ABOUT

Greater Boston Area Project Linus is a 100% volunteer organization.

As members of the national Project Linus Organization, we are dedicated to creating and delivering new handmade blankets to any child who may be in need of some extra comforting that only a beloved "blankie" can provide.

We offer a worthwhile service opportunity for the benefit of children.

We are mothers, fathers, grandmothers, aunts, friends, children, nurses, teachers... anyone who wants to help.

To find out more information about our chapter, please see our brochure.

To learn more about the history of Project Linus and it's mission please visit the national website: <http://www.projectlinus.org>.

BLANKETS

The Basics

Blankets can be knitted, crocheted, quilted or hand-tied by volunteers of all ages and abilities and are delivered to children in hospitals throughout the world or to any child in need of consolation.

Tips

Blankets of all styles are welcomed, including quilts, tied comforters, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans, and receiving blankets in child-friendly colors.

Blankets must be made from NEW, CLEAN, WASHABLE materials in infant, child or teen friendly colors.

Remember, these blankets are meant to be colorful, cheerful, and cuddly.

Provide your name and address with blanket.

The ideal blanket size is between 36" x 36" and 40" x 60".

Blankets should be made from 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece, or acrylic yarn. Please do not use mohair, angora or other fuzzy material because they shed and can cause breathing problems in some children.

Please only donate blankets that are free of contaminants. If unusually strong smells due to chemicals used in detergents, fabric softeners and dryer sheets, mold and mildew or smoking products are apparent, most hospitals will discard the blanket rather than jeopardize the health of a patient.

Always check blankets carefully for pins, and remove any embellishments such as buttons that could fall off and be swallowed.

For quilting or hand-tied blankets, please be sure to attach all layer at close intervals so that the layers do not separate. Secure the batting into outer seams and if the blanket is tied, please anchor it every 4-6 inches. We don't want it to fall apart the first time it's washed.

Weave in all yarn ends on crocheted and knitted blankets.

Do not knot the fringe on two-layered fleece blankets very tightly, this will cause the blanket to "bowl up" and we will just have to cut the fringe off and start again (making a smaller blanket). If you wish to knot the fringe, knot each piece loosely to itself (not to the next piece of fringe) or knot every other piece. This allows the blanket to lie flat.

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National Organization and Other Chapters

For questions or concerns regarding the national chapter of Project Linus or to find information on local chapters in other areas,please refer to the national website <http://www.projectlinus.org>

HELP

Creating Blankets

Project Linus welcomes blankets of all styles, including quilts, tied comforters, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans, and receiving blankets in child-friendly colors. Blankets must be new, handmade and washable. You don't have to be an expert to create a blanket that is beautiful to a child!

Crochet, knit, quilt or hand-tie a blanket using clean, washable and dryable materials in infant, child or teen-friendly colors. The ideal blanket size is between 36" x 36" and 40" x 60". Please do not use mohair, angora or other fuzzy material because they shed and can cause breathing problems in some children. For more guidelines and ideas please see our blankets page.

Hands-On

We welcome people to help with our Project Linus parties which may include sewing labels, packaging, sorting blankets, addressing envelopes, stuffing envelopes, etc. We could always use additional drop off locations and people willing to deliver blankets to hospitals.

Donate Supplies

Fabric, yarn, thread, batting, thank you notes, postage stamps, paper, gift certificates to craft or office supply stores, etc. are gladly accepted and appreciated.

Tax-Deductible Contributions

Monetary contributions help defray the costs of our 100% volunteer effort.

Spread The Word

Please help us let people know about Project Linus. Individuals and groups welcome. Everyone knows a crafter. Just think.....you can make a difference in a child's life!

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Our Mission

Helping Children in Need

At Project Linus, a non-profit organization, we provide homemade blankets to children in need. Our blankets are lovingly made by adults and children from all walks of life and many different sources.

RECIPIENTS

Recipient List

American Red Cross

AstraZeneca Hope Lodge

Attleboro Family Shelter

Beacon Hospice

Beth Israel - NICU

Boston Medical Center

Brigham & Women's

Bundles for Babies

Catholic Charities

Pregnancy Help - Lawrence

COPS

Children's Hospital

Cradles to Crayons

Devanna Center

DOVE

DSS

Emerson Hospital & NICU

Floating Hospital

Franciscan Hospital

Friends of the Unborn

G. Laurence Home and School for Girls

Good Samaritan Hospital

Heartbeat

Hope Lodge

Horizons for Homeless Children

Italian Home for Children

Lowell General

Lowell Head Start Program

Lynn Economic Opportunity

Mass Coalition for the Homeless

Mass General Hospital

Melrose/Wakefield Hospital

Metrowest Medical Center

Milton Foundation

Milton Hospital

My Brother's Keeper

NE Medical Center

Newton Wellesley Hospital

North Shore Childrens

Old Colony Hospice

PACT Police Action Counseling Team

Project Hope

Proton Beam Clinic - MGH

Renewal House

Ronald McDonald House

Room to Grow

Sandra's Lodge

Shriner's Burn Institute

South Shore Hospital

Spaulding Rehabilitation

St. Elizabeth's Hospital

St. Mary's Women & Infant Center

St. Vincent De Paul Society

TAPS

The Home for Little Wanderers

The Rainbow Program

Toys for Tots

Winchester Hospital - NICU & Pediatrics

Blanket Numbers

As of October 2014

Year Blankets

2014 5123

2013 3457

2012 3142

2011 3736

2010 3327

2009 3426

2008 3711

2007 4065

2006 4138

2005 3891

2004 4307

2003 3525

2002 3248

2001 2006

Grand Total

42,522