

# Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

**Williamson, Travis, & Hays Counties of Texas**

We provide children with blankets full of hugs.

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### Next Meeting

August 20, 2011: 10:00 am-3:00 pm

North Meeting Location:

301 Rye St.

Round Rock, TX 78664-4532

South Meeting Location:

Manchaca Baptist Church

215 FM 1626

Manchaca TX 78652

### News



In the heat of this long, dry summer, keeping our eye on the prize isn't always easy, but photos like this help remind us what we're about. A Temple group, The Flying Vikings (<http://www.flyingvikings.org/>) take children between 6 and 18 years of age with chronic illnesses flying in small airplanes. *And*, we give 'em Project Linus blankets!



The north group of Project Linus will meet on Saturday, August 20, at the home of Kathy Goff. The address is: 301 Rye St., Round Rock, TX and her phone number is: 310-0504. Directions are as follows:

*From I-35, take the Highway 79 exit and go east past two stoplights. At the third stoplight turn right onto N. Georgetown Street and go down the hill, across the bridge and immediately turn left at the first street (Brushy Creek). Go past the tree in the middle of the street and turn right at the first street (Rye). Go up the hill to the second street (Austin Ave.). 301 Rye is the last house on the left before crossing the second street.*

*If you're coming west on Highway 79, turn left at the stoplight at N. Georgetown Street. Look for Walgreen's on the left-hand corner of 79 and N. Georgetown Street. Go down the hill, across the bridge and immediately turn left at the first street (Brushy Creek). Go past the tree in the middle of the street and turn right at the first street (Rye). Go up the hill to the second street (Austin Ave.). 301 Rye is the last house on the left before crossing the second street.*



Nancy's Notions, a well-known retailer of sewing and quilting supplies, is highlighting Project Linus on the *Creative Kindness* section of its website. Take a look at <http://www.nancysnotions.com/> and put "Project Linus" in the page's search box. They have a free quilting pattern you can download.



Long overdue from your editor: a note for quilters. If you'd like to save some \$\$ (*who wouldn't?*), L.P. Sharp Company in Minnesota allows you to purchase either replacement Olfa or generic stainless steel rotary cutter blades by trading in your old ones. And the price is right. I have used them for a number of years and never been dissatisfied. Check them out on the web; details of their pricing are at <http://www.lsharp.com/3.html>

We welcome CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) of San Marcos to our recipient list. Children taken into protective custody in Hays and Caldwell County will now be given blankets when they come under CASA's aegis. We are pleased to be expanding our giving to Hays County—another San Marcos agency, Roxanne's House, also receives our blankets for distribution to children. And we are approaching other entities that might use our blankets.



Our volunteers range from kids who visit our get-togethers occasionally with their moms to graduate students, to working folks, to men who craft, to retirees.

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And we receive blankets from church groups and schools who teach service. Some blanketers we never see: we get a call from one of our pick-up points that blankets are there and we go get them. Some don't even put their names on the blankets! But some night, there's going to be a car accident, or a child taken away from an abusive home, or a sick, frightened kid in a hospital who will get the comfort that a blanket gives like nothing else can. Linus of the Peanuts cartoon strip is our hero (we're no longer allowed to use his picture, but we can still use his name), and the picture he brings to our minds is the one we so want to share with children in crisis...

We're an all-volunteer organization: no one's collecting a salary. Many people make this work, and we're so grateful for each and every one, whatever their contributions. Some run errands, some donate blanket materials, others give freely of their time and talents. If we forget to say it often enough, forgive us! THANK YOU!!!



Please remember the ongoing request from Dell Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for ~30 handmade flannel receiving blankets (~36"×36") per month. Please keep them coming.

Crocheted Ripple Afghan

<http://www.redheart.com/free-patterns/ripple-charity-throw>



Nine Months Till Baby Hopscotch



[http://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts\\_patterns/9\\_months\\_till\\_baby\\_hopscotch/](http://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/9_months_till_baby_hopscotch/)

Radiating Star Blanket

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/radiating-star-blanket>



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### *If you make blankets for us, please...*

- Include your name, address or email with your blanket(s), so we will know whom to thank.
- Wash your blanket (if possible) before turning it in.
- If you've made a fleece blanket, please be sure the selvages are trimmed off.
- Please do not make your blankets out of tapestry, burlap, upholstery fabric, 70's-type double-knits, felt, vinyl, wool, or wool yarn. Please do not use fabric that has been stored in a damp area or has a musty smell. Mold spores can cause an allergic reaction in a child and are very difficult to remove from the fabric. We regret that blankets smelling of smoke or having pet hair on them cannot be accepted.
- Be especially careful about checking for pins if you use them in the construction of your blankets.
- Make sure when knitting or crocheting to securely tie off yarn ends and weave them into the blanket.
- No embellishments such as buttons, glitter or anything that will come off because small children put things in their mouths.
- A suggested label format to include with each blanket donated:  
<Your Name>, <Street Number / Street Name>, <City, State, Zip>, <Email Address>

### *Places to leave blankets...*

Thanks to these businesses who support our efforts by collecting blankets from blanketeers who don't attend meetings. And thanks for using them. Any way we can get more blankets is terrific!

#### **Austin Sew & Vac**

Mike and Robyn Smith  
1401 S. I-35, Ste #170  
Round Rock, TX 78664  
(512) 310-7349

### *Project Linus Contacts...*

#### **Position/Committee**

- Project Linus Coordinator, Williamson / Travis/Hays Counties
- Assistant Coordinator-South
- Assistant Coordinator-North
- Chapter Communications (newsletter & website)
- Community Outreach Representative, Williamson / Travis / Hays Counties & Special Events Coordinator

#### **A Quilter's Folly**

8213 Brodie Lane  
Austin, TX 78745  
[www.aquiltersfolly.com](http://www.aquiltersfolly.com)  
(512) 899-3233

#### **B & B Quilting and Gifts**

Nancy Brinkley & Lori Beckers  
107 S. Austin Steet  
Buda, TX 78610  
[www.bbquilting.com](http://www.bbquilting.com)  
(512)312-2299

#### **Glassica, Inc.**

Heide Fowler  
820 South Austin Ave.  
Georgetown, Texas 78628  
(512) 778-9398  
[www.DisplayYourArt.com](http://www.DisplayYourArt.com)

#### **Learning Express Toys**

Joe and Mary Theriot  
Gateway Market  
9607 Research Blvd, Ste 110  
Austin, TX 78759  
(512) 795-9770

#### **Poppy Quilt 'N Sew**

Anita Brockell  
4106 Williams Drive (RM 2338)  
Georgetown, TX 78628  
(512)863-6108  
[www.poppyquiltnew.com](http://www.poppyquiltnew.com)

#### **The Knitting Nest**

Stacy Klaus  
8708 Congress Avenue, Ste. 570  
Austin, TX 78748  
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Project Linus respects your privacy We don't share your email address or contact information with anyone outside our organization. To remove your name from our mailing list, contact [jan\\_texas@yahoo.com](mailto:jan_texas@yahoo.com)

If you have questions or comments, Anita Howe at [ahowe@sellsaustinhomes.com](mailto:ahowe@sellsaustinhomes.com) is our chapter coordinator.

To visit the Williamson/Travis/Hays County Project Linus website online, go to [www.orgsites.com/tx/austinlineus/](http://www.orgsites.com/tx/austinlineus/). The national Project Linus organization's website is located at [www.projectlinus.org/](http://www.projectlinus.org/)

### Quilters—

Please save barcodes from all Hobbs batting that you purchase and give them to your meeting coordinator or contact us and we'll give you a mailing address. We can redeem them for discounts on batting for Project Linus blankets.



### *just for fun*

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This used to be a government of checks and balances. Now it's all checks and no balances. (Gracie Allen)

I have long contended that, however many zillion dollars the federal government costs us, we get it all back and more in the form of quality entertainment. (Dave Barry)

I have learned that only two things are necessary to keep one's wife happy. First, let her think she's having her own way. And second, let her have it... (Lyndon Johnson)

You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going because you might not get there. (Yogi Berra)