

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

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Montgomery County, MD Chapter

What is Project Linus ?

Project Linus is a nationwide non-profit organization dedicated to donating handmade blankets for newborn to 18-year-old children in need of comfort. There are many chapters throughout the country. *The Montgomery County chapter accepts blankets from individuals or groups. We bring them to Montgomery County organizations, such as local family shelters, hospitals, and other places serving children who have experienced trauma.* The chapter also provides service opportunities for Montgomery County youth.

Please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- ♥ All blankets must be handcrafted, in cheerful child-friendly colors and patterns:
 - Knitted or crocheted
 - Quilts / comforters
 - Flannel / fleece
 - No-sew fleece blankets (**ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS – ONLY SINGLE-LAYER, NO KNOTS, PLEASE**)
- ♥ When making fleece blankets, please read the instructions carefully. In particular:
 - Be sure to cut off the **selvage edges** of **both sides** of the fleece **before** beginning.
 - Use a **single layer** of fleece in a child-friendly pattern.
 - **Please, please** use the “slit” method in the instructions -- no knots !! In some medical environments, knots can present a serious problem. They also make the blankets wear out faster, and they won't fold flat.
- ♥ All blankets **must** be washable. Hence **wool yarn**, which shrinks in the dryer and is also an allergy problem for many, is not preferred.
- ♥ Don't attach anything to the blanket--no buttons or anything that could be a swallowing hazard.
- ♥ All blankets must be free of odors. We cannot accept any blanket made in a smoking environment.
- ♥ If the blanket is made in a house that has pets, please wash the blanket and place in a plastic bag.

When does the chapter meet?

The chapter normally meets monthly on a Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Wood Middle School cafeteria, from September through June. There are also meetings later in the month, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Baker Middle School cafeteria, from October through April. **Please bookmark the dates below.** Our FaceBook page (<https://www.facebook.com/projectlinus.mc>), website (<http://www.tinyurl.com/projectlinusmcmd>), and Montgomery County Volunteer Center website (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/>) always have the latest info. During July and August, we don't meet in person but continue to collect and distribute blankets. At our meetings, we make fleece blankets; share chapter news and events; teach knitting/crocheting to folks who would like to learn; exchange fabric, yarn and other supplies; and show off our latest blanket creations. You do **not** have to pre-register to come to a meeting – you can just show up. You don't have to bring anything – supplies are provided.

Meetings at Wood MS: 9/8/25, 10/6/25, 11/3/25, 12/1/25, 1/5/26, 2/2/26, 3/2/26, 4/13/26, 5/4/26, 6/1/26.

Meetings at Baker MS: 10/20/25, 11/17/25, 12/15/25, 1/12/26, 2/9/26, 3/16/26, 4/20/26.

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Can students in Montgomery County Public Schools receive Student Service Learning (SSL) hours?

Yes! We eagerly welcome help from students and are happy to help with the SSL process. Contact the email address below for details. We provide SSL hours at all our meetings and virtually for blankets made at home.

Where should I take the blankets I have made ?

Blankets may be dropped off at the following locations. We are seeking additional dropoff locations also.

- Oasis Hair Salon (in Wintergreen Plaza in Rockville)
- Coordinator's house, 13401 Crispin Way, Rockville (please email, call or text so we know to pick it up)
- Woolwinders, 404 King Farm Blvd, Rockville

Please include your name and address (mailing and email) in each bag.

We will be happy to pick up completed blankets. Please email projectlinus.mc@gmail.com to schedule.

How can I donate or volunteer to help Project Linus ?

We gratefully accept donations year-round. All donated funds are used to buy fleece and supplies. Donate at our national organization web site, www.projectlinus.org, and click Donate. **Please write "Montgomery County Maryland chapter" in the comments section;** that way, your donation will be earmarked specifically for our local chapter. We also accept donations of quilting fabric, sewing supplies, and yarn.

Where do we deliver the blankets ?

We provide blankets through partner organizations, such as Shady Grove and Holy Cross Hospitals, several shelters, A Wider Circle, Montgomery County's Health and Social Services Program, MCPS, and many others. We also provide blankets to first responders, refugee assistance, Gold Star families, and disaster relief.

Do you provide materials?

We have yarn and quilting fabric for volunteers to use; please contact us. We provide fleece at our own meetings, but we typically cannot provide fleece for home use or for use by other organizations.

Can you help me hold a blanket-making event with my scout troop, church group, or other organization?

We'd love to help; please contact us. We will loan templates, instruction sheets and scissors, and we will cut fleece into pieces ready for use. Often, we can send a volunteer to help answer questions and coordinate the event. We ask organizations sponsoring an event to either purchase the fleece themselves or reimburse us for the cost of the fleece, as their contribution. The web site <http://www.tinyurl.com/projectlinusmcmd> has more details, and feel free to call or email us.

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