

## Drop off Locations

### **JOANN FABRICS Stores:**

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

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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**

Rosemary O'Brien Dorchester 617-282-5260

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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  
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Becky Curtiss Watertown 617-872-8254

## Sample Recipient Agencies & Hospitals

Anna Jaques Hospital  
Attleboro Family Shelter  
Beth Israel - NICU  
Boston Medical Center  
Brigham & Women's Hospital  
Bundles for Babies  
Cambridge Family &  
Children's Services  
Carolina Hill  
Catholic Charities  
Children's Hospital  
Cradles to Crayons  
Dana-Farber Cancer Inst  
Debbie's Treasure Chest  
Dimmock Center  
DSS  
Emerson Hospital  
Franciscan Children's 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 Rapid Response  
Network  
Mass. Coalition for the  
Homeless  
Massachusetts Down  
Syndrome Council  
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  
Project Hope  
Salvation Army  
Shriners' Burn Center  
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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**National Website:** [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org)



## 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.

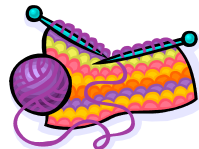
Donate fabric, yarn, thread, batting, thank you notes, postage stamps, gift certificates to craft or office supply stores, etc.

### 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. \*\***

