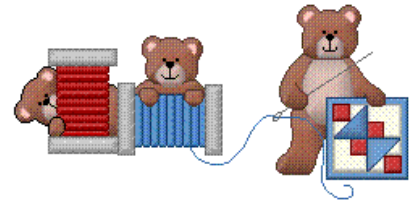


Fall 2010 Newsletter



Hello Ladies,

Welcome to fall and much cooler weather. I have been quite remiss in getting this newsletter out, but as you all know, there has been a lot going on. We will have just a few meetings, and then we will be into 2011. This November is our 8th anniversary as a chapter of Project Linus, and 6,789 blankets have passed through our hands to children in need. That is an amazing accomplishment for such a small group. Of course, we have had help from groups and people throughout our community also. Great work ladies – I know the children and parents appreciate it.

Our deliveries since March are as follows:

- 24 Ronald McDonald House in Hershey
- 60 Little Angel's Project of the Cancer Recovery Foundation
- 10 Holy Spirit Emergency Center
- 50 York Hospital Pediatrics
- 24 Camp Koala

We received a thank you note from Kathy Franke from York Hospital Pediatrics. Jerry and I have delivered blankets down there a few times, and they are very happy to receive our blankets. A chapter from Maryland used to cover them, but can no longer do it.

We also received more personal notes from the Stein and Martin families, whose children received blankets at York Pediatrics.

Lisa Streett-Liebetrau, founder of Camp Koala, sent a thank you with pictures of the kids with their blankets. This is the second summer we have given blankets to Camp Koala, a weekend camp for grieving children.

For those who are new, we still collect aluminum can tabs and glossy magazines for the Ronald McDonald House. If you wish to recycle the magazines yourself, there are numerous huge green recycle containers through the area with the Ronald McDonald House logos on them. The closest to most of us is at the Mechanicsburg Junior High. On the east shore, there is one behind the Sheetz next to Bass Pro Shop at the East Mall. If you have not seen the new addition to the Ronald McDonald House, it is quite impressive. They are now in a position to help many more families with lodging while their children are being taken care of at Hershey Med.

I am pleased to say that we have a few new blanketeers who are sewing for us, and we welcome their skills. I keep pretty busy cutting out the kits and then putting the tops and backs together, so it is a great help to have people sewing. I would like to send a special acknowledgement to Pat Szabo who has been making blankets for us for years. Pat begins with a kit and puts a whole quilt together start to finish. There is no way to estimate how many blankets she has done over the years, but we really appreciate her work.

Looking ahead to February, I am really not sure if we will be holding a Make a Blanket Day Event next year. Although the gals who were sewing were very productive, only 23 usable blankets came in from the general public for our last event. I don't know if it was the lack of a sewing machine as a prize, or just the general malaise of the current economy. I am thinking of perhaps doing something at my home, but that will all be figured out later. For people who submit blankets specifically for Blanket Day, let me remind you

that we operate 12 months a year and there is a constant need for blankets. Your work is appreciated no matter when it is donated.

On Saturday October 16th, the Sewin' Sisters Sowing group will be hosting their "Sew Much for Charity" Event at the Rutherford House at 3300 Parkview Lane, Harrisburg. It runs from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Several groups that sew for charity will be there with exhibits of their work. I attended last year with information about Project Linus, but I am unable to attend this year. There will also be a FREE fabric swap with tables and tables of all kinds of fabrics, patterns and notions that people bring to share. You would be amazed how fast the stuff disappears! It is a great opportunity for anyone who does any type of craft, and Marcellene Currens, founder of the group, and her gals are great.

We have the following meetings scheduled:

Oct. 14th and Oct. 28th

Nov. 11th (I may change this one since it is a holiday. We will discuss this on the 14th of Oct)

We will decide as a group on the best date for our Christmas party in December.

Please remember to visit our website at www.orgsites.com/pa/cdprojectlinus to keep up with our meeting dates and activities.