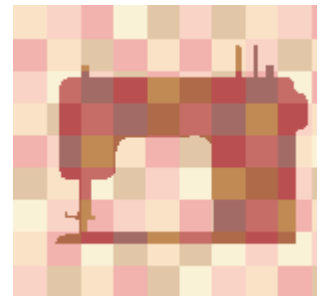
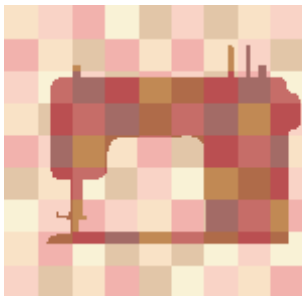




Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Union County, Ohio Chapter



C.O.L.E.s Foundation

Caring Openly, Loving Eternally!

In the July newsletter, I wrote about the blankets that were made by the Honda Associates this summer. Half of these blankets were given to Memorial Hospital of Union County to restock our blanket inventory there. I wanted to give the remainder of these blankets to a camp for children with cancer.

I remembered seeing information about C.O.L.E.s Foundation on the Project Linus chat group that all chapter coordinators belong to. Recently there was a post that they were in need of 400 blankets. C.O.L.E.s Foundation is not a camp but is an organization started to offer guidance and support for children with serious illnesses and their families. This foundation was started by Aaron and Moireen Ruotsala. Their son Cole was diagnosed in 2005 with **adrenal cortical carcinoma** (an aggressive cancer originating in the cortex of the adrenal gland). Adrenal cortical carcinoma is a rare tumor, with incidence of 1-2 per million population annually. A very short time period of 8 weeks passed from the diagnosis until his death at age 3 in 2008.

Coles father, Aaron travels all over the USA speaking to groups and sharing his story. He has written a book entitled "I Love You To The Moon and Back" I encourage all of you, but especially those who may be in a similar circumstance,

To look @ www.colesfoundation.org.

Families can join and set up their child's own page so that others can offer support through prayer, monetary donations or kind words of comfort to the families.

Teachers can join up to have their students be a part of "Kids Unite To Fight" where they can personally help to support the children they meet through C.O.L.E.s Foundation.

Thank you Julie Barnes, C.O.L.E.s Foundation representative in Lancaster Ohio. Julie works in every aspect of the foundation. She is preparing Christmas packages to be sent to the children who have joined the group. She will be adding one of our Project Linus blankets to each package. We drove down to Lancaster on August 30th to meet Julie. She shared lunch and much much more with us as she told us about C.o.L.e.s Foundation. She is very passionate about her work and we thank her for letting us be a part of their efforts.



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Where Things Stand.

3330 blankets donated to Project Linus Union Co.

3181 blankets distributed to children in need.

Distribution Points.

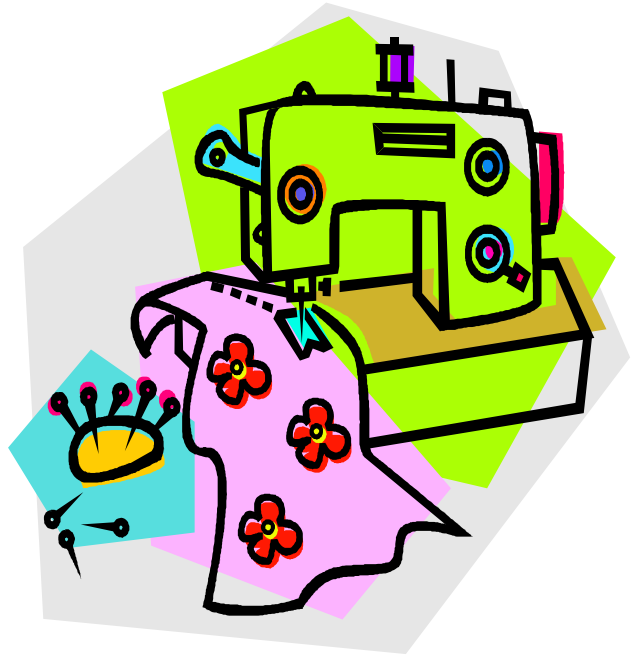
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- Marysville Fire Dept.
- All local Fire Depts.
- Richwood Police Dept.
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- Underwood Funeral Home
- Mannasmith Funeral Home
- Adriel School
- Ingram Funeral Home
- Marysville Schools
- Fairbanks Schools
- North Union Schools
- Military Family Support Group
- Dept. of Job & Family Services
- Divorce Care For Kids
- TAPS
- Union County Red Cross
- Memorial Hospital Emergency Room
- Memorial Hospital Out Patient Surgery
- Rainbow Clinic
- Sudden Loss Team of Union County
- Snowball Express
- Stofcheck-Ballinger Funeral Home
- C.O.L.E.s Foundation

Thank You's

My grand daughter received a blanket from Project Linus during a recent Emergency Room visit. It made a bad situation so much better! Please thank those who selflessly make the blankets.

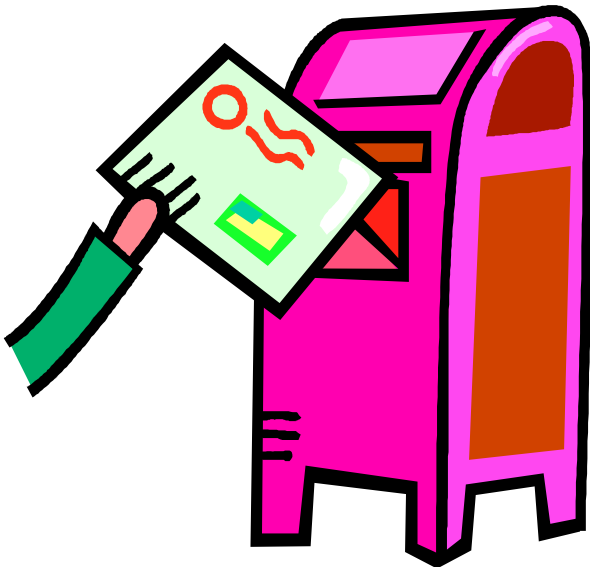
You are appreciated.

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Drop off sites!!

Lighthouse Christian Book Store
Richwood North Union Library
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