

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Bakersfield/Kern/Tulare Counties, CA Chapter

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Coordinators Corner

By Michele Willis

I love the weather! My kids have been in the swimming pool already (I'm not quite ready for that) but as I've been sewing, I can look out the window and watch them. I almost felt guilty for enjoying the sunshine. I spoke to a lady back East at a company that was on Tornado watch and most of the employees had left the building. One more reason to love Bakersfield, CA! I'll take my chances on California falling off into the ocean.

Millie is doing much better. Thank you to all who sent cards and letters. Please see her letters in the newsletter.

We had so much fun at the Clovis Make A Blanket Day. Jeanne and Charisse at D & J Sewing were great hostesses. We completed about 35 blankets, met new friends and have another blanket day set up for May 16. Please join us if you can. Our chapter now extends from Clovis to Frazier Park, North & South. With approximately 270 blanket delivered last month and 633 blankets delivered for the first quarter of 2009.

In the newsletter is a note from National Headquarters about copyright laws. I also feel very strongly about making sure that we do not break copyright laws. I have made personal commitments to the quilts shops in our town that our organization would not copy patterns without their approval. Many of the shop owners have been very gracious in letting us use patterns if possible or they have offered the patterns at a great discount. It is very tempting, especially when times are tough, to copy the patterns but please remember that it is illegal to do so and if you were the owner of the pattern, you would not want people to make copies either.

Thank you all so much for all you do to help those in our local communities. We have an awesome group!

Michele

MANY MANY THANKS

I JUST WANT TO LET EACH OF YOU KNOW THAT I CERTAINLY APPRECIATED YOUR NOTES, CARDS AS WELL AS YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR ME. I FEEL LIKE I AM ON THE MEND..NOT AS QUICKLY AS I WOULD LIKE, BUT DOING BETTER EACH DAY. I'M PLANNING ON SEEING YOU AT NEXT PROJECT LINUS DAY. CAN'T LET TOO MUCH TIME GO BY WITHOUT HARRAZING YOU!

AGAIN THANKS SO MUCH, YOU EACH ARE SPECIAL TO ME.

**REGARDS,
MILLIE**

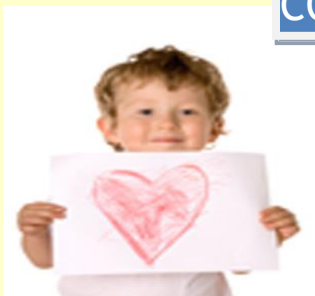
Community Bakersfield

Millie Abel

Hi Michelle My name is Mary Jane . I saw on channel 17 about the program, and I am impressed, I was molested by the babysitters son. I'm now 39 and it took me the first 21 years of my life to come to grips with it. But looking back now I know if someone had gave me a blanket and said, this is your new beginning, I would have heeled a lot sooner I would love to be part of your program

Yes, your threads and yarns do entwine our Community...and we do make a difference!!!!
 Recently while in the ER, I had the nicest visit with nurse Sarah C. She took vital signs, did the paperwork and then the blood work, etc. I noticed that she was taking a coupla personal calls (I was in the hall waiting). I did not notice her again until several hours later when I was to be released and sent home. Her she comes popping in again...and she started the details to get me released. She apologized for not being there all the time...having to go to her "other job". I asked what that was, I find that she is in charge of the examinations, tests, etc. that are necessary on "Rape Victims" for the Police Department. I smiled and said that I knew that Project Linus has been involved in providing blankets for those victims. Her smile broaden then, we mentioned our connection with Project Linus and Michele. She was very grateful to meet one of the "blanketeers" that help provide the love and special attention that most of these young people need. Generally they are female assault victims, but occasionally a male. Most of the girls were very grateful for the blankets..there is always one or two that you wonder about. Anyway my discharge was delayed while we visited and she told me about what Project Linus meant to the young people that are ministered to at this traumatic time in their lives...So as your threads and yarns are made into something special for another, remember we do make a difference...even if we don't hear about it often. Millie

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I hate to be the copyright police here - but if this pattern is in a book myguess is that it is copyrighted and cannot photocopied and distributed tothose who did not purchase the book. So, if it is copyrighted, I have toask that you not make copies and pass it along to Project Linus volunteersor chapter coordinators.

Carol and I visited a booth at Quilt Market in Houston and the owner of a particular pattern that we were interested in specifically asked how we planto keep our coordinators from copying her patterns and passing them out. We were a little taken back and I must say outright offended when she askedthat question - and we assured her that we do not break any copyright laws and require that our volunteers respect them as well. So - we count on your cooperation to make sure that we protect our reputation in this area.

*Thanks,
 Mary
 Project Linus National VP*

THANK YOU

I just wrote a letter to the national organization of Project Linus and also want to send a special thank you for the beautiful blanket for my son, Ronnie. He was admitted to Mercy Hospital a month ago with pneumonia. He has Down syndrome, age 16 with mental age at about 2. I cannot express what deep gratitude filled my heart when I was told the blanket was for Ronnie! It now graces his own bed and will remain a keepsake always.

Thank you, again, so much for such care and thoughtfulness.

Diane S

Thank you for making quilts for children in the hospital. My 3 month old baby boy had RSV and spent 3 days at Memorial Hospital. He is doing fine now. Thank you for the quilt. It kept him warm and it will serve as a reminder of God's healing touch.

God bless you
Jennine Wilson

CLOVIS-BLANKET DAY

May 16, 2009

**D & J Sewing Center
2700 N Clovis Ave
Clovis, CA**

Come join us for a day of fun and sewing.

No experience necessary
Bring a project or we will have several projects that you can work on

You can also donate fabric, yarn or batting.

For more information call
D & J Sewing 559-224-5927
or

Michele Willis 661-589-1854

Beautiful Bakersfield Awards

MAY 30, 2009

Our Project Linus Chapter has again been nominated for the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce 2008 Beautiful Bakersfield Awards- Humanitarian Group.

What a great honor this is for all of you to be recognized by the community for the services that you render. Thank you for all of your efforts.



Birthdays

Linda Bliss
Kathy Handy
Barbara Mammet

Calendar

Blanket Days

April 21, 2009
May 16, 2009 D & J Sewing
May 19, 2009
May 30, 2009 Beautiful Bakersfield Awards
June 16, 2009
July 21, 2009
August 18, 2009
Sept 12, 2009
 Make a Blanket Day LDS Church
September 15, 2009
October 20, 2009
November 17, 2009
December 15, 2009

3rd Tues of every month
316 LDS Church A St 9a - noon
Mercy Hosp - Truxtun 6p-9p
 Clerou Room

Blanket Drop off Locations

Bakersfield

Strawberry Patches
6439 Ming Ave, Ste C
Bakersfield, CA 93309

ABC's of Creative Pursuits
1412 17th St, Ste E -
Haberfelde Gallery
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Village Yarn ****NEW****
Pine Mountain Club
661-242-4200
www.villageyarnpmc.com

East Hills Mall
Customer Service
3000 Mall View Road
Bakersfield, CA 93306

To Quilt N Sew
3510 Allen Road
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