

Project Linus

Phoenix/West Valley, AZ Chapter

January, 2011

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Total Blankets Delivered

15,066

Since March 2005

Happy New Year

I wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Let's hope that 2011 will be a good year for all of us!



Happy Birthday to one of our favorite Blanketeers, Jean Brown celebrated her 90th Birthday at the beginning of January. Jean has sewn over 1,000 blankets for our chapter. Many thanks, Jean

Project Linus won the grand prize in the JoAnn's Craft for a Cause competition. The exciting news was announced at the beginning of December. Thanks to all who voted.

St. Vincent de Paul

At the end of September, Frankee Rushing and myself had the great pleasure of participating in the Corporate Partners Breakfast event. Denise Brittain works very hard every year making sure that this event is so successful. We were thrilled when Denise announced during her speech that they couldn't function without the help of big corporations and small non-profit organizations, and yes, she mentioned Project Linus!

I recently received an email from Denise who informed me that one of the Corporate Partners (Fed-Ex) went to Haiti to provide Christmas to an orphanage. Fed-ex asked Denise if she had any items that she could send. You guessed it, she sent some of our Linus blankets. In part, her email said, "you can't believe their joy....nor can we believe the joy of those poor children in that devastated place. Please let your ladies know that Project Linus is making a difference in so many nooks and crannies of the world. Our children here in Phoenix are delighted.....and I guess this is the way we are 'sharing the wealth' THANK YOU for all your beautiful work, from your loving hands, and Spirit -filled souls! I love you all!" Denise also said that Fed-ex had taken photos and she hopes to send us some.

Ways to Help our Chapter

1. Make a blanket out of soft washable fabric or soft acrylic yarn. It can be quilted, sewn, crocheted or knitted, any method is acceptable.
2. Suggested sizes:
Premie: 20" x 25" to 30"
Baby: 25" x 30" to 35"
Child: 35" x 40" to 45"
Teen: 40" x 60"
Young Adult: 50" x 70"
Please, no holiday or religious fabrics
3. Donate materials such as yarn, batting or fabric. Or donate gift cards to fabric and craft stores.*
4. Donate office supplies such as stamps, paper or used printer cartridges.*
5. Monetary donations, if in the form of a check, can be made out to Project Linus .
6. Volunteer time to sew on labels, make quilt kits, help with set up or take down after the Blanket Bees.

* Project Linus is a 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided upon request.

Upcoming Events:

January Blanket Bee - First Bee since November
February Blanket Bee
March Blanket Bee - Blanket Challenge: Red, White, Blue
Pampered Chef Party fund raiser
Girl Scout Troop to make blankets

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Information</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday January 29th		FSEC 17621 N. 25th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85023
Saturday February 26th		FSEC
Saturday March 26th	Blanket Challenge	FSEC
Saturday April 30th		FSEC
Saturday May 28th		FSEC
Saturday June 25th		FSEC
Saturday July 30th		FSEC
Saturday August 27th		FSEC
Saturday September 24th		FSEC
Saturday October 29th		FSEC
Saturday November 26th		FSEC
Saturday December	NO BLANKET BEE	FSEC



Katie writes: I just recently received one of your blankets, from the Children's Hospital, in Dallas. I am 17 years old and I wanted to thank you for donating the blankets. I wanted to say thank you for all that you are doing, and that every little nice gesture counts when kids are under that much pressure.

FYI

The Peanuts gang is back! The first animated film to be released in five years will be released sometime in the Spring. Watch for "Happiness is a warm blanket Charlie Brown"

I just wanted to thank everyone for what you do. My son was recently at Children's Hospital Fox Valley in Neenah, WI and received a blanket during his stay and was so happy. It helped him so much in his recovery and he is now really attached to it. I don't know if his recovery would have been so fast if he didn't have the blanket. . Thank you guys so much for what you do, it is amazing how a blanket can help out a child with their recovery.

Life is not a matter of counting the years, it's a matter of making the years count.

William Smith

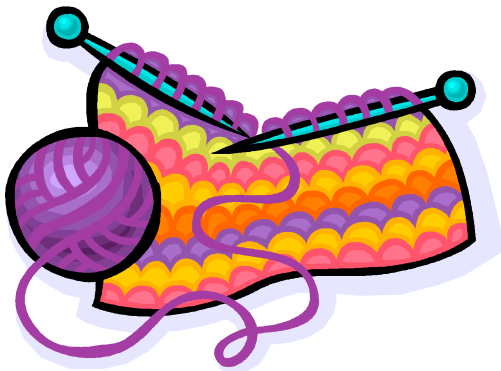
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Ronald McDonald House collects aluminum tabs from soda, soup cans etc. The tabs are worth more money than the whole can. If you would like to collect the tabs for the Ronald McDonald fundraising effort you may bring or send them in with your blankets.



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“Under construction”

Please remember when you are quilting or sewing, to leave at least a quarter inch seam allowance, anything less than a quarter inch allows the seams to open. This results in either someone trying to mend the problem or even having to take the whole blanket apart.

When “tying” a quilt , please allow a hands width between knots. Some of the blankets that we receive need to be retied. Also, please keep ties trimmed 1/2 - to 1 inch in length.

When crocheting or knitting, please leave a six inch “tail” which needs to be woven in. This means that you need to go forwards and backwards and not just running tail through stitches. Again if this is not done we have to fix the problem before we can let the blankets be delivered.

Blanketeers who deliver Blankets :

Kathy Atha	Maryvale ER Maryvale CMAC
Julie Bell	Eve’s Place Surprise Police Dept. Phoenix Children/Urgent care
Mary Besson	Mendy’s Place
Jean Brown	Fire Dept. 28
Eve Buck	Banner Thunderbird NICU Banner Thunderbird PED ER
John Elle	Chrysalis CPS Hacienda Peoria Police Dept. Phoenix Children’s Hospital Ronald McDonald House
Chris Hasslen	Crisis Preg. Peoria Faith House
Frankee Rushing	CRS St Joe’s Peds. St. Joe’s PICU St. Vincent de Paul
Trish Seidel	Crisis Preg. Phoenix HRT

A BIG Linus Hug to you all, THANK YOU for helping me with this huge task!