

Happy Summer, Blanketeers (and Father's Day)!

We look forward to seeing you at our next Zoom meeting - this coming Tuesday June 23rd at 7pm. We hope you can join us. Feel free to take a photo for your latest favorite blanket and you can share it with us or hold your blanket up to your camera during show'n'tell. Our last meeting was lots of fun and we look forward to this week's. See the Zoom call link/info at the bottom of this email.

Blanket news! As our chapter inches toward 100,000 blankets donated (at last count we're at 98.680), nationally Project Linus has now gifted over 8 MILLION blankets to children in need across the country. That's an awesome number to be a part of and a lot of comfort and support to children who have received our blankets. **THANK YOU** for all you do to help us help others.

I hope you and your family are all staying well and beginning to enjoy the 'reopening' of many local services and locations we've been missing. Many of the agencies that we support are now starting to request blankets so we're distributing blankets we received through our last Make a Blanket Day back in March. They've been safely stored since then so there's definitely no virus issues. And we've been told by multiple medical sources that the virus is not passed via fabric so they are looking forward to getting blankets from us soon.

We'd still appreciate your holding off dropping off your blankets for a couple more weeks. We'll update the website and send an email when we are ready to receive your wonderful donations.

HELP NEEDED NOW: (Help for a few months would be greatly appreciated! Stay on longer if you like...) :-)

1. We are in need of **2 new liaisons** for blanket drop-off locations (JoAnn's Cupertino and Ray's Sewing Center - San Jose). If you can help us out for a few months, please contact me (Sharon - sjlinus@comcast.net or 408-252-1858) ASAP.
2. We're looking for someone who can **help us redo our Facebook page** and open it top to all our members for posting. Please contact me (Sharon) if you can help.
3. Kaiser Santa Clara has changed their delivery process and we are in need of **a new delivery person** (who can lift the bags of 20 blankets) to pick up from Mary's Kelly's house and take them into the Kaiser building once a month. If you are able to help with this, please contact Barb at sjlinus@gmail.com.

We are still collecting empty ink cartridges for the Staples Rewards program which provides most of our supplies for bagging and mailing, etc. Currently our supply is low. You can turn them in to any of our drop-off locations/boxes now or at the same time as you drop off your finished blankets when we reopen for blanket donations. Be sure to double bags them so as to eliminate the chance for any leakage. Thanks!

For the months of **June and July ONLY**, we'd like to request some additional baby blankets. The Minimum size should be 36"X36" of flannel, quilt or knit/crochet (or fleece 36"x 1/2 width of fabric). Once a year or so we run short of baby blankets and this limited time request will help us have a few extra on hand. Please use appropriate patterns/colors for baby blankets (no big-kid, grown up themes.) Similarly, if you're making teen size blankets, please use age appropriate patterns. Lately we've received a number of teen sized blankets that were made with baby-style prints but at 2 yards in length we can't give them to high-schoolers...

Amazon update: Amazon has changed their processes and rules recently and at the moment we are not able to receive donations from them. I'm pursuing a resolution to this, but in the meantime if you'd like to donate through AMAZON SMILE to national Project Linus when you shop at Amazon, you can set that up temporarily to benefit the greater organization. We'll keep you posted on when we are active in their Associates system again.

If you need fleece kits, let me (Sharon) know as we'll have some available at Mary's house and my house soon for pick up. If you need batting, contact Linda Cortez (savsgram@aim.com). If you need quilt kits or fabric for backing, contact Norma Baumannbauman@earthlink.net.

Thank you for being blanketeers and for sharing your talents with little ones in need in our communities.

Hope to see you Tuesday evening on our Zoom call.

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Sharon Lee is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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