



The Quarterly Newsletter
of The Linus Connection

Blanketing Central Texas

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

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ANNUAL OCTOBER CELEBRATION

Come one come all to our Annual Celebration!
As usual, we will be celebrating our anniversary at the October meeting with lots of fun, friendship and food!

We will again invite representatives from all of the donation facilities who will share their stories about the children they serve with us.

During the meeting we will also be displaying all of the blankets turned in for the 4th Annual Blanket Challenge (detailed below).

BLANKET CHALLENGE

The finish of the Annual Blanket Challenge will soon be upon us. For the Quilters, Charm Squares have been furnished and for the Crocheters/Knitters a variegated yarn.

Since we are low on cash donations this year, each challenge prize this year will be \$50, instead of the \$100 we have had in previous years. We will again have a third prize this year: the category is "Best Use of Color". This will be applicable for both types of challenge blankets; fabric and yarn.

GOOD LUCK LADIES!!

HONEY BEE WORK DAY

There was another very successful quilt making day at Honey Bee on August 30. Not quite as big a crowd this time, but everyone sewed, sewed and sewed. We managed to make 12 quilt tops. Then off they went to Marge for her to quilt for us.

NEW DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

The Quilt Store in Austin has graciously offered to be a drop-off location for any and all Linus Connection blankets. They are located at 2700 Anderson Lane in Suite #301 and are open Monday - Saturday. 10am - 5pm. Please make sure your blankets are labeled clearly for **The Linus Connection** as they do collect for a number of different groups. Please stop by if you have a chance and say thanks to Lori and her crew for supporting TLC!

Also as a reminder, Margarite Holt, owner of the Hill Country Bookstore on the square in Georgetown, graciously agreed to be a new collection site a couple of months ago. The bookstore is open Monday-Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm, Sunday, 1 - 5 pm. If you are in the Georgetown area, stop by the wonderful Hill Country Bookstore, and make sure you tell them TLC sent you!

BLANKET DONATIONS

We've had several groups of young ladies make some quilts for Linus Connection. One group of young ladies who call themselves the "Charity Girls" donated some blankets that they had made. They are from Old Town Elementary School. Another group of young ladies are from the Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ.

Thank you girls they are wonderful. A young child will cherish each of your blankets!

BLANKET COUNTS

Below is a summary of the blankets we have donated this year. Well done everyone!!

<u>Type</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Foster Care/Protective Services	1,280
Grief Support	100
Medical/Hospital	1,237
Shelters	380
Victims Assistance & Individuals	253
Distributed This Year	3,250
Distributed To Date	28,562

KINGSLAND LINUS GROUP

Not sure that everyone is aware of the fact that there is a large and thriving Linus Connection Group that works out of Kingsland. These ladies gather their own fabric and yarn donations. We send them the labels to sew on their blankets, they do the rest themselves. Here is a little information that they put out in August to their members:

This has been a very busy month for LINUS. We distributed 64 blankets this month. 45 went to the Children's Advocacy Center in Burnet, 5 to CASA in Kingsland, 10 to the Crisis Center in Marble Falls and 4 to the First United Methodist Church Assistance Program in Marble Falls.

Our total to date this year is 334 blankets. Thank you all for your continuing dedication despite the record heat.

Edee Walters

TWO OF OUR OWN HOSPITALIZED

Jackie Kaufman was in the hospital for surgery. She is now home and doing well.

Rehka Nadkami was hospitalized to repair a heart valve and had a pacemaker put in. She is also home and doing well.

Ladies feel better, we hope to see you back at Linus soon!

MONTHLY DEMOS and SHOW & TELL

We will continue with our Monthly Show and Tell at 10 a.m. at the monthly meetings. After Show and Tell we will have a demonstration of blanket making techniques. 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 her at redutkie@texas.net. So far we don't have anyone volunteering for the next 3 meetings!

LINUS CONNECTION WEBSITE

Jennifer is our website master and what a wonderful job she does. You can view our Newsletters, and pictures of our "Show and Tell" quilts. There are links to various patterns, quilting as well as crochet and knitting patterns, upcoming events and FAQs.

Jennifer has also established a "Yahoo Group" for Linus, you can also join that from the homepage on the website. From the Yahoo Group you can post messages or questions and all of the members will see this and can answer you. It's a great tool!

Don't forget to visit the Linus website often!

www.linusconnection.org.

UPCOMING BLANKET MEETINGS

All Monthly meetings will continue to be at St. Phillips Church in Round Rock from 9 a.m. -11:30 on the third Saturday of each month. The next three dates are:

- * Sept. 20th
- * Oct. 18th
- * Nov. 15th
- * Dec. 20th

PLACES TO DROP OFF YOUR BLANKETS

Georgetown. - Hill Country Bookstore

NW Austin - Honey Bee Quilt Store

Austin - The Quilt Store

Round Rock - St. Philips Methodist Church

Cedar Park - Bluebonnet Yarn Shoppe

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