

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

San Jose, CA/South Bay Chapter

Greetings Blanketeers! We're looking forward to seeing you **this Saturday, November 2nd (9am-3pm) at our Fall Make A Blanket Day.** Join us at St. Jude's Episcopal Church (20920 McClellan Rd Cupertino) for a fun day of blanket making, good food (**potluck lunch**), our 11am meeting with show-n-tell time (3 or 4 blankets max please), door prizes & freebies and an overall fun time! **We will have all of our donated yarn there, so come get a winter's worth to work on. (We recommend skip-stitching,** and we'll have some fleece to match with yarns, so come early for the best selection. We will also have skip-stitch demos available upon request.) This is your last opportunity to get yarn this year. Come for the whole day or a hour. Quilters bring your sewing machines. Bring your current Project Linus project or pick up a new kit or supplies to start. We will have a couple projects for non-blanket makers too. Hope to see you there!

==> Set-up help needed Friday Nov. 1 Noon! Please come join us at Noon this Friday for an hour or so, to help set up for Make A Blanket Day. The more helpers, the faster it goes! Thanks.

And **we'll also need helpers Saturday for take down,** so please plan to stay a while to help if you can.

PS Remember to bring your empty ink cartridges and small old technology products (eg electronic phones, laptops, iPods, watches). We recycle them all for credit at Staples. (If you have printers, computers, DVD players we can recycle those too - but please **DO NOT** bring them to MABD. See me for details.)

Quilters: If any of you have **quilt tops that are finished or will be finished soon, and you want Barb to quilt them,** please send her the dimensions of each quilt and a description **BEFORE MABD.** . For example, 50" x 60", dragons. This way batting can be cut for your quilt top at MABD. If you have any questions, call Barb at 408-296-2287

Thank you: Dear Project Linus Team, Family Supportive Housing is so grateful to you for your regular generous donation of blankets. Your donation helps our families know that people care about them. Thank you for your kindness and keeping the families comfy! With gratitude, Family Supportive Housing

Sew Days with Sylvie: You may have heard, but Meissner Sewing and Vacuum Center is closing. We thank them for their years of generously offering their classroom space for a weekly Wednesday "sewing" session where many of our blanketeers (quilters and other blanketeers) regularly met for community blanket making time together. I am happy to report that I have been able to secure space at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church (15040 Union Ave San Jose, where we host our annual year end holiday meeting) so we will be able to continue the weekly tradition - **Wednesdays 10am-2pm.** Sylvie will continue to be your contact point for reservation as space is somewhat limited. **Please reach out to**

Sylvie (sylvie_95118@yahoo.com) if you'd like to attend any given week and/or be added to her email list for updates regarding this ongoing opportunity. Thank you Sylvie for hosting this fun work time together.

Fleece blanket makers: Reminder, we will not be able to accept blankets made from the thin 'craft' style fleece (eg JoAnn's Make It, Give It kits or the new Craft Fleece (Happy Value). They just won't stand up to all the lovin' our blankets get - thanks.

==> Helpers needed: Our drop-off site liaisons process lots of blankets that turned in at their locations each month. Sometimes the numbers are manageable and sometimes they get LOTS of blankets. In those times, they need help to get them all ready for bagging by the end of the month. Would you be able to help out with this important part of our mission? We need 5 new folks that can help out in peak times. Please contact me (sjlinus@comcast.net or call 408-252-1858) if you are available to help out or have questions. Thank you so much.

We'll have our October and year-to-date stats for you at the meeting. Hope to see you there.

In the meantime, happy blanketteering and **thank you for supporting Project Linus** and the local children we comfort and serve.

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