



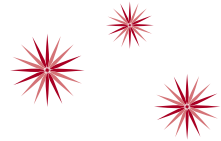
Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Bakersfield/Kern/Tulare Counties, CA Chapter

December 2009

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“The Christmases we remember best usually have little to do with worldly goods but a lot to do with the spirit of caring, the spirit of love, and the spirit of compassion.”

Thomas S. Monson



Happy holidays!

As I reflect on this past year I marvel not only at how fast it has gone by but at all the many things that we have accomplished.

I am starting my 5th year as the Project Linus coordinator for our area and in November I delivered our 7,000th blanket. Remember when I didn't know where we were going to get the blankets to deliver?

Another achievement of this year was the Chamber of Commerce Humanitarian Group of the year. What a great honor for each of you to be part of. We have won that award for the past two years. Both years I have sat back and thought about all of the wonderful things that people in this community are doing and have been shocked, yes, shocked, that we have won the award. I guess I just lack confidence in myself and the influence that we have on the lives of other people. I was talking to a dear friend about this the other day and I was reminded of how important a blanket can be. She, an adult now, still carries with her her blanket when she goes out of town. She still sleeps with her special blanket and I notice that my kids fight each other for each of their blankets at the end of the day.

We had the biggest and best Make A Blanket Day yet. We had approximately

350 volunteers and over 650 blankets donated. It was truly a great day.

I recently spoke to a doctor at KMC who told me that they do 90% of all of the sexual assault cases in the area. They have at least 20 children under the age of 18 per month that are victims. It reminded me how truly blessed I am. I have parents that taught me and loved me. They taught me to work and to serve my neighbor and I hope that I can instill that value in my children. That it only takes one person to change the life of another.

Again, at this time of the year when we are all struggling with what to get that special person in our lives. Maybe we can sit back and give a little bit more of our time. Have a conversation with a child or grandchild. Make a coupon for a date out. Tell your favorite people in your life how much you love them. One of the greatest things that my dad did was tape record himself reading children's stories so the kids that lived out of town could hear his voice. Now that he is not here, they are a treasure. I truly am grateful for the spirit of Christ(mas) in my life. I hope that when I get to the other side I can look back on my life and be able to tell the Savior that I did my very best with my time and talents that I was blessed with. Enjoy the Christmas Season.

Michele

As of September 30,
2009 Project Linus
has donated
3,011,944 blankets to
children in need, and
have **378 chapters**
across the United
States.

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Since our beginning in January of 1996, 7,066 blankets have been distributed to children in our local area.



Birthdays

Miriam Alvarez
Laverne Anderson
Linda Forehand
Marilyn Proffitt
Janet Wilson

New Volunteers

I recently had a new volunteer contact me about getting involved in our local Project Linus group. She was active in the San Fernando Valley PL and has move to our area. I asked her to share how she became involved in PL.

At the time I got involved with Project Linus, I was working and a lady in Santa Clarita would pick them up from me - She worked at Disney Studios and I think she was involved with the Glendale group.

I got involved in 2001 when my twin granddaughters were born two months premature at Tarzana Medical Center. I was visiting the neonatal unit and noticed all of the beautiful blankets on

many of the incubators. when I inquired, the nurses told me about the Project Linus group. I had also noticed that there were two incubators that had no blankets and they said they could not keep enough on hand. I decided to donate as often as I could.

My granddaughters are now 8 years old and they help me pick out the yarn for blankets. They are both knitting scarves for charity and one of them is working on her first quilt!

Thank You Notes

"Thank you, my son received a blanket on his first birthday from your program he was sick in the hospital and they gave him one and I always said if I ran into you at church I would thank you so thank you"

Pamela

"When Elijah was in the hospital, 2 1/2 years ago he got a blanket. We are still grateful for the time that was spent on our behalf of our family."

Janet

"I just wanted to let you know that you brought my daughter so much comfort during a hard time, and it means the world to me. My daughter had cleft palate repair surgery on Sept. 17th, 2009, the day she turned 7 months old. We received a blanket from your organization upon admission to the hospital, and she hasn't parted with it yet. She has to have it for bed, and won't sleep without it. Thank you so much for the blanket, and the comfort you gave her, and us, during such a scary time."

Good Kids doing Good Things

Millie and I were recently up in Clovis for a Blanket Day at D & J Sewing Center. Sharice (store manager) told me about girl that had her 13th birthday party. As she invited the guest to her party she asked that instead of a gift, they should bring 1 ½ yard lengths of fleece and they would make blankets for Project Linus. They

made the blankets & tied them up and attached to each blanket a note to the receiving child. This was a great selfless act. What great things are being taught in her home.

I know that each of the children receiving these blankets will feel much better knowing that someone took the time to make a blanket to show how much they care.

2010 Calendar

Bakersfield

January 19
 February 16
 February 20, Make A Blanket Day
 March 16
 April 20
 May 18
 June 15
 July 20
 August 17
 September 11, Make A Blanket Day
 September 21
 October 19
 November 16
 December 14 (2nd Tuesday)
 316 LDS Church A St 9a – noon
 Mercy Hosp – Truxtun 6p-9p Clerou
 Room

Clovis

January 23, 2010
 D & J Sewing Center
 2700 N Clovis Ave
 559-225-4927

More Thank you Notes

Project Linus

Please accept these blankets from Cub Scout Pack 724. We made these blankets to benefit Project Linus on Saturday, November 21, 2009. There were 14 boys, with their parents, that worked for 2 ½ hours completing the blankets. Our Cub Scouts are encouraged to donate 12 hours of community service time in a calendar year. Thank you for the time that you contribute to Project Linus and thank you for letting Cub Scout Pack 724 be a small part of it.

Alina Trembush

Dear Project Linus

Thank you very much for the blanket. I got the pink one and its awesome. It keeps me very warm at night which I need cuz there is this huge draft in my room! I love the idea of Project Linus! Please tell me if there is anything I can do to help!

Tyler

THANK YOU SO MUCH! I LOVE YOU!!! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!! I LOVE THE BLANKET!!

Davey

Looking for someplace to put your fabric scraps? They can be used to stuff pillows at the local animal shelter.



Rebecca's Christmas Tree Skirt

To Quilt n Sew

Until December 24th, 2009, if you buy a gift certificate, you can get more for your money when you or a loved one purchases a gift certificate. Here's how it works:

Buy a \$50.00 gift certificate and get an extra \$10.00 FREE

Buy a \$100.00 gift certificate and get an extra \$25.00 FREE

Buy a \$200.00 gift certificate and get an extra \$65.00 FREE

It's just our way of saying Thank you for an extraordinary year of great quilting and especially great friends. So we hope that you take advantage of this offer. You can use the gift certificate anytime, fabric, classes, notions, books, patterns "and" MACHINES!

Every time we love, every time we give,
 it's Christmas.
 Dale Evans

Strawberry Patch News

Join us after Christmas for our Inventory Reduction Sale, December 28, 29 & 30th (we will be closed December 25 through December 27). All in stock fabrics and precuts will be 25% off for three days only. No special orders or preorders please. This is your chance to stock up on our beautiful first quality, carefully selected fabrics at terrific savings. We don't have a fabric sale very often and this one promises to be HUGE!