

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

San Jose, CA/South Bay Chapter

Hello Blanketeers! Happy Summer! I just wanted to touch base, thank you for your continued support and give you some updates.

First, I recently received these kind emails and wanted to share them with all of you - your work is really appreciated. **Thank you!**

* Hi, Just wanted to say thank you for the beautiful blanket we received in the hospital for my little kid. It was such a lovely surprise . Love, Chelsea

* Thank you so much for providing such beautiful blankets to our families here in the NICU at El Camino. We have always appreciated these blankets and are very grateful for your time and donations of them. Our families are always so grateful and they truly are a treasure for them. El Camino Hospital NICU Staff

* Dear SJ Linus Team, Family Supportive Housing is so grateful to you for your generous donation of blankets! Your donation helps our families know that people care about them. Your donation will help keep our residents warm and toasty! Thank you for your kindness!

Best, Genevie C., Special Projects Assistant, Family Supportive Housing, Inc

There's a new Project Linus Quilt Challenge starting soon - see all the details at the bottom of this newsletter. For our chapter to receive a portion of the challenge fee this time, you will need to respond to an email from Joyful and Merry Quilting (Project Linus National VP Mary Balagna) - you'll need to tell them our chapter name is **South Bay / San Jose, CA chapter**... again, see the sign-up details below and in the video links provided. Quilters - Have fun!!! Looking forward to seeing your quilts.

*** IMPORTANT NEWS *** **For our fleece blanketeers:** Please note that **JoAnn Fabrics** has recently **introduced a new CRAFT fleece product called HAPPY VALUE** (marked \$4/yard) which is the same quality of fabric as the Make It Give It kits which is **NOT up to our standards for blankets (it's quite thin) and should not be used for blanket making**. It will not stand up to all the 'loving' by the children who receive our gifts. Though the price is tempting, please do not use that product for Project Linus blankets as we will not be able to distribute them. Thank you so much for understanding.

Thanks to your generosity this summer we have **received 336 blankets in June and 224 in July and we gave out 882 across those months** (we know it can be challenging to work on blankets when it's so warm... luckily we had some extras in storage). As the summer comes to close, we look forward to having more blankets coming in to help us fill the year round need. **To date, our chapter has provided 125,268 blankets** in support of children in crisis. What a fantastic total!

This month our wonderful team of **blanket baggers and distributors** will be doing their jobs next weekend (a week early to avoid the holiday weekend). Thanks to Elizabeth and Stephen Tang-Kong for their leadership and to all those on the bagging and distribution team for their help with this monthly task.

We hope you have **our next Make a Blanket Day** on your calendar for **Saturday November 2nd (9am-3pm, St Jude's Episcopal Church Cupertino)** - including our 11am meeting/show'n'tell followed by our awesome potluck lunch and of course our "Thank You Raffle" throughout the event. Come join the fun for all day or any part of the session. We plan to have quilt kits, skip-sitich fleece and yarn for your choosing. **REMEMBER - we will need help with set-up on Friday Nov.1 at 1pm as well as clean-up after the event on Saturday.** Please include those on your calendar as well. The more hands the faster it goes! Thank you!

I'm looking for **volunteers to help make our 10-packs (labels and tags) as well as fold our newly updated brochures.** If you are interested in helping with either of these, please email or call me. Thanks.

As the season of fall garage sales approaches, please remember the **we greatly appreciate donations of 100% cotton, flannel and fleece fabrics, batting as well as yarn to share with our blanketeers year round. Gift cards for Jo-Ann Fabrics, Michaels and Meissner Sewing Center as well as monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated too.** If you have access to a corporate matching grants program, it can double or triple your donation. Feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of these opportunities to help. Thanks in advance!

Thanks again for all your help and support to keep our chapter thriving and to provide our blanket gifts to local children in crisis, to help them through challenging times.

Happy Blanketeering all!

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***** Project Linus 2024 Quilt Challenge details *****

Project Linus 2024 Quilt Challenge - Registration is Open

Dear Project Linus Friends,

Registration is now open for the 2024 Project Linus Quilt Challenge and we would be most grateful for your participation!

The Quilt Challenge "Sam's Creative Space Adventure" is a bit different this year, but still a wonderful way to support Project Linus! For \$25 you will receive two (2) patterns as well as detailed step-by-step instructional videos where you can create the quilt of your choice (one pattern is easy and the second pattern is easier). The patterns (yes, there are 2 patterns) are easier than in previous years but still very fun and hopefully you will learn a new skill or two along the way! Sam's Creative Space Adventure" is also very "kid-friendly" yet very versatile, and the pattern as well as the actual quilt can be adapted for a variety of ages, including adults.

This year's challenge is sponsored by Joyful and Merry Quilting. When you click on the Registration Link below, I have made step-by-step videos on the registration page, walking participants through the registration process start to finish.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE REGISTRATION LINK](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER DONATION:

1. After you complete your order, you'll want to look for an email with the subject line, "Project Linus Challenge: Key Details."
2. If you want your donation to benefit a specific Project Linus chapter, you must reply to that email with the name of the chapter you'd like to support. This is essential if you want the funds to go to a particular chapter rather than the national headquarters by default.
3. If you forget to reply, or if you reply to the email after September 30th - your donation will automatically default to Project Linus National HQ.
4. If you are unable to locate the email, (please check Spam, Trash, Junk emails folders) you are welcome to respond manually by emailing mary@joyfulandmerryquilting.com with your chapter preference.
5. The registration period is limited. You can register for the course between September 3 - September 30th. After September 30th this offer will no longer be available.

Thank you for supporting Project Linus!

Mary, Project Linus National VP