



## Hello blanketeters!

As the weather begins to cool and the brilliant colors of fall are starting to appear, it's a great time to come together (via Zoom) and share your blanket making ideas and experiences with fellow blanketeters.

Tomorrow night (or today depending on when you are reading this) **Tuesday October 20 at 7pm we will be holding our monthly (Zoom) meeting** and we invite you to join us and hear about what's happening with Project Linus - South Bay/San Jose chapter and share what you've been doing as a blanketeter. Feel free to show a finished blanket or two (you can share photos of your blankets if you like).

We'll be sharing more news tomorrow and we're looking forward to our **virtual Make a Blanket Day on Saturday November 7**. We'll have a Zoom session that day at 11am (when we usually have our meeting at the event) to check in and see how everyone's doing. So set aside some time that day to join in and we'll have a fun time 'together'(virtually since we can't be together in person this year).

**We will be doing our monthly bagging this Saturday**, which will include many blankets for our annual distribution for the holidays. (Yes, it's seems early but these organizations are putting their plans together by early November for their year end events.) **If you can help us, please contact Cathy Walters (cathywalt@comcast.net, 408 394-2275)**. **We are always in need of additional helpers for bagging days**. We start at 9am and are usually done by Noon. It's amazing to see all the different blankets that come in during a month.

**URGENT NEED:** We are in need of **volunteers to help our drop-off site liaisons**, to assist with the labeling and tagging, quality checking and logging of donations as they come in each month. We have a great team of dedicated liaisons, but at times the volume of blankets coming in is too much for one person or they may need a temporary back-up. **Without this additional help, we may need to shut down some of our drop-off locations**. Can you help? Please contact Sharon for more info. THANK YOU!!

We are so pleased to be able to continue **supporting the following groups** with our blanket donations: CASA, El Camino Hospital - NICU, Georgia Travis House, Good Samaritan Hospital - NICU, KAFPA, Kaiser Hospital Santa Clara - NICU and Pediatrics, Kinship - Gilroy, Lucille Packard @ El Camino Hospital, O'Connor Hospital - NICU, Ronald McDonald House, Sacred Heart Layette Program, San Jose Family Shelter, San Jose Social Services (King Road and Julian Street), Southern Oregon Fire Victims and Valley Medical Center. **Despite all the challenges around COVID this year, we've been able to distribute over 3500 blankets**. That's Amazing! Thank you for your support.

(Outside our regular mission...) As mentioned in last month's meeting and newsletter, the first **collection of blankets for Oregon fire victims** (through Barb's nephew who is a teacher in an area where there was major loss) went up last weekend. **We are planning another donation run around November 11.** If you have blankets to donate for that project (including all ages and can be manufactured blankets - new or slightly used), please **contact Barb for drop-off details.** [sjlinus@gmail.com](mailto:sjlinus@gmail.com) / 408-295-2287. If we have extra blankets from our Project Linus donations, we will send some up specifically for children.

More news tomorrow night!  
Hope you can join us. Stay well and happy blanketeeing!

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