

Project Linus

Make a Blanket Day

February 21, 2009

at

Discount Vacuum and Sewing Center

Gateway Square Shopping Center

Carlisle Pike and Rt. 581, Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17050

Phone 691-9638

Once again, Deb and Bob Vasile of the Discount Vacuum and Sewing Centers will be hosting Make a Blanket Day for the Cumberland/Dauphin chapter of Project Linus. And, as in previous years, anyone making and donating a blanket will have a chance to win a new sewing machine. Blankets may be dropped at either the above address, or their East Shore store in the Union Square Shopping Center, 3873 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, until Feb 21st, 2009.

When blankets are dropped off, you will be given a ticket for **each** blanket donated for a chance to win **a new Babylock Xscape sewing machine**. This machine has 66 built-in stitches, is lightweight and comes with a soft, black carrying case for easy travel. In addition to the Babylock, there will be other door prizes for those attending the event. Remember, the more blankets you donate, the more chances you will have to win, and the more children will benefit.

The drawing for the Babylock will be held on Blanket Day. To ensure that we have all eligible tickets from both stores, blankets must be dropped off by the morning of Saturday February 21st.

In order to qualify for a ticket for the Babylock drawing, blankets must be a minimum of 36" by 36", however the preferred size is 45" by 60". Blankets must be made of new materials such as 100% cotton, flannel or fleece in child friendly colors. Purchased blankets such as fleece with a machined edge are not considered eligible for tickets. No holiday fabrics, wool, upholstery fabrics or corduroy please! Blankets that are crocheted, knitted or single layer fleece with a finished edge are acceptable. If sewn, the blankets must be at least 2 layers with batting and be quilted or tied at 6" to 7" intervals. We cannot accept blankets from homes where there are smokers. Studies have shown that washing or airing does not

remove the chemicals from the blankets. The odors will return and too many children are allergic to the chemicals in the smoke. We hope this does not offend anyone as we do appreciate the effort that is put into the blankets.

Details for our event are as follows:

- * Saturday February 21st from 10 AM to 4 PM
- * Some machines will be available for use, or bring your own. We will also be sewing labels and hang tags to blankets that have been donated before the event.
- * Bring your own sewing supplies such as scissors, needles, etc if you wish
- * Fabric, pre-cut quilt top kits and other materials will be provided.
- * Please bring a bag lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
- * Contact Karen at 975-2824 or email at karenandjerry@comcast.net if you are planning to attend so we may arrange for adequate space.

Anyone having any questions about Blanket Day or Project Linus should call us or visit our chapter website at www.orgsites.com/pa/cdprojectlinus. Some of our quilts are on display on the "Sample Quilt" page and you can read our newsletters to catch up on current activities.

If you are unsure about the weather and want to know if the event will be held, please contact Karen.

We send many thanks to Bob and Deb of Discount Vacuum and Sewing for their sponsorship, and for their assistance in providing the Babylock machine for our event. We hope to see many of you there, Happy sewing!