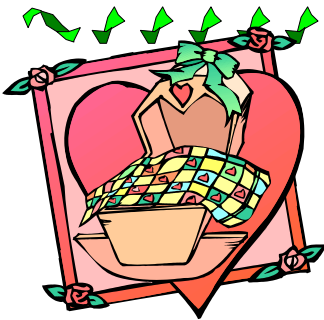




## Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate...

- ▶ Blankets donated last quarter—Vanderbilt-108; Individuals-6; Vanderbilt NICU-259; Wilson/Trousdale County Department of Children’s Services-9; Operation Stork Support—20; Ronald McDonald House—42; Partlow Funeral Home—10; West Virginia flood victims—9.
- ▶ Thank you to the Rivergate Sewing Center and Janie’s Sewing Center for holding the annual National Make a Blanket Day and for giving away the wonderful Janome sewing machine. We really appreciate all your efforts on behalf of our chapter of Project Linus and hurting children in our area.
- ▶ Thank you Mt. Juliet Quilt & Things for holding monthly workdays and thanks to all of your volunteers who come in each month to work on the quilts.
- ▶ Thank you to The Wilson Post and Lebanon Democrat for telling our story.
- ▶ Collected 618 blankets from January—March.
- ▶ Delivered 463 blankets from January—March.
- ▶ **Total blankets delivered since October 2001 is... 4036. Think of all the children we have comforted. AWESOME!!!! Let’s keep it going! Wouldn’t it be fantastic if we donate our 5000th blanket by our birthday in October?! Keep up the GREAT work!**



## Blanket Types



The Nashville Chapter of Project Linus provides handmade washable blankets for children of all ages and sizes, from preemies to teens (age 18.) These blankets can be quilted, crocheted, knitted, or sewn.

### Quilts:

A quilt is defined as a blanket, which has three layers—a top (which may be pieced or one solid piece), batting in the center, and a backing (usually a single piece of fabric.) IN order to keep the batting from shifting, the three layers of the quilt must be secured together. This is done by sewing the three layers together by hand (hand quilting), by machine (machine quilting), or tying (using yarn or thread to tie the three layers together at various points on the blanket.)

### Afghans:

Afghans are made of yarn that is crocheted or knitted into a blanket.

### Receiving Blankets:

A piece of flannel can be stitched into a receiving blan-

ket by hemming the edge.

### Fleece Blankets:

Pieces of polar fleece may be purchased to make a blanket with very little effort. Serging, hemming, or cutting a fringed edge, which takes no sewing at all, may finish off the edge. Teen-size blankets: should be at least 2 yards in length. Since fleece is about 50" wide, a 2 yard piece of fleece makes a nice blanket.

BLANKET SIZES	Approximate Measurements
Preemie baby	12" x 12" to 18" x 20"
Newborn Baby	25" x 30"
Toddler	35" x 40" to 45"
Child	40" x 60"
Youth	45" x 65"
Teen	50" x 72" (Or twin size)

# Vanderbilt NICU

## *A very special project*

Just a reminder that blankets are needed monthly for the Vanderbilt NICU. Each baby needs three blankets and they have between 100 and 150 babies each month.

**This is an on-going project!**

Blankets can be made of fleece, flannel, or 100% cotton—no crocheted or knitted afghans, please. (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
- ♥ Two pieces of flannel with serged edging

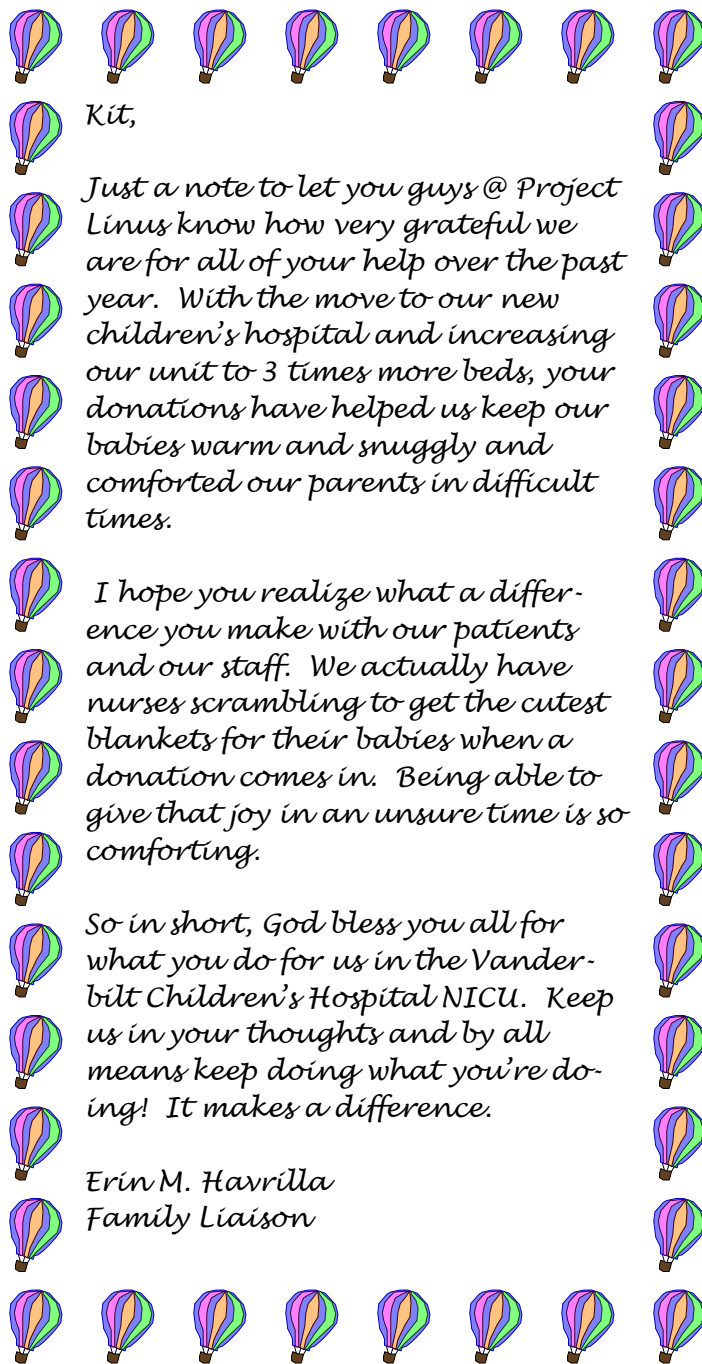
### **Sizes for Vanderbilt NICU:**

12" x 12"  
30" x 30"  
50" x 50"

(Please no afghans for the NICU.  
Afghans mark the preemies' faces)

My Grandson spent seven weeks in the PCCU at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Anyway, while there he received blankets from Project Linus. I have heard about this program, but was not sure how it actually worked. I am a member of SAGA, but feel like Project Linus is something that I would really like to participate in. I love to make baby blankets, etc. I would love some information. Thank you.

Beth



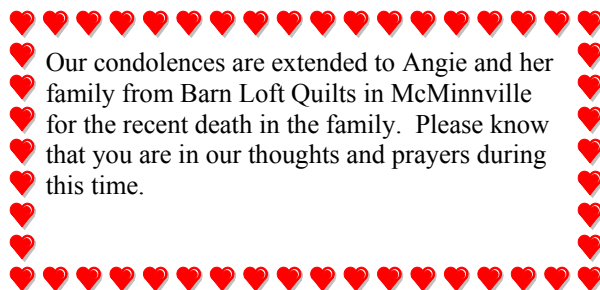
Kit,

*Just a note to let you guys @ Project Linus know how very grateful we are for all of your help over the past year. With the move to our new children's hospital and increasing our unit to 3 times more beds, your donations have helped us keep our babies warm and snuggly and comforted our parents in difficult times.*

*I hope you realize what a difference you make with our patients and our staff. We actually have nurses scrambling to get the cutest blankets for their babies when a donation comes in. Being able to give that joy in an unsure time is so comforting.*

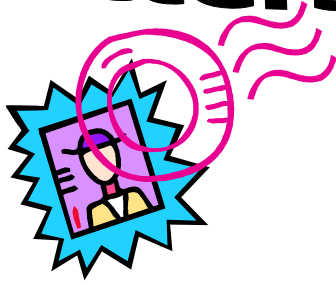
*So in short, God bless you all for what you do for us in the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital NICU. Keep us in your thoughts and by all means keep doing what you're doing! It makes a difference.*

*Erin M. Havrilla  
Family Liaison*



Our condolences are extended to Angie and her family from Barn Loft Quilts in McMinnville for the recent death in the family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

# Thank you Letters



March 29, 2005

Project Linus  
C/O Kit Roskamp  
330 Skillet Creek Road  
Hartsville TN. 37074

Dear Friends,

We have much to be thankful for here at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and are particularly grateful for your thoughtfulness and wonderful donation of blankets.

Support such as yours makes our children's stay much brighter, and we see this by the many smiles on their faces. Thus, on behalf of the patient's families and our staff we want to again thank you for your thoughtfulness and continued support.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie VanDyke*  
Stephanie VanDyke  
Director Volunteer Services

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2200 Children's Way, Suite 2504 Nashville, TN 37232-9925  
Phone: 615.322.2379 Fax: 615.343.5959 volunteer.services@vanderbilt.edu

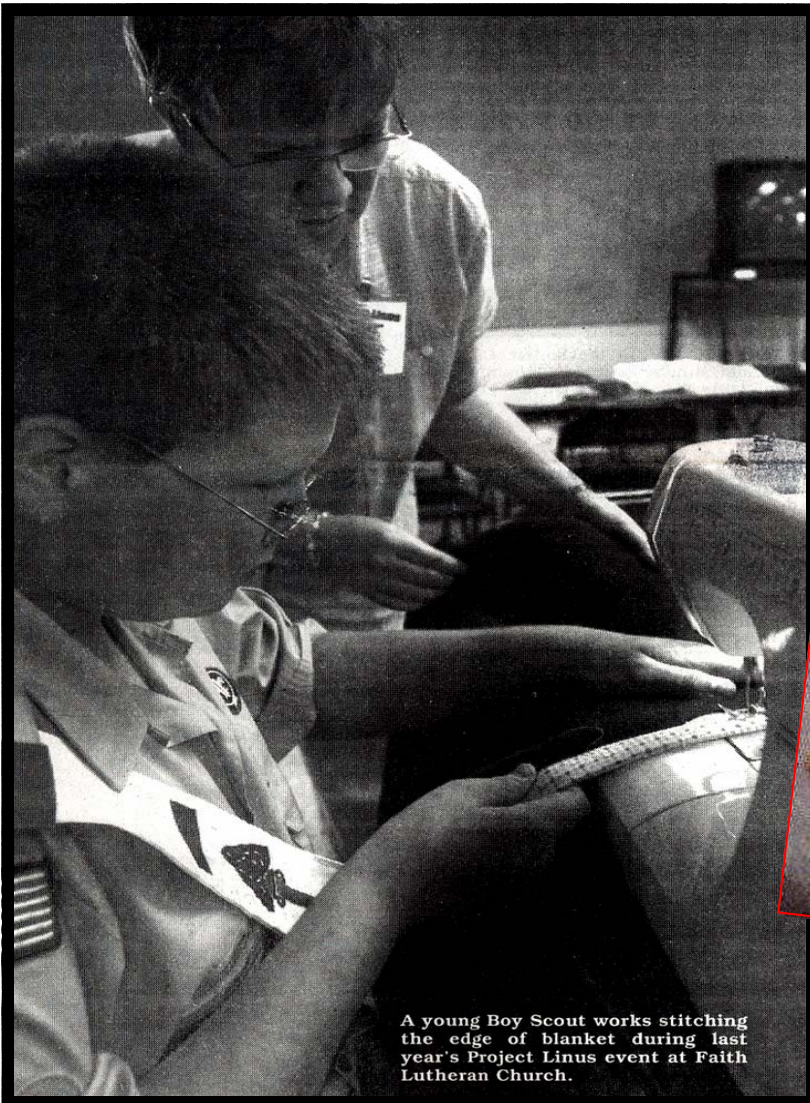
I am a nurse at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO and have not only had the privilege of giving these lovingly made quilts, afghans, and fleece blankets to patients, but have also been blessed to see the children's reactions to them. We have a kid friendly facility, with bright colors and DVD players, but when it comes down to it, hospital linen is the same everywhere you go. By giving a child a blanket, it gives them a sense of comfort, something of their own in their room. But by far, the times when I am the most grateful for these blankets is when they go to a child who is abandoned, neglected, or all alone in their room at night. One recent night, we had a child who had been taken into protective custody. He woke up all alone in his room and cried. I got one of the fleece blankets donated by Project Linus that was covered with bright colored cars, wrapped him in it and rocked him to sleep. It truly was a comfort to this child, and something he could take with him wherever he was headed next.

Thank you so much to those of you who take the time to sew these blankets. I have gotten to see the joy they bring each time I work!

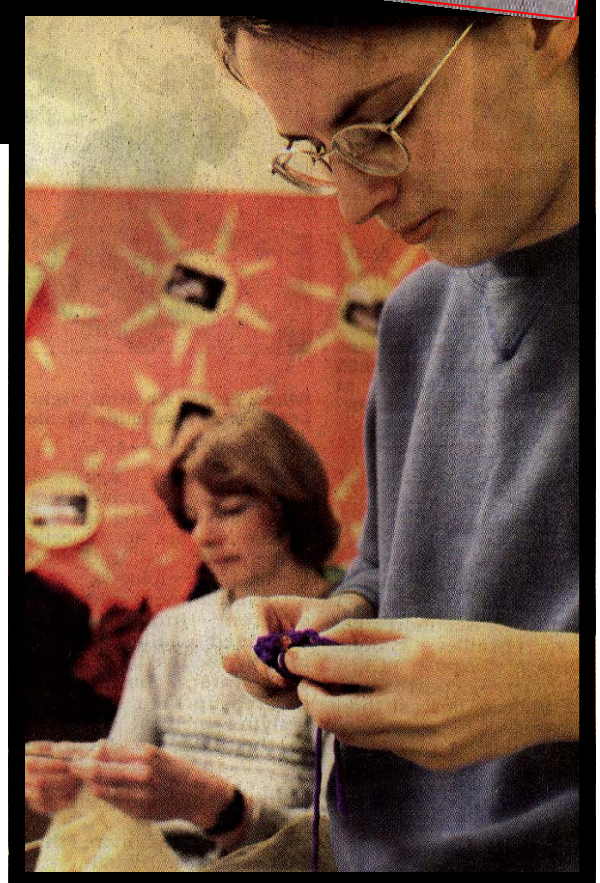
**Have you subscribed to Fons & Porters quilting magazine? It's not too late! Subscribe, now, so that you won't miss any more issues filled with patterns and quilting tips.**

**If you are interested, go to our website ([www.projectlinus-nashville.org](http://www.projectlinus-nashville.org)) for ordering information or call Kit at 615-604-7317.**

**Cost is \$20.00, \$10 of which goes to Project Linus.**



A young Boy Scout works stitching the edge of blanket during last year's Project Linus event at Faith Lutheran Church.



## Blanket Day festivities

Above: Connie Combs assists Michael Wilke sew a blanket. Michael is a frequent “blanketeer.” He helps by designing quilts, cutting fabric, and making quilts. He also helps deliver blankets to our facilities.

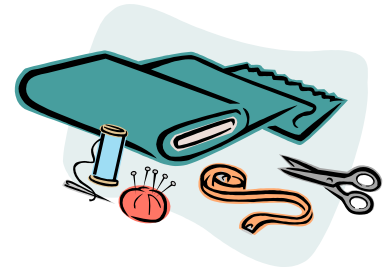
Upper Right: Quilt squares colored by children during “Kids Helping Kids” events being made into a quilt.

Lower Right: Diane Leu and her daughter, Karen, work on crocheted afghans while at the Blanket Day at Faith Lutheran Church in Lebanon. They also make quilts together for our chapter of Project Linus.

# Upcoming Events



- 4/12/05 Letter "Q" Day  
Gladeville Elementary
- 4/15/05 Storybook Challenge Quilt Due  
*Any drop-off site*
- 4/23/05 Blanket Day  
*McMinnville, TN*  
*(931) 939-3796*
- 4/30/05 Blanket Day Workday  
*Mt. Juliet Quilt & Things*  
*1251 N. Mt Juliet Rd, Mt. Juliet*  
*773-1042*
- 5/28/05 Blanket Day Workday  
*Mt. Juliet Quilt & Things*  
*1251 N. Mt Juliet Rd, Mt. Juliet*  
*773-1042*
- 6/25/05 Blanket Day Workday  
*Mt. Juliet Quilt & Things*  
*1251 N. Mt Juliet Rd, Mt. Juliet*  
*773-1042*



Come join us for one or for all of our blanket work days. Come help us make blankets for the children. Bring your sewing machine and supplies and a project you are working on. Fabrics are available at each site. It's always more fun to work with friends.  
If you have any questions, call Kit at 604-7317.

## Project Linus Wish List:

### Fabric

100% cotton or flannel  
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

Clear plastic trash bags and/or 2 or 2 1/2 gal Zip-lock bags

### Quilt batting

Sewing machine/Serger

Clear Storage Totes (73 qt)

## Top Ten Reasons to Buy Fabric or Yarn

1. It keeps without refrigeration and you don't have to cook it to enjoy it.
2. Because it is on sale.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. It helps keep the economy going. It is our patriotic duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills, and quilt shops.
5. It insulates the closet where it is kept.
6. You never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose, or walk it.
7. It provides extra weight in the trunk of the car (or back of van/truck) on snowy, icy roads. This is important, even in Florida and Southern California. You never know when the weather will change.
8. It's not immoral, illegal, or fattening, and it's carb-free.
9. It's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house, like the ironing board, the laundry hamper, or the dining room from getting dusty.
10. Because you are worth it!!!





*Announcing the arrival of  
Elizabeth Louise Wilke*

*Born: March 8, 2005 4:34 PM*

*9 pounds 3 ounces*

*22 inches long*



## Lace Baby Blanket

Designed by Rachel Terrill

For Designs For America from Solutia

**Materials:** Caron Dawn® Sayelle, Art. A3075 (100% Acrilan Acrylic, 31/2 oz. skein): 4 skeins #2031 English Rose. Circular knitting needle #9, or size needed to obtain gauge.

**Size:** About 30" X 40".

**Gauge:** 4 sts = 1".

**Notes:** Slip all stitches as to knit. On circular needles, knit back and forth as if on straight needles.

### Special Abbreviations

**SK2P:** Slip 1, k2 together, pass slipped stitch over.

### BLANKET

Cast on 121 sts.

**Row 1-6:** K1, \* p1, k1; rep from \* across.

**Row 7:** K1, [p1, k1] twice, \*k1, yo, k3, SK2P, k3, yo; rep from \* to last 6 sts, end k2, [p1, k1] twice

**Row 8:** K1, [p1, k1] twice, p to last 5 sts, end k1, [p1, k1] twice.

**Row 9:** K1, [p1, k1] twice, \*k2, yo, k2, SK2P, k2, yo, k1; rep from \* to last 6 sts, end k2, [p1, k1] twice.

**Row 10:** K1, [p1, k1] twice, p to last 5 sts, end k1, [p1, k1] twice.

**Row 11:** K1,[p1,k1] twice, k2 tog, \*[yo,k1]twice, SK2P,[k1, yo] twice, SK2P; rep from \* to last 14 sts, end [yo, k1]twice, SK2P, [k1,yo] twice, k2 tog, k1, [p1, k1] twice.

**Row 12:** Rep Row 2. Rep rows 1 through 6 for Pattern Stitch until about 39" from beg, end Pattern Row 12. Work 6 rows in k1, p1 ribbing (rows 1-6.) Bind off.

*Proud parents:*

*Frank & Tina Wilke (Co-Coordinator)*

*Proud Big Brothers:*

*Jeff Geer, Michael Wilke*

*Proud Big Sister:*

*Te' Nancy Wilke*

*Proud Grandma:*

*Kit Rosskamp (Coordinator)*

## 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.

## Inspiration Corner

One hundred years from now it  
will not matter  
What kind of car I drove,  
What kind of house I lived in,  
How much money I had in my  
bank account,  
Nor what my clothes looked like.  
But the world may be a little better  
Because I was important in the life  
of a child.

*Author Unknown*

## 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

### Columbia, Tennessee

Pieceful Patches  
119 Nashville Hwy, Suite 90  
Columbia, TN 38401  
(931) 490-6800

### Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Mt. Juliet Quilt & Things  
1251 N. Mt. Juliet Road  
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122  
(615) 773-1042

### Tullahoma, Tennessee

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

### Franklin, Tennessee

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

### Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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

### White House, Tennessee

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

### Lebanon, Tennessee

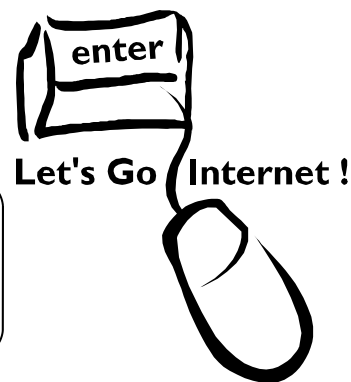
Lebanon Vac & Sew  
1411D West Main St  
Lebanon, TN 37087  
(615) 443-7644

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

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

**Have you checked out the  
NEW Website yet?**

[www.projectlinus-nashville.org](http://www.projectlinus-nashville.org)



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1655 West Main St.  
Lebanon, TN 37087

NON-PROFIT ORG  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
NASHVILLE, TN  
PERMIT # 4478

Return Service Requested.

**Project ♥ Linus  
News**  
Providing security through  
handmade blankets.

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## Chapter Information



### Who do you call?



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



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#### Co-Coordinator

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**Reminder:**  
Story book quilts due by April  
15th.  
Drop them off at any drop off  
center

