

Greater Boston Chapter Coordinators

Lynne Barberian lost her full-term infant daughter on March 22, 2000. Lynne dedicates her time to Project Linus in loving memory of Rachel Taylor Barberian and all children who have died.

Kathie Interest, mother of Lauren and Darrell, was seeking a way to honor Lauren's memory and caring spirit. Lauren, a teacher, loved to knit and give her creations to others. Project Linus seemed like the perfect way for Kathie to carry on Lauren's legacy of caring about those in need, especially children.

Nancy Kearns lives in Milton and is happy to be the contact for parts of Boston and towns south of Boston. In 2001 her son Chris & his wife Amy lost their infant daughter Olivia at birth. Becoming a part of Project Linus became a wonderful way of turning a devastating event into a way to cheer other families and meet some wonderful, generous people!

After the tragic loss of her niece, Stacey Lyn, Lucy Maiullari and her mother Edith wanted to remember her by donating their time and efforts to a worthy cause. Before her passing in 2006, Edie created hundreds of colorful afghans for Project Linus. She received much pleasure from knowing her time and talent was providing cheer and comfort to ill and traumatized children through her "handmade hugs".

Gloria Mozzicato's son was hospitalized on several occasions in his first three years, at a time when parents were not allowed to stay overnight nor bring blankets or toys from home. Always wishing to find a way to comfort children in that stressful situation, she found her answer in 1998 in Project Linus.

Recipient Locations

American Red Cross
AstraZeneca Hope Lodge
Attleboro Family Shelter
Beacon Hospice
Beth Israel - NICU
Boston Medical Center
Brigham & Women's
Bundles for Babies
Catholic Charities
Pregnancy Help-Lawrence
Caps for Kids with Cancer
Children's Hospital
Cradles to Crayons
Devanna Center
DOVE
DSS
Emerson Hospital & NICU
Floating Hospital
Franciscan Hospital
Friends of the Unborn
G. Laurence Home and
School for Girls
Good Samaritan Hospital
Heartbeat
Hope Lodge
Horizons for Homeless
Children
Italian Home for Children
Lowell General
Lowell Head Start Program
Lynn Economic Opportunity
Mass Coalition for the
Homeless

Mass General Hospital
Melrose/Wakefield Hospital
Metrowest Medical Center
Milton Foundation
Milton Hospital
My Brother's Keeper
NE Medical Center
Newton Wellesley Hospital
North Shore Childrens
Old Colony Hospice
PACT Police Action
Counseling Team
Project Hope
Proton Beam Clinic - MGH
Renewal House
Ronald McDonald House
Room to Grow
Sandra's Lodge
Shriner's Burn Institute
South Shore Hospital
Spaulding Rehabilitation
St. Elizabeth's Hospital
St. Mary's Women & Infant
Center
St. Vincent De Paul Society
TAPS
The Home for Little
Wanderers
The Rainbow Program
Toys for Tots
Winchester Hospital – NICU
& Pediatrics

Some of the most touching moments are when we give your blankets to individual children or families that we hear about either by personal knowledge or read about in the newspaper. If you know of a child in need of a handmade hug, please contact us!

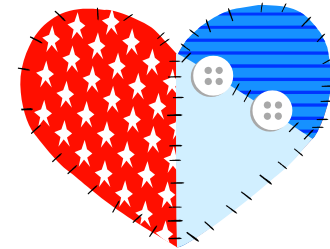


*"The best kind of sleep under heaven above,
is under a blanket handmade with love."*

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What is Project Linus?

Project Linus began in 1995 after Karen Loucks was inspired to make blankets for her local children's cancer center. Since then, Project Linus has expanded to include children who are seriously ill or traumatized in many ways.

Greater Boston Chapter

The Greater Boston Chapter is in need of new handmade blankets to donate to children at local area hospitals and other children in need of comfort.

Please contact Lynne, Kathie, Gloria, Lucy or Nancy for more information on drop-off locations. Also, feel free to call with any questions or suggestions.

Although most of the blankets donated to the Greater Boston Chapter stay with local children, sometimes we do send blankets to other chapters. For example, we sent blankets to 9/11 families and Hurricane Katrina victims. Look at the numbers below – our blanketweavers are amazing! Thank you!

Summary of Greater Boston Chapter as of February 2010

<u>Year</u>	<u># of Blankets</u>
2001	2,006
2002	3,248
2003	3,525
2004	4,307
2005	3,891
2006	4,138
2007	4,065
2008	3,711
2009	3,426
2010	174
Grand Total	<u>32,491</u>

Over 3,011,000 blankets delivered nationally!

How Can You Help?

Donate a handmade blanket.

Please see "Blanket Guidelines" for details.

Donate supplies.

Donate fabric, yarn, thread, batting, thank you notes, postage stamps, paper, gift certificates to craft or office supply stores, etc.

Deliver blankets.

We need people to deliver blankets to hospitals or other recipients. Please contact us if you are able to help!

Tax-Deductible Contributions.

Monetary contributions and memorial donations help defray the costs of our 100% volunteer effort.

Please Note

Blankets with a smell of smoke or strong chemicals (even perfumed fabric softeners), or pet hair on them may produce a severe allergic reaction in the children, so we cannot accept them. Unfortunately, washing these blankets does not always solve the problem.



Recommended Blanket Sizes *(measurements are approximate)*

Baby - 36" x 36"
Child - 40" x 60"
Teen - 45" x 72"

Blanket Guidelines:

DO Make blankets from NEW, CLEAN, WASHABLE materials in infant, child or teen friendly colors. Remember, these blankets are meant to be colorful, and cheerful.

DO Crochet, knit, quilt, or tie your blankets.

DO Make blankets from 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece, or acrylic yarn.

DO Secure the batting into outer seams and if the blanket is tied, please anchor it every 4-6 inches. We don't want it to fall apart the first time it's washed.

DO Weave in all yarn ends on crocheted and knitted blankets.

DO Check your blanket carefully for straight pins! It's better you find that pin and not the child who receives your blanket.

DO Provide your name and address.

DO NOT Attach buttons or similar decorative items to a blanket. They can be a choking hazard to children.

Fleece blankets are very popular, but should be made of only a single layer of fabric. There are many easy ways to finish blankets. After trimming the selvage edges, you may machine stitch a decorative edging, make a blanket stitch or crochet an edge in contrasting color. Edges may also be finished with wavy blade rotary cutters, pinking shears, or simply cut a decorative fringe. The fringe should be no longer than 2 to 3 inches and may be cut in points or different lengths. **Important:** If you wish to knot the fringe, knot each piece loosely to itself (not to the next piece of fringe) or knot every other piece. This allows the blanket to lie flat.

We appreciate your time and talents!