

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Tucson, AZ Chapter

Newsletter - July 2023

COORD'S CORNER

I think we are safe to say summer has arrived with a vengeance! Please be safe and smart in this oppressive heat. We have again had a very busy month with blankets and donations still arriving. Our blanket count is down a bit with the winter visitors gone and many away on vacation so while you are sitting inside out of this heat, think about making us a blanket!

A big thank you to Serena for getting the website back up and functioning. She has made some changes so check it out! (www.projectlinustucson.org)

Our national vice president, Mary Balagna, has a podcast on YouTube called joyfulandmerryquilting.com. She is a very talented quilter who has ideas and techniques for everyone. It is Mary who designs the Mystery Quilt each year for the challenge. Check it out!

REMINDERS!!!!

I know the majority of you have heard this a million times but somewhere the message is not getting thru! PLEASE, NO MORE TINY BLANKETS! With newborns arriving at 20 and 21 inches, a blanket that is only 27-30 inches is of no use!! Please be sure your blankets are no smaller than 36" x 36". Also be sure they are a bit more square or rectangular. I really don't have much use for a blanket that is 34" x 54"!! There also seems to be a bit of a

disconnect with the age-appropriate fabrics. I don't think a teenager wants a blanket with Paw Patrol or Clifford the Big Red Dog! Stop and think about the fabrics and prints you are using and the size of blanket you are making...be sure they match! Here is a guideline for the sizes we can use the most:

Baby – nothing smaller than 36" x 36" and nothing much larger than about 40" x 40".

Child – 40" x 40" up to about 45" x 50".

Teen – 45" x 60" up to about 60" x 72".

These are guidelines, not carved in stone and with a bit of wiggle room.

This is what our facilities are asking for. Let's try to give them what they can use. As always, be vigilant for stray pins, wool and wool blends, odors and pet fur.

SIT AND SEW

Although we call this Sit & Sew, we love having all of the knitters, crocheters and fleece blanketeers as well. Bring your current project and a sack lunch and join us at the Elks Club, 1800 N. Oracle Road, from 9:30 until about 2:30.

Future dates:

July 10

August 14

September 11

November 13

December 11

NOTE!!! There will be no October Sit & Sew so that I can go and celebrate my mother's 90th birthday!

MYSTERY QUILT CHALLENGE 2023

National has given us notice that registration for the challenge will begin on August 21st! The first clue will be out by mid-September. I think it will be 8 weeks this year and the cost is still \$20. Be sure to register and name Project Linus Tucson as your recipient!

AVIVA BAG-A-THON

Every year Aviva Children's Services holds an event to make draw-string bags for the foster children they serve. These bags are a bit of dignity to a child who may have lost everything. This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 9th, from 9 to 4 at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6565 E. Broadway. You must register to attend and the number to call for more information is 520-286-3300. They are hoping to make at least 3500 bags this year!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Rene & Project Linus,
Thank you for your donation for our pediatric patients. You make a difference in the lives of our patients and families. We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.
Sincerely,
Child Life Dept. @ Diamond Children's Center

Thank you for your in-kind gift of blankets to Emerge. Your blankets are directly supporting survivors of domestic abuse. We are grateful for your help in providing these much-needed items.

Sincerely,
Josue Romero, Development Manager
Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse

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Thank you for the gift of blankets to Ronald McDonald House! When we receive gifts such as yours, it helps our families cope with a very stressful time in their lives.

Thank you from all of the families whose lives you've made a bit easier.

Kate Maguire Jensen
Ronald McDonald House Charities

MEETING DATES

July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15
Come by the house from 9:30 until about noon on the 3rd Friday of each month...7981 S. Farmview Place.
If you cannot make it on that Friday, please call me to set up a "shopping date". I am always willing to share the donations that have come in!

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