Drop off Locations

JOANN FABRICS Stores:

Billerica, Burlington, Hanover Middleton, Natick, Saugus, and Westford

CREATIVE WAREHOUSE - Needham Heights

FROM THE HEART QUILTS - West Newbury

Rosemary O'Brien Dorchester 617-282-5260

Meredith Edelstein Beverly 978-387-5187

Patti Lashoto Foxboro 508-944-9640

Tina Simpson Littleton 508-265-2950

Eileen Friedland Marshfield 781-834-7062

Coco Early Real Estate

978-687-8484 Methuen

Nancy Kearns Milton 617-333-3215

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Laura Parisi Newburyport 978-808-6669 (newburyportprojectlinus@gmail.com)

True North Kitchen and Bar c/o Janet Campbell N. Weymouth 339-201-7841

South Shore Community Action c/o Brenda Green Plymouth 508-747-7575 x 6223

Wakefield/Lynnfield Methodist Church - Deb Bry Wakefield 781-521-9726 (WLUMC273@gmail.com)

Becky Curtiss 617-872-8254 Watertown

Sample Recipient Agencies & Hospitals

Anna Jaques Hospital Attleboro Family Shelter Metro Beth Israel - NICU Middlesex Medical Center Milton Brigham & Women's Hospital Bundles for Babies Mission of My Brother's Keeper England Medical Ctr. Carolina Hill New England Catholic Charities Newton Head Children's Hospital Newton Cradles to Crayons North Shore Dana-Farber Cancer Inst Open Debbie's Treasure Chest Dimmock Center Project Hope **DSS Salvation Army** Emerson Hospital Shriners' Franciscan Children's Hospital Good Samaritan Hospital South Heartbeat Spaulding HELPIS St. Elizabeth's Hospital Home for Little Wanderers St. Household Goods Center Horizons for Homeless St. Children TAPS House of Hope The Boston Jeanne Geiger Crisis Ctr The Knitting 4 Peace Wanderers Lowell General The Wish Lowell Head Start Program Lowell House Intervention

Lucy's Love Bus Tufts Lynn Rapid Response **Network Wellspring House**

Mass. Coalition for the Homeless Yawkey Family Massachusetts Down

Syndrome Council YMCA of

Mass. General Hospital Youth Villages

Melrose/Wakefield Hospital West Medical Center Cntv DA's Office Boston Foundation Milton Hospital Deeds Cambridge Family & Children's Services New

Pediatric Care Start Wellesley Hospital Medical Ctr Door Ipswich Community Food Pantry

Burn Center Sleep in Heavenly Peace Shore Hospital Rehabilitation

Mary's Women & Infant

Vincent De Paul Society

House

Home for Little

Proiect

Thom Charles River Early

Children's Hospital Waltham Creative Start

Winchester Hospital ER

(Children's Hospital) Greater Boston

Some of the most touching moments are when we give your blankets to individual children or families that we hear about either by personal knowledge or read about in the newspaper. If you know of a child in need of a handmade hug, please contact us!



"The best kind of sleep under heaven above. is under a blanket handmade with love."

Project Linus

Greater Boston Chapter



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National Website: www.projectlinus.org

Facebook: bostonprojectlinus

Nationally since 1995 - Over 9 million

Greater Boston Chapter, since 2001 -Over 95.000

Recommended Blanket Sizes

(measurements are approximate) 36" x 36" (baby) 40" x 60" (child) 45" x 70" (teen) 66" x 90" (twin bed)

Updated November, 2023

What is Project Linus?

Project Linus began in 1995 after Karen Loucks was inspired to make blankets for her local children's cancer center. Since then, Project Linus has expanded to include children who are seriously ill or traumatized in many ways.

Greater Boston Chapter

The Greater Boston Chapter is in need of new handmade blankets to donate to children at local area hospitals and to other children in need of comfort.

Please contact Nancy or Dianne for more information on drop-off locations. Also, feel free to call with any questions or suggestions.

Although most of the blankets donated to the Greater Boston Chapter stay with local children, sometimes we do send blankets to other chapters. For example, we sent blankets to victims of natural disasters such as floods. Look at the numbers below – our blanketeers are amazing! Thank you!

** A HUGE THANK YOU to ALL blanket makers! Your creations bring love and comfort to children. **

How You Can Help

Donate a handmade blanket.

Please see "Blanket Guidelines" for details.

<u>Pick up blankets from one of our drop-off</u> locations.

Sew labels on donated blankets.

<u>Deliver blankets.</u> We need people to deliver blankets to hospitals or other recipients.

Become a drop off location or Chapter Assistant! Call for more details!

Donate supplies.

Donate fabric, yarn, thread, batting, thank you notes, postage stamps, gift certificates to craft or office supply stores, etc.

Make a Tax-Deductible Contribution.

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

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Blankets with the smell of smoke or strong chemicals (especially perfumed fabric softeners) or have pet hair on them may cause a severe allergic reaction for children, so we cannot accept them!

Please wash your blankets before bringing them to one of our drop-off locations. Thank you!

Blanket Guidelines:

DO Make blankets from NEW, CLEAN, WASHABLE materials in infant, child or teen friendly colors. Remember, these blankets are meant to be colorful, and cheerful.

DO Crochet, knit, quilt, or tie your blankets.

DO Make blankets from 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece, or acrylic yarn.

DO Make SURE your blankets are clean. We cannot accept blankets with pet hair or the smell of smoke or perfume on them.

DO Secure the batting into outer seams. If blanket is tied, please anchor it every 4-6 inches, so it doesn't fall apart when washed.

DO Weave in all yarn ends on crocheted and knitted blankets.

DO Check your blanket **carefully** for straight pins! It's better you find that pin and not the child who receives your blanket.

DO Let us know your contact information so we can thank you. Please include a note when delivering a blanket. Simply safety-pin a small piece of paper to your blanket or include a note in the bag you drop-off.

Blanket totals - as of November 2023

DO NOT Attach buttons or similar decorative items to a blanket. They can be a choking hazard to children.

DO Construct your blanket so it lies flat.

FLEECE BLANKETS - Please make these with only a single layer of fabric, and be sure to cut off the selvages (white border with lettering) before you begin. Want to knot your fringes? Great! But please do not make bulky knots. Try simply knotting each fringe loosely to itself so the blanket can lie flat.

No sew blanket instructions:

https://www.projectlinus.org/pdf/No_Sew_Fleece_Blanket_%231.pdf https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8_qRlu5Aq0