

# Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

San Jose, CA/South Bay Chapter

Hello Blanketeers and friends of Project Linus,

As we await the results of our Presidential election, we are also looking forward to another big event - our **virtual Make A Blanket Day** this **Saturday November 7**. The first Saturday of November is our usual date for our Fall Make a Blanket Day and I always look forward to a day of blanketeering with blanketeer friends. This year we'll be **Zooming at 11am** (until 1pm for time to make blankets together) for our annual 'short meeting during MABD', doing show'n'tell and sharing whatever else you'd like to about Project Linus that day. We'll have some special news to share too... :-)) plus our October numbers and some grant updates. Hope you can join us. The Zoom details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We appreciate all the wonderful blanket making that's been going on this year and we've been receiving lots of blankets this fall, so in addition to supporting our regular organizations, we're looking for new recipient organizations that we can partner with this year. We've added Santa Maria Urban Ministry (supporting homeless and low income / at risk families - downtown San Jose) and Valley Churches United - Ben Lomond (supporting fire victims and COVID families in the fire area). We are thrilled to be partnering with these organizations. If you have any suggestions for new partner organizations (and contact information for them if possible) please email me or Barb (sjlinus@gmail.com) ASAP as we're wanting to get the blankets out soon, so they can be available through the groups before the holidays.

**URGENT NEED:** A vital part of our process is **bagging 'day'** (which is really just a couple hours...). Many of our 'regular' volunteers on our 2 bagging teams have moved away or are no longer physically able to help. Without enough volunteers to help with our sorting and bagging, we will no longer be able to accept blankets for donation as we won't have a way to get the blankets ready for delivery each month. Would you be able to help on one of our teams? The teams alternate months, one team bags every other month starting at 9am - one on a Thursday, the other on a Saturday. The training is easy on your first bagging day, and it's so exciting to see all the beautiful blankets that are donated. If you can help us with this very important activity (on Thursdays and/or Saturdays), please contact Elizabeth Tang-Kong (etangkong@yahoo.com). Thank you!

PS Our next bagging session will be on Thursday November 19.

**REMINDER: Barb is collecting (non-Project Linus) blankets for fire victims.** This special effort supports all ages and can include new or gently used blankets, handmade or manufactured. In addition, if we have extra Project Linus blankets for children, we will send some of those along. Blankets need to be delivered to Barb by Wednesday Nov. 11 to be included in the next delivery. Her address is 1240 Hanchett Ave. San Jose. If you have questions about this program, contact Barb (sjlinus@gmail.com).

We do have 'fleece kits' for crochet-around-the-edge blankets. If you want some, contact me or Barb to make arrangements for you to pick them up.

I want to send a BIG THANK YOU to all our Drop-off site liaisons (and their back-ups) for the wonderful work they do for us, especially during this unique year. There is another vital role in our process. Our newest liaison is Theresa Gadbois at JoAnn-Cupertino, with Martha Franks as back-up. They join JoAnn Lathrop and JoAnne Brooks, Sylvie LeClair, Jan Ewers and Sandy Crane, Linda Skipper, Michelle Zeiler, Helen Farnham, Mary Kelly and Elizabeth Tang-Kong. Thank you all.

And thank you to all of you, our blanketeers and supporters, for sharing your talents in so many ways, doing various jobs to help our chapter thrive, and for making your wonderful blanket gifts for children in need to provide comfort and support in trying times.

May we all stay safe and well.

Happy blanketeering!

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