



Fall Quarterly 2008 Newsletter



Hello Ladies,

We hope everyone had a nice summer and some great vacations. Do you believe November is our 6th anniversary as a chapter of Project Linus? As of today, we have delivered 5,221 blankets to hospitals, shelters and other various agencies. As most of our regular ladies know, we are not a very large group, but we certainly are productive. We also appreciate donations from individuals and groups who are generous with their time and talents.

In other news, as some of you already know, Ann Smyser is stepping down as the coordinator of our chapter. Ann has led us from the beginning, and we are sorry to lose her as coordinator. Ann opened her home to us and gave us a wonderful place to work. Many friendships were made while we worked, and we had many good meals. We certainly hope that Ann will continue to be a part of our great group. I have been the asst. coordinator for a while, and I will (hopefully) be the new coordinator, with National's approval. For those of you who don't know, my name is Karen Stettler, and I plan to continue Ann's good work, with our meetings being held at my home. Directions to my home will be given at the end of this newsletter with our upcoming meeting dates.

Deliveries for the year thus far are as follows:

- 30 to Little Angels' Project of the Cancer Recovery Foundation
- 29 to Holy Spirit Emergency Center
- 188 to Penn State Children's Hospital (Hershey Med)
- 12 to Ronald McDonald House, Hershey
- 90 to LeTort Quilt Guild Charity Quilt Drive
- 100 to Pinnacle Health Mental Health Service
- 150 to other Project Linus Chapters
- 14 to individuals

We received a few thank you notes:

We received a nice email from Kelly, BJ and Jacob Barth. Their 3 month-old son was at Hershey Med. and they were given a blanket for him by the Ronald McDonald House. They wrote "We are so touched by the love and comfort given to us by strangers".

Danielle Williamson of Lititz also sent an email. She said the blanket her daughter received at Hershey Med. "made things more cozy".

In February the Fifth grade classes at the Northside Elementary School in Palmyra made 28 fleece blankets for our chapter. The construction of the blankets was part of a "Giving Program" the teachers created for the holidays. The children who participated won a pizza party at Bounce U, a new party place in the area. I went to the school to receive the blankets and had a chance to meet the students. They were very enthusiastic, and enjoyed looking at our ThankYou scrapbook.

The chapter was given a gift card for \$50.00 by Janet Schulzabarger. Her granddaughter received one of our blankets at Hershey Med. Janet runs a quilt shop, Calico Corner, out of her home in Carlisle. You can visit her website at www.calicocorneronline.com. She sells lovely fabric, kits and notions.

We also received a donation of \$20.00 from Naomi's friend, Maye Carmany. Thanks so much!

We are still collecting magazines and pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. I can take them to Mechanicsburg Middle School, or Marie takes them to Hershey, so feel free to keep bringing them to my house. The green dumpster at the school has been moved way back in their parking lot on the left side, so isn't quite as easy to spot as it used to be. Fund-raising is critical to the Ronald McDonald House right now. You might have seen the article in the paper about them starting to build their new, bigger facility.

Here's a little reminder of a way to help National Headquarters raise some money. For those of you who regularly use search engines (Google, Yahoo, Ask.com) you can use www.goodsearch.com. Every search puts a few cents into an account for Project Linus. As of now, almost \$1000 has been raised for Project Linus.

I plan to stick with meetings on Thursdays, as that seemed to be the best for most of us. We will also continue with 10 AM to 2 PM. I have not as yet picked any dates for December, as I feel we should all decide on the right date for our Christmas party. Our upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday October 2nd and Thursday October 16th

Thursday Nov. 6th and Thursday Nov. 20th

As always, check the website for reminders. www.orgsites.com/pa/cdprojectlinus.

My address is 5274 Strathmore Drive, Mechanicsburg, my phone number is 975-2826, and my email is karenandjerry@comcast.net if you need to contact me.

Directions to my home:

From 581 – take the exit for the Carlisle Pike. At the light, turn right onto the Pike. Go to the light at Appleby's, and turn right onto Skyport Drive. Drive one mile and turn left at Deerfield Ave. into Good Hope Farms. Turn left on Strathmore Drive (the second left). Go about 2 blocks – I am 5274 on the left. The house has red shutters and front door. For anyone else, find the Appleby's, and go from there. I have a large driveway, so park there or in the front, and come on in. See you all soon. Karen