



## Summer Newsletter

Hello Ladies,

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. I have been very remiss in getting a newsletter out, and I am very sorry about that. Things seem to be settling down here (finally), so here we go.

Blanket deliveries for this year so far are as follows:

- 10 to Holy Spirit Emergency Center
- 30 to Pinnacle Health Pediatrics (Harrisburg Hospital)
- 72 to Little Angel's Project of the Cancer Recovery Foundation
- 24 to Ronald McDonald House, Hershey
- 24 to Camp Koala

We received many thank you notes this quarter.

Kooper Cunningham received a blanket while hospitalized for a stomach virus. The poor little guy was less than a year old at the time.

We received a cute note from Codie Miller thanking us for a blanket he received in the hospital.

Sister Margaret, head of Pastoral Care at Holy Spirit, sent us a lovely note about the blankets Imelda takes to the ER. She said "Thank you so much for the joy you bring to small children who come to the ER".

Janet Culbertson wrote about the smile that appeared on her son's face as he received a blanket at Holy Spirit ER.

We also received a touching note from Claudine Jones. Her daughter received one of our blankets at Harrisburg Hospital right before she had surgery. She still sleeps with her pink heart blanket.

We received some great donations the last few months.

Peggy Sanders of Carlisle donated 4 bags that yielded 89 yards of fabric and cones of thread. She was housecleaning to prepare for company, and we greatly benefitted from it.

Kate Bender of the Alpha Phi Omega service sorority at Kutztown University dropped fleece blankets at Discount Vac and Sew. They are lovely single layer fleece blankets.

At Blanket Day we met Kathryn Otto. The week after that, she left 60 yards of fabric and 5 fleece blankets with Bob at Discount Vac and Sew.

In April we were given 11 tied fleece blankets that were made by Brownie Troop 650. The girls meet at Good Shephard School in Camp Hill. This service project was coordinated by Maireaed Mumford, a junior at Trinity High School. There is a picture of the Brownies on the first page of our website.

Our Make a Blanket Day event was held Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and as always, it was great fun and very successful. We met some new friends, and saw some familiar faces from previous events. Everyone went home with a door prize, but the big winner of the day was Barb Biddle, who won the BabyLock sewing machine. However, since Barb had won the sewing machine at our last Blanket Day, she was a gracious winner, and allowed the machine to be presented to her friend, Joan Babicz. Although our hosts, Deb and Bob, were on vacation, the event was well run by Cindy Schultz and her friend Kathryn Otto. We owe great

thanks to Bob and Deb for donating their space, and donating the BabyLock machine. We appreciate their continued support.

We would like to remind you to save your pull- tabs from aluminum cans, and glossy magazines for the Ronald McDonald House. If you live near the Mechanicsburg Jr. High School, you can drop the magazines in the huge green dumpsters in their parking lot if you like, or just bring them here.

As a chapter of Project Linus, we are responsible for the quality and safety of the blankets we distribute. That is the reason we have to be so careful and check every blanket for pins and such before they can be delivered anywhere. We are going to revisit some helpful hints.

Minimum blanket size we will accept is 36" by 36", however, 45" by 60" is more ideal.

To tie quilts we only use crochet cotton and embroidery thread. When using the crochet cotton; use 2 strands of the thread. When using embroidery thread, use the strands as they pull out of the sleeve. Please tie the knots very tightly, and leave tails roughly 1 inch long. Tie the quilts at 6-inch intervals, or try and go with a pattern on the fabric.

When sewing on labels on the back of the blanket, use 2 strands of white thread, and small stitches so tiny fingers and toes won't get caught in the stitches.

When closing the bottom of a blanket, please try to use thread that matches the color of the front of the blanket. Again, use small stitches.

Most importantly, please check thoroughly for any pins left in the blankets.

For those who do not wish to attend our meetings, the Discount Vacuum and Sewing Centers on the East and West Shore will accept blankets for us any time.

As always, we send many thanks out to all our volunteers. The work you ladies do is so important and very much appreciated. Lunchtime at our meetings is something to really look forward to also. Keep up the great work ladies! Our current distribution total of blankets is 5555. Woohoo!

I would like to thank all who asked about my mother and brother these last few months. Both are doing much better.

I am going to be away for a while in August, but will be in touch with our regulars about upcoming meetings when I have dates. If you have any questions, call Karen at 975-2824. The dates of meetings are always posted on the Upcoming Events page of the website at [www.orgsites.com/pa/cdprojectlinus](http://www.orgsites.com/pa/cdprojectlinus).