



Blanketing Central Texas

The Mission of The Linus Connection is to provide a handmade Security blanket to every child who is in crisis or at-risk situation in Central Texas

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A Note from Steph

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is looking forward to a wonderful year in 2007, I know I am.

Once the craziness of the holiday season is over, I think we all get in the mood to dig through our fabric stashes and yarn baskets and get started on new projects - maybe for you it's the quilt pattern you pulled from a magazine so many months ago, or the different color yarn you took from the Linus buckets. I took a look this morning and found that I am currently 'working' on four different projects. With my resolution to finish everything I start this year, I had better get back to work!

Second Annual Blanket Challenge

The Linus Connection Second Annual Blanket Challenge took place Saturday, December 16 and was a great success! As usual there were many so many wonderful blankets it was hard for everyone to choose a favorite. There were 2 blanket categories again this year: fabric quilts and yarn blankets. Three viewers' choices awards were presented: Favorite Quilt, Favorite Yarn Blanket, and Kids Choice.

The Quilt Award, a \$100 Gift Certificate to the *Honey Bee Quilt Shop*, went to **Martha Good** for her Cowboy Boot Quilt

The Yarn Award, a \$100 Gift Certificate from the *Bluebonnet Yarn Shoppe*, went to **Anne Ellison** for her Moon & Stars blanket.

The Kids Visitor Choice Award, a \$100 Gift Certificate to *Wal-Mart* went to **Keith Brown** for her beautiful yellow fan blanket.

Please be sure to visit the Linus Connection website to see pictures of all of the wonderful Challenge Blankets at www.linusconnection.org/Challenge.

Blanket Report

Blankets Delivered Previous Quarter

Protective Services	347
Grief Support	55
Medical / Hospital	524
Shelters	161
Victims Assistance	0
Total Blankets in 4th Quarter	1,087

Blankets Delivered in 2006

Protective Services	1,200
Grief Support	245
Medical / Hospital	2,121
Shelters	452
Victims Assistance	85
Total Blankets in 2006	4,103

Monthly Show & Tell and Demonstrations

We will continue to have Show and Tell at 10 a.m. during the monthly meetings.

After Show and Tell we will have a demonstration of a favorite pattern or a quilting technique. Patterns will be provided after the demonstration. Anyone wishing to demonstrate a favorite pattern or technique please contact Ellen Dutkiewicz at 869-7616 or email redutkie@texas.net

February Bowtie Quilt by Dee Yetter

March Open

April Open

Honey Bee Work Day

A small but dedicated group of volunteers met at Honey Bee last weekend. They put together a half a dozen tops, quilted a number of them and also put together many new kits. Fun was had by all!

Upcoming Blanket Meetings

All Monthly meetings will continue to be at St. Phillips Church in Round Rock from 9 a.m. - noon on the third Saturday of Each month. The next three dates are:

* February 17th

* March 17th

* April 21st

If you would like to attend, but do not have transportation, please contact us and we will do our best to arrange a ride.

2006 Donors

The following is a list of businesses from who we received donations in 2006. Please be sure to thank the store managers when you shop at these locations so they will know how much their support is appreciated:

- * Wal-Mart, Round Rock on 620N
- * Bluebonnet Yarn Shoppe, Cedar Park
- * Honey Bee Quilt Store, Austin
- * Joann's Fabric Store, 183 location

Babysitters

The wonderful Campfire girls who have been providing babysitting for our monthly meetings will no longer be able to help us. If you know of a group of young people who would like to do community service, please let them know of this opportunity and have them contact Stephanie at 266-9305 or Stephanie@LinusConnection.org.

Central / South Drop off Location

We are in dire need of a Central / South Austin drop-off location for blankets and donated materials. We have found over the years that the best drop-off locations tend to be stores. These work because they are open at regular times, they are easy for members to find, and the location is secure so people feel comfortable leaving the items. If you know of a store you think would be appropriate and please either ask for their help or give the information to Stephanie and we will contact them.

Board of Directors

Your current Board of Directors and their responsibilities are:

Stephanie Sabatini - Executive Director

Ellen Dutkiewicz - Show & Tell, Monthly Demonstrations and Library.

Debbie Keller - Quilt Guild liaison

Marge Lentricchia - Quilt Machine and non-profit expert

Marge Swearingen - Batting manager and Georgetown contact

Dee Yetter - Newsletter, yarn purchase and Monthly Meeting Setup.

Please feel free to contact anyone about the above categories if you have any questions, suggestions or if you would like to volunteer to help.