

## Drop off Locations

**JOANN FABRICS Stores:**  
**Billerica, Burlington, Hanover**  
**Middleton, Natick, Saugus, and Westford**  
+  
**CREATIVE WAREHOUSE - Needham Heights**  
+  
**FROM THE HEART QUILTS - West Newbury**  
**SOUTH END YARN SHOP – Newburyport**  
**RED BARN SEWING AND YARN CENTER – Merrimack**

Rosemary O'Brien Dorchester 617-282-5260

Meredith Edelstein Beverly 978-387-5187

Patti Lashoto Foxboro 508-944-9640

Tina Simpson Littleton 508-265-2950

Eileen Friedland Marshfield 781-834-7062

Coco Early Real Estate  
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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  
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Becky Curtiss Watertown 617-872-8254

## Sample Recipient Agencies & Hospitals

Anna Jaques Hospital	Mass. General Hospital
Attleboro Family Shelter	Melrose/Wakefield Hospital
Beth Israel - NICU	Metro West Medical Center
Boston Medical Center	Milton Foundation
Brigham & Women's Hospital	Milton Hospital
Cambridge Family & Children's Services	Mission of Deeds
Carolina Hill	My Brother's Keeper
Catholic Charities	New England Medical Ctr.
Children's Hospital	New England Pediatric Care
Dana-Farber Cancer Inst	Newton Head Start
Debbie's Treasure Chest	Newton Wellesley Hospital
Dimmock Center	North Shore Medical Ctr
DSS	Open Door Ipswich Community Food Pantry
Emerson Hospital	Project Hope
Franciscan Children's Hospital	Salvation Army
Heartbeat	Shriners' Burn Center
HELPIS	Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Home for Little Wanderers	South Shore Hospital
Horizons for Homeless Children	Spaulding Rehabilitation
House of Hope	St. Mary's Women & Infant Center
Jeanne Geiger Crisis Ctr	TAPS
Lowell General	The Boston House
Lowell Head Start Program	The Wish Project
Lowell House	Tufts Children's Hospital
Lucy's Love Bus	Waltham Creative Start
Lynn Rapid Response Network	Wellspring House
Mass. Coalition for the Homeless	Winchester Hospital ER
Massachusetts Down Syndrome Council	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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## Blanket Guidelines:

### 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 victims of natural disasters such as floods. Look at the numbers below – our blanket makers are amazing! Thank you!

### Blanket totals - as of March 2024

Nationally since 1995 - Over 9 million

Greater Boston Chapter, since 2001 -  
Over 97,000

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

### 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 (especially 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)

**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 contact information 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 (white border with lettering) before you begin. Want to knot your fringes? Great! But please do not make bulky knots. Try simply knotting each fringe loosely to itself so the blanket can lie flat.

**No sew blanket instructions:**

[https://www.projectlinus.org/pdf/No\\_Sew\\_Fleece\\_Blanket\\_%231.pdf](https://www.projectlinus.org/pdf/No_Sew_Fleece_Blanket_%231.pdf)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8\\_qRlu5Aq0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8_qRlu5Aq0)