

Drop off Locations

JOANN FABRICS Stores:

**Brockton, Billerica, Burlington,
Middleton, Natick, Saugus, Westford and
Tyngsboro***

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CREATIVE WAREHOUSE - Needham Heights

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FROM THE HEART QUILTS - West Newbury

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MARBLEHEAD KNITS - Marblehead

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Nancy Kearns Milton 617-333-3215
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Laura Parisi Newburyport 978-808-6669
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True North Kitchen and Bar c/o Janet Campbell
N. Weymouth 339-201-7841

South Shore Community Action c/o Brenda Green
Plymouth 508-747-7575 x 6223

Wakefield/Lynnfield Methodist Church - Deb Bry
Wakefield 781-521-9726
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Becky Curtiss Watertown 617-872-8254

*Blankets dropped off at this location are picked up by our colleagues in the Southwest New Hampshire Chapter of Project Linus.

Sample Recipient Agencies & Hospitals

AMR-Nashua/ Manchester
Attleboro Family Shelter
Beth Israel - NICU
Boston Medical Center
Brigham & Women's
Bundles for Babies
Cambridge Family &
Children's Services
Care Dimensions
Carolina Hill
Catholic Charities
Children's Hospital
Cradles for Crayons
Dana-Farber Cancer Inst
Debbie's Treasure Chest
Dimmock Center
DSS
Emerson Hospital & NICU
Franciscan Hospital
Good Samaritan Hospital
Heartbeat
HELPIS
Home for Little Wanderers
Household Goods
Horizons for Homeless
Children
House of Hope
Jeanne Geiger Crisis Ctr
Knitting 4 Peace
Lowell General
Lowell Head Start Program
Lowell House
Lucy's Love Bus
Lynn Economic Opportunity
Lynn Rapid Response
Network
Mass Coalition for the
Homeless
Massachusetts Down
Syndrome Council
Mass General Hospital

Mass General Hospital
Melrose/Wakefield Hospital
Metro West Medical Center
Middlesex Cnty DA's Office
Milton Foundation
Milton Hospital
Mission of Deeds
My Brother's Keeper
New England Medical Ctr.
New England Pediatric Care
Newton Head Start
Newton Wellesley Hospital
North Shore Medical Ctr
Open Door Ipswich
Community Food Pantry
Parklane Medical-Derry NH
Project Hope
Salvation Army
Shriner's Burn Institute
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
South Shore Hospital
Spaulding Rehabilitation
St. Elizabeth's Hospital
St. Mary's Women & Infant
Center
St. Vincent De Paul Society
TAPS
The Boston House
The Home for Little
Wanderers
The Wish Project
Thom Charles River Early
Intervention
Tufts Children's Hospital
Waltham Creative Start
Wellspring House
Winchester Hospital ER
Yawkey Family Inn
(Children's Hospital)
YMCA of Greater Boston
Youth Villages

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."*

Project Linus

Greater Boston Chapter



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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 to other children in need of comfort.

Please contact Nancy or Dianne 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 blanketeers are amazing! Thank you!

Blanket totals - as of January 2021

Nationally since 1995 - Over 8 million

Greater Boston Chapter, since 2001 -
Over 79,900

How You Can Help

Donate a handmade blanket.

Please see "Blanket Guidelines" for details.

Pick up blankets from one of our drop-off locations.

Sew labels on donated blankets.

Deliver blankets.

We need people to deliver blankets to hospitals or other recipients.

Become a drop off location or Chapter Assistant! Call for more details!

Donate supplies.

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

Make a Tax-Deductible Contribution.

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

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Blankets with the smell of smoke or strong chemicals (even perfumed fabric softeners) or have pet hair on them may cause a severe allergic reaction for children, so **we cannot accept them!** Please wash your blankets before bringing them to one of our drop-off locations. Thank you!



Recommended Blanket Sizes

(measurements are approximate)

36" x 36" (baby)

40" x 60" (child)

45" x 70" (teen)

66" x 90" (twin bed)

We appreciate your time and talents

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 Make SURE your blankets are clean. **We cannot accept blankets with pet hair** or the smell of smoke or perfume on them.

DO Secure the batting into outer seams. If blanket is tied, please anchor it every 4-6 inches, so it doesn't fall apart when 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 Let us know your name & address so we can thank you. Please include a note when delivering a blanket. Simply safety-pin a small piece of paper to your blanket or include a note in the bag you drop-off.

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

DO Construct your blanket so it lies flat.

FLEECE BLANKETS - Please make these with only a single layer of fabric, and be sure to cut off the selvages before you begin. If you include fringes, please make them no more than 4 inches long. Want to knot your fringes? Great! But please do not make bulky knots. Try simply knotting each fringe loosely to itself or to the adjacent fringe, so the blanket can lie flat.

**** A HUGE THANK YOU to ALL blanket makers! Your creations bring love and comfort to children. ****

