

# Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Orange County, NY/Pike County, PA Chapter

December 2005



5<sup>th</sup> Year !!

**7,644 Children received blankets from  
this chapter since January 2001**

## **BLANKET MAKING DAYS**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Our blankets days have been  
"sew" successful that we are  
having at least two a year.**

**Town of Wallkill Community Center  
10am to 3pm No experience needed!**

**There's a job for everyone to do.  
Come and join in the fun.**

**What to bring:** Finished blankets, fabric, scissors, sewing or quilting supplies & tools. We will be finishing up blankets. Sewing isn't the only job! We will need lots of help ironing, cutting, pinning and tying square knots. Bring a lunch if you wish. Community service hours are available by participating at these events. Sewing machines, material, & yarn will be available to make blankets on site. Instructions in various skills will be offered.

**Monthly Meetings at the Town of  
Wallkill Community Center –  
Wes Warren Drive Middletown  
10 am to noon**

**2006**

January 21	March 18	April 15
May 20	June 17	July 15
August 19	September 16	
<b>October 21</b>	<b>BLANKET MAKING DAY</b>	
November 18	December 16	

**Looking for Meeting Places in Pike County, PA**  
**If you know of a place, please contact the  
chapter  
coordinator.**

Parent's Magazine has named  
Project Linus as one of the

**10 Children's Charities That Deserve  
Your Support.**

***We never have enough "boy" blankets.***

*Please consider making a boy blanket for every girl blanket you make. If you can only make one blanket, make it a boy blanket or a blanket that will work for either a boy or girl.*

*Notes of Thanks - I just got a call from his Mom and she says that he really loves his blanket. He is home now and she is so thankful. He still has a long recovery ahead of him. She says that even though he is a teenage boy ... he loves the blanket. She says it gives him the comfort that he needs.*

*From a Nurse I have not only had the privilege of giving these lovingly blankets to patients, but have also been blessed to see the children's reactions to them. We have a very kid friendly facility, 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. Thank you so much to those of you who take the time to sew these blankets, I have gotten to the joy they bring each time I work!*

**Thank you to each & everyone who volunteers or “blanketeers”.**

**You are the very best and this couldn't have been done without you !**

### Reasons to Volunteer

- ✂ Did you know that people who volunteer live longer than those who don't?
- ✂ Volunteering can lead to learning new skills.
- ✂ What better ways to spend a day or a dollar?
- ❖ Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

### Postage and E-mail Addresses

I'm trying to send as many newsletters as possible by e-mail. If I don't have your e-mail address, please let me know.

E-mail me at: [oclinus@ptd.net](mailto:oclinus@ptd.net)

**If you bring just 5 new first-class postage stamps to Blanket Days or meetings, this would take care of mailing newsletters.**

### Wish List

**We are in constant need of supplies to continue our work.**

**Won't you please help us fulfill our Wish List?**

**Volunteers . . .**

**Blankets . . .**

**Blanket Supplies . . .**

- ♥ New, unused washable cotton fabric, flannel or polar fleece
- ♥ Low-loft batting
- ♥ Acrylic yarn

**Other Donations (tax deductible) . . .**

- ♥ Gift certificates to Walmart, Joann's, Michael's
- ♥ Cash donations for batting, postage stamps, paper, ink cartridges for printing.

## Blanket Specifications

This is an on-going project do not feel pressured or guilty to meet any deadline. Project Linus tag is sewn into each blanket

**New, Handmade,  
Washable, Dryable.**

Suitable Materials: 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece, or acrylic yarn.

**Made in infant, child or teen friendly colors.**

**Remember that these blankets should be colorful, cheerful, and cuddly.**

Approximate SIZES (Please, none smaller)

✂ 36" X 36" ✂ 40" x 60" ✂ 60" x 72"

**Don't --**

- ♥ Make blankets out of tapestry, upholstery fabric, burlap, felt, vinyl, wool, wool yarn, or any other scratch fabrics or laces. Also, please do not donate these materials, we just cannot use them.
- ♥ Attach buttons or similar decorative items to a blanket. They can be a choking hazard to children.
- ♥ Use paint to decorate a blanket.

**Please Note . . .** Blankets that smell of smoke or strong chemicals (including perfumed fabric softeners) or have pet hair on them are not acceptable as they may produce a severe allergic reaction in the children. Unfortunately, washing these blankets does not always remove the problem.

**PLEASE CHECK BLANKETS FOR STRAIGHT PINS** or switch to safety pins to hold pieces together. It is better that you find the straight pin than the child who receives your blanket.

**If in doubt, would the blanket you plan to donate be welcomed by you and or a child you loved if you were on the receiving end of a Project Linus blanket?**

**How are monetary donations used by the chapter?**

There are many expenses involved in maintaining Project Linus. Normal expenses for our organization are: fabric, batting, yarn, other blanket making supplies, blanket labels, newsletter supplies, postage.

**I know of a child who really needs a blanket.**

**What can I do?**

Most children receive a Project Linus blanket through the local hospital, shelter, or other agency. If you know a child in crisis who will not likely get a Project Linus blanket from one of these facilities, please contact the chapter coordinator.

**Project Linus Quilt Patterns**

are still available from Quilters Warehouse via the internet at [www.quilterswarehouse.com](http://www.quilterswarehouse.com)

When you purchase Project Linus patterns for \$10 each pattern, 100% of the proceeds go to Project Linus and you can designate the Orange County / Pike County chapter.

There is plenty of crochet, knit and sewn patterns on our chapter's website or the national website.

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**THANK YOU TO WALMART @ HARRIMAN, MIDDLETOWN & NEWBURGH & A C MOORE OF MIDDLETOWN FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS.**

**GET A GREAT MAGAZINE AND HELP PROJECT LINUS!!**

**Project Linus has teamed up with Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting™**

**Subscribe/renew** your subscription to Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting™ magazine and help Project Linus at the same time! Go to the National Headquarters website [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org)

We hope that you will continue to provide support this fund raising opportunity. In the past years, we have raised almost \$9,000.00 for Project Linus nationwide through Fons and Porter.

**WHERE THE BLANKETS GO**

- Hurricane Katrina victims
- Hospitals
- Police Departments
- Ambulance Corps & Fire Depts.
- Friend's House (children's shelter)
- American Red Cross
- CASA - Court Appointed Special Assistants
- Social Service Agencies associated with Orange County & Pike County
- Private donations

**Contact Information -**

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**THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING WITH PROJECT LINUS**

### **Mission Statement**

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

**First**, it is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth & comfort to children, who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need, through the gifts of new, homemade, washable blankets & afghans, lovingly crafted by volunteer "blanketeers".

**Second**, it is our mission to provide a rewarding & fun service opportunity for interested individuals & groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.

### **Ways You Can Help**

- ✂ Donate your time to sew in labels or help out at future events
- ✂ Donate NEW materials such as yarn, batting, fabric, etc. NEW postage stamps
- ✂ Donate Gift Certificates to Walmart / JoAnn Fabrics / A.C. Moore / Rag Shop  
If you would like to throw in your two cents, Project Linus will gladly take it!  
**COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE & DONATE TO PROJECT LINUS**
- ✂ Volunteer to cut muslin squares for the Kids Helping Kids Program

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