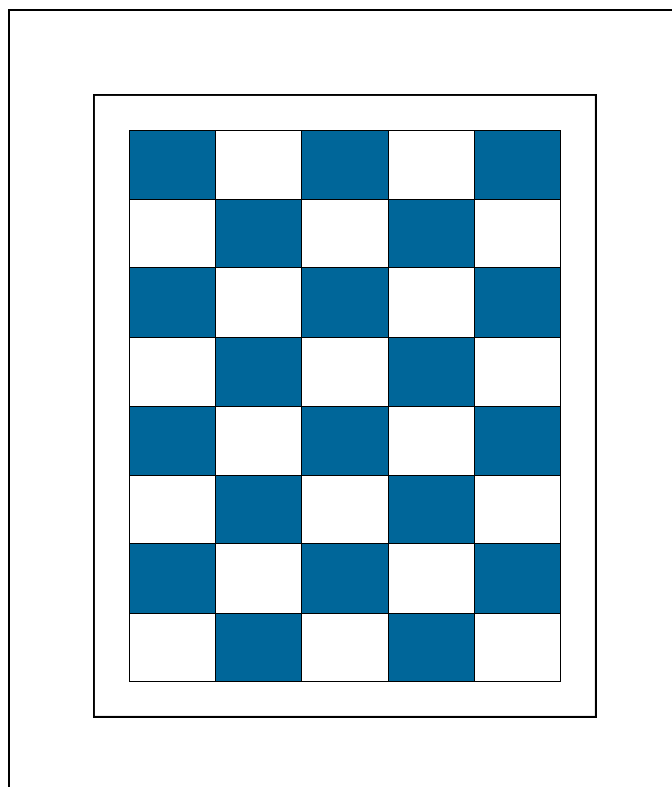
For the center of the quilt, sew the squares together in rows of 5 squares across using a 1/4 inch seam. You will have eight rows.

(Suggestion: Lay the squares out before sewing to get a pleasing arrangement.)

Sew the eight rows together forming the scrappy square center as shown.

Sew the narrow inner border strips to the center, starting on the **longer** sides of the rectangle, then the shorter sides. Sew the wide border strips to the quilt in the same fashion.

This completes the top of your quilt. Now you sandwich the quilt and finish it as you usually do.



Project Linus Mission Statement

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization with a two-fold mission.

- ◆ First, it is our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers.”
- ◆ Second, it is our mission to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities for the benefit of children.

“Blanketometer”

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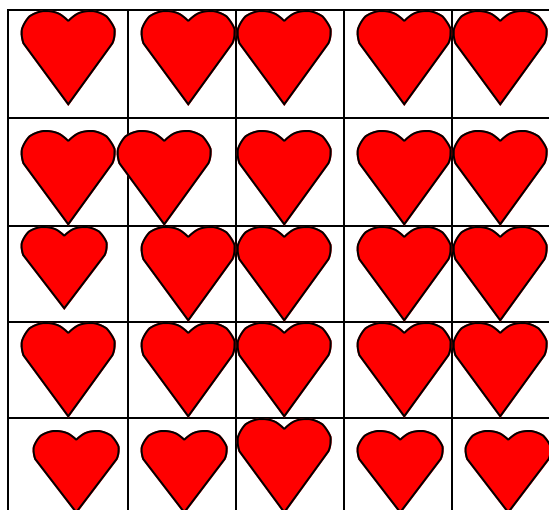
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**5660 Blankets delivered
as of 6/30/06!!**

Blanket and Donation Drop Off Centers

Bowling Green, Kentucky

The Sewing and Vacuum Center
1575 Campbell Lane
Bowling Green, KY 42104-4175
(270) 842-2434

McMinnville, Tennessee

Barn Loft Quilts
686 Abe Curtis Road
McMinnville, TN 37110
(931) 939-3796

Nashville area

Rivergate Sewing Center
756 Two Mile Parkway
Goodlettsville, TN 37072
(615) 859-3541

Franklin, Tennessee

Stitcher's Garden
413 Main St.
Franklin, TN 37064
(615)790-0603

Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Mt. Juliet Quilt & Things
Goddard Business Park, Hwy 70
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
(615) 773-1042

Hillsboro High School

(September—May)
3812 Hillsboro Pike
Nashville, TN 37215

Lebanon, Tennessee

Lebanon Vac & Sew
1411D West Main St
Lebanon, TN 37087
(615) 443-7644

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Ladybug Quilts
111 E. MTCS Road
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
(615) 217-7017

Tullahoma, Tennessee

Janie's Sewing Center
100 E. Lauderdale St.
Tullahoma, TN 37388-4508
(931) 455-8543

Faith Lutheran Church

1165 West Main St.
Lebanon, TN 37087
(615) 449-5480
FAX: (615) 449-4903

The Quilt Connection

1011-A Memorial Blvd
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
(615) 867-0210

White House, Tennessee

White House Church of Christ
205 Spring St
White House, TN 37188
(615) 672-4610

Mid-South Sewing

107 S. Church St.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
(615) 893-1800

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1655 West Main St.
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Providing security through
handmade blankets.



Contacts:

(If you need blankets, want to make blankets, donate materials, or learn more about Project Linus.)

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5th Annual Summer Blanket Day
Saturday, July 22nd
9 am - 2 pm
Faith Lutheran Church
1655 West Main in Lebanon

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come help us assemble blankets and prepare them for delivery.

Desserts and drinks will be provided. Please bring a bag lunch, if desired (several fast food places are nearby, if you prefer.) See page 1 for more information.

