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Letter from Sherran

Hope everyone has survived the summer heat! It has been a busy summer for our chapter donating 65 blankets to the Burn Camp and 50 blankets to Camp Chimaqua (Hospice Camp for kids). In addition, the Chester County coordinator contacted our chapter to see if we could assist in providing Camp Dreamcatcher with blankets. This is a camp they've been supplying blankets for three years. This year they needed 150 big blankets. Chester County had 70. We were able to switch 62 large blankets for 67 small blankets with the Chester County chapter. These donations were in addition to our regular monthly deliveries. Thank you all for your help in touching so many children's lives.

Our chapter donated it's first blanket to the child of a fallen Marine serving in Iraq who was from York, PA. Although we are glad to have a blanket to share with his daughter, we will hope our chapter will be spared any new fallen heroes.

Thanks to comments from some of our blanketeers, I realized that our chapter blanketeers have enjoyed when a tea gathering has been held. Well mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 12, from noon till 2 PM**. A Thank You Tea will be held at St. Anne's Parish Hall at Liberty and Duke Streets, Lancaster. We hope you will join us for some finger sandwiches, cookies and drink. Jill Harsh, a fellow blanketeer, will share her experiences with seeing Project Linus blankets being distributed at Camp Chimaqua where she is a "buddy". We will leave plenty of time for everyone to mingle and share any stories they may have.

Please RSVP by emailing(n3lom@juno.com) or calling Sherran(684-5202) by **September 30**. Your responses will help us with deciding quantities of food and drink.

*Please note that I will be away from **Oct. 5 till Oct. 28**. I will be checking email daily but **will not** be checking phone messages. My drop off location will resume Oct. 29. Thank you for your patience during this time.*

Friendly Reminders

BLANKET LABELS: National has requested that we refresh our blanketeers with the use of Project Linus labels. According to Project Linus policy, each blanket requires a label before distribution. It is **not required** for the blanketeer to sew on the label. When blankets are received unlabeled, a label is sewn on by myself before it is distributed.

If needed, helpers at the quilting bees or yarn-ins also assist in attaching labels. A gentle reminder that all blankets need to be dropped off at one of our drop off locations. I must track all our blankets in our chapter database.

Quarterly reports are sent to National with the number of blankets donated, number of blankets distributed and the number of blankets remaining on hand. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you ever have a question about labeling please call or email me.

WHAT KIND OF BLANKETS DO WE NEED?

National Headquarters also asks that we remind blanketeers only the blankets that meet the descriptors below may be distributed. Those not meeting these standards will not be given to the children we serve.

New, handmade, washable blankets for preemies through early teens. Blankets should be: made of new materials in a smoke free environment.

- Knitted, quilted, (please include batting in quilts; except for fleece) crocheted, fleece, sewn, etc.
- Child friendly colors and patterns
- Ideally sized between 30" X 30" and 40" x 60".

YARN INS will continue on the fourth Saturday of the month at the Ephrata Library. Join us from 10 till noon! Bring your current project or choose a new pattern from our pattern box. Donated yarn is also available for your next Project Linus project.

QUILTING BEES

Quilting Bees will continue to be held at St. Anne's Catholic Church located at 108 E. Liberty Street in the Parish Center. We will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring your lunch, a sewing machine (if desired) and a pair of scissors. Other materials will be supplied. For further information, contact Lisa Garner at 299-2144.

The dates are scheduled as follows and are subject to change: October 15.

Special Note: Thank you Jill Harsh for inviting us for the second year to your church for our August 2005 quilting bee.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS (one new drop off location added)

Please include your name when you donate blankets! We have a database that we must track our blanket donations. If you do not include your name, the blanket is listed under anonymous.

Lititz- Weave Got Class (formerly Forget Me Knot Gifts and Quilts)- 61 E. Main St. during shop hours

Brickerville- The Ball and Skein Shop- shopping center at Brickerville House during shop hours

Southern County- Carol Cover's house 612 Georgetown Rd Ronks. Call 687-7521 for directions and drop off times

Lancaster- **Charmaine Caesar's** house 37 East Liberty St. Call 394-5983 for directions. Drop off blankets any Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 PM

Lancaster- **KitNit Needlecrafts** 713 Old Hickory Rd. Lancaster. Hours M-F 10-5; Wed. 10-8, and Sat. 10-3. Call 569-3951

New Holland- **Brubaker's Sewing Center** 20 N. Roberts Ave, New Holland. Drop off during store hours. Call 354-8332 for more info.

Mountville- **Beth Gaynor's house**, 87 Village Dr. Call 285-0136 or leave on porch

Columbia- **Sherran Payne's** house 1373 Malleable Rd. Call 684-5202 for directions. Drop off anytime(containers on screened in porch)

Elizabethtown- **Christ Lutheran Church Office**, East High St. 1st week of every month from 9 to 3. Call 367-2786 for directions or with questions.

Blanket Numbers and Thank yous!

So far this year, **1780** blankets have been collected
1625 blankets have been distributed

Since Project Linus began over 6 years ago **7536** blankets have found their way into children's hands in Lancaster County. Please keep up the wonderful needlework.

Thank You Notes Received

Bonnie Jess Lopane of Hospice wrote: "Thank you so much for your gift of 50 blankets for Camp Chimaqua. The blankets will provide much comfort to the children who will receive them. Our staff and volunteers share my gratitude and appreciation for your generosity. Your support is deeply appreciated. We pledge our continued and unwavering commitment to providing high quality service for those in our community who are coping with a serious illness."

The Family Maternity Staff at Ephrata Community Hospital wrote: "Thank you for sharing your wonderful talents. We want you to know that you are very much appreciated. Our Moms and babies love your warm soft blankets! Thank you so much!"

Peggy Kane, Chester County Coordinator wrote: "Needless to say, this is a BIG thank you for all the wonderful blankets you gave to my chapter. They went a very long way in helping me meet my need for 150 blankets for Camp Dreamcatcher. My kitchen and den looked like a blanket factory all week as I got ready for the pick up on Friday. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help your chapter out. Hugs from Linus"

My Thanks

Thank you Tracey Stoviak for volunteering to scrapbook our chapter's pictures and thank you notes. This is a very important job as it is the history of our Lititz/Lancaster Chapter.

Thank You Lisa Garner for the hours you spent scrapbooking before passing on the scrapbook to Tracey.

Thank You Priscilla Storr and Francine Coy for supplying me with additional contacts to gather yarn for our crocheters and knitters.

Thank You Jean Hipp for your continued support as both a drop off location and for your donations of yarn.

Thank You to Boehm's Church in Willow Street for hosting our August 20, 2005 quilting bee and for the delicious desserts and snacks and door prizes. Thirty -eight finished quilts were donated at the bee. The q-bee itself produced an additional 16 quilts in less than four hours. Way to go "blanketeers." FYI the church is hosting a PIG Roast September 10 from 11-6 PM. You can call the church for cost if interested. A Christian Music Concert will be held in the air-conditioned sanctuary at 4 PM.

Thank You to all blanketeers without you there would not be a Project Linus! You have comforted many children and families over the past six years.

Special Thanks to the Armstrong Marietta Ceiling Plant for continuing to copy our quarterly newsletters. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead

Fall Fund-raiser

Canceled due to lack of response.

November 12, 2005, Thank You Tea, St. Anne's Parish Center corner of Liberty and Duke Streets in Lancaster. Tea begins at noon until 2 PM.

National Make A Blanket Day is scheduled for February 18, 2006. Plan to join us at Brubaker's Sewing Center, New Holland for a fun and productive day! The hours are 10 AM till 2 PM. You may bring your lunch. Snacks and drink will be provided.

Starting **NOW** you will receive a ticket towards the drawing of the free Janome sewing machine for each blanket dropped off to the Brubaker Sewing Center in New Holland. You no longer need to wait till Super Bowl Sunday for the start of eligibility. Looking forward to working with everyone on February 18!

Spring Fund-raiser

May14, 2006, we are having a one day fund-raiser at Stauffer's of Kissel Hill in Lititz to help with chapter costs. We will be asking for 6 volunteers

to help in making the 100' sub(you will need to wear a hairnet) and additional people to man a sub stand that day. We will do half hour to hour shifts till the sub is sold. If you are unable to volunteer time, please spread the word to friends to come purchase their lunch from Project Linus.

Need your Help

What Else Can I Do to Help?

- Donate stamps for newsletters
(each newsletter mailing takes two rolls of stamps for a cost of \$74; so even a book of stamps helps defray the cost)
- Donate gift certificates from JoAnn Fabrics or AC Moore
(enables us to purchase batting, material and yarn)
- Volunteer to help with our fundraisers

Need Your Help on Newsletter Mailings Database

First let me say **thank you** to those people who responded to my request about receiving the newsletter both by email and US mail. Hopefully I have everyone logged accurately that responded. It may take a little while to get it completely straight. For those who asked me to do cut and paste. You may need to write and tell me you can not open as my address books will have you listed when I send out the microsoft word version. Sorry for the inconvenience.

After reviewing the database a number of times, it has become apparent that there are quite a few inactive blanketeters. If you have not donated a blanket since January 2004 and I **do not hear** from you that you would like to continue to receive our newsletter, your name will be eliminated from the mailing list. Please let me know by October 31 if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter.

It is not our chapter's intent to drop anyone who enjoys our newsletters even if they can not contribute blankets anymore. We appreciate all you have done in the past!

PLEASE NOTE:

Next newsletter will come out after Make A Blanket Day!!

SO Happy Holiday Season to one and all!!!