



# Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

## What's New at Union County Project Linus ?

Well, the kids are back in school now and our distribution at the schools is picking back up again. We gave very few individual blankets out over the summer, however the distribution to our local police and fire departments was quite significant. We are so happy to have them on board.

This month I am planning to have our chapter take part in a very special project. A chapter leader from Idaho started a group called TAPS. The TAPS project arranges for blankets to give to the children of fallen and injured soldiers that are returning home. In November there will be over 400 troops returning to a base in Florida and they need chapters to step up and help take care of these kids.

Some of these children will be faced with the realization that their parent will not be coming home with them. Others will be seeing their loved one injured and broken. I am com-

mitting 20 of our beautiful blankets to help with this cause. If we have the supply on hand we may be able to send more if needed.

As always our first priority is the children in Union County. One of the groups we support is the Military Support Group. We want our military to know that Union County Project Linus supports all their efforts on our behalf.

I pray that we can help these children through a difficult time. I have read stories about children who put their blankets on their injured parent or sibling and brought tears to the eyes of the injured soldiers.

I am so glad to have the opportunity to say thank you to our troops by helping their children when they need it the most.

If you know of a military family that is not in the local support group and you think we can be of help to the children, please call and let us know. You can reach Kim @ 937-642-5124.

## New Recruits.

This month we recruited the help of Pam and Tony Hammond. Tony is an elementary teacher at Fairbanks and is on board helping us in that school. Pam is a former teacher at Fairbanks, now a stay at home Mom. Tony wants our chapter to come and talk to his class and do a blanket making demonstration. They want to make blankets for Project Linus

Union County as a class service project.

If you know of an organization that would like us to come and do a presentation about Project Linus, call and let us know so that we can schedule a time to share what PLUC is all about. Last year we talked to Mrs. Carl's class at Raymond Elementary. We welcome the opportunity to share our mission.

## Thanks from the kids

My son Adam is 10 months old, he had tubes put in both his ears today. I wanted to let you know how much my husband and I appreciate the beautiful blanket that we received for him today. The blanket will be something that I can let him use now and give to him when he is older one day for his child. Thank you very much!! Sarah, Robert and Adam

Dear Kim and friends at Project Linus, I enjoy reading the newsletter. Keep up the good work. May God continue to bless you. Your Friend, Jean Graham (Jean sent us 50 stamps for mailing out newsletters, etc.)

To all of the Union County Chapter of Project Linus:

Thank you so much for the blankets for our 4 children. They absolutely love them. Your thoughtfulness has meant a great deal to us. Thank you again! God Bless! Specialist Noah Larson and family

Kim, Thank you so much for coming and seeing Landon the other day. That was so nice of you. When he has visitors, I can tell it helps take his mind off his arm. Thanks for the company. The blanket is very nice-I love it. It is one he will be able to keep for a long time and show to people later when he tells them about this time in his life. Above all, thanks for your prayers. Michelle

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## Where Things Stand.

- ☉ 350 blankets donated to Project Linus Union Co.
- ☉ 243 blankets distributed to children in need.

## Distribution Points.

- ☉ Sheriffs' Dept.
- ☉ Marysville Fire Dept.
- ☉ All local Fire Depts.
- ☉ Richwood Police Dept.
- ☉ Marysville Police Dept.
- ☉ Underwood Funeral Home
- ☉ Mannasmith's Funeral Home
- ☉ Adriel School
- ☉ Turning Point
- ☉ Marysville Schools
- ☉ Fairbanks Schools
- ☉ North Union Schools
- ☉ Military Support Group
- ☉ Memorial Hospital



## Sew-in-days

We had another sew in day on August 11th. We had just completed labeling a boatload of blankets from ORW in July. Well, just like the Energizer Bunny, those ladies keep going and going. I picked up another van



load of blankets and was desperately in need of help. I put out the call and the workers showed up.

Thank you to Dina, Tina, Kim, Darlene, Mary Ann, and Marie. Some ladies helped sew labels on blankets, some tied knots in blankets and some stuffed blankets into individual ziploc to give to the local Fire Departments. We will schedule more of these day on an as needed basis.

Just know that you don't have to be a seamstress to be a part of



Project Linus Union County. We need more than just sewers to make this chapter run. We can use your talents in some way. If you just like to talk, we can give you the information on Project Linus so that you can share it with others.



If you know of anyone who would like to be on our newsletter mailing list, please share our email address or the PLUC mailing address with them.

## Skip Stitch

Recently I spoke with one of our blanketeers about a tool used to make a line of dashed holes in the edge of fleece so that you can crochet around them. The tool I found is called a skip stitch. I can order the tool from Project Linus National Headquarters for \$10.00. If you are interested in ordering one, let me know.

The tool is simply a replacement

blade for a 45 mm rotary cutter, that has notches cut into it. It is an easy way to dress up a plain fleece blanket.

If you like to crochet, but don't have the time to take on doing a whole blanket, this is a great alternative.

## Special Recognition

I would like to thank Barb Rutherford and the other workers at the Lighthouse Christian Book Store.

([www.locallighthouse.com](http://www.locallighthouse.com))

Barb was very open from the beginning to letting us put collection bins in her store. It makes it very convenient for many of our blanketeers to just drop them off there. If you choose to, you can leave a note in with your donation so that I can thank you



personally. Also, if anyone has an idea where we might have another point of collection that would help make things more convenient, let us know and we will consider that. It would have to be someplace that we would have access to. Suggestions on making things run smoother are always welcome.

This Blanket  
was lovingly made for  
you by Blanketeers from  
the  
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## Wish List

1. Blanketeers
2. Cotton Fabrics
3. Quilt batting
4. Yarn
5. Quilting groups (assembly)
6. We could use a Serger (used is OK)
7. Prayers for PLUC