

How you can help

Become a Blanketeer

Make a blanket, quilt or afghan and donate it to the Western Arkansas chapter. We will deliver your blanket to a child in need in Crawford and Sebastian counties in Arkansas and LeFlore county in Oklahoma.

Become a Drop-off site

Drop-off sites are local businesses or community areas that are convenient for our Blanketeers and donors to drop off their donations. Volunteers will come and pick up those items on a regular basis.

Donate your Time

- Organize a Make a Blanket Day
- Pick up donated blankets
- Deliver finished blankets

Donate Other Gifts

- Fabric and yarn that are new, unused, washable and free of smoke and pet hair are welcome
- We prefer cotton and flannel fabrics, and we also accept fleece that is at least 1.5 yards long
- Monetary gifts are used for fabric, fleece, yarn, scissors, and labels

Calling all Blanketeers!

Who are Blanketeers?

Youth groups Individuals
Scout troops Sewing guilds
Community service groups

Anyone who likes to sew, quilt, knit, crochet, or tie fleece!

Drop-off Sites

- Central Sewing Center (Fort Smith)
- Crooked Creek Quilt Shop (Greenwood)
- Dot's Quilt Shop (Poteau)
- Monthly work day

Recipients include children at

- Hamilton Center
- Next Step Homeless Services
- Community Rescue Mission
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Ft Smith
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Greenwood
- Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center
- 1st Choice Pregnancy Center
- 188th Airman & Family Readiness
- 100 Families of Crawford County
- Mercy NICU
- Individual families

**The more blankets we collect,
the more children we support!**

Project Linus

Western Arkansas Chapter
Serving Crawford & Sebastian Counties

Our Mission

Provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets lovingly created by volunteer "Blanketeers"

Provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities



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Blanket Guidelines

New, Handmade, Washable

We accept handmade quilts, blankets and afghans for children up to 18 years old. They should be crafted from age-appropriate fabric or yarn and contain no buttons or decorations. Low loft batting is preferred, and finished blankets should be able to withstand frequent washing.

Recommended Sizes

Baby	36"x36" or larger
6-12 yrs old	40"x60"
13-18 yrs old	45"x72"

Recommended Fleece Yardage

6-12 yrs old	1.5 yards per layer
13-18 yrs old	2 yards per layer

Afghans

- Use small crochet hooks or knitting needles and soft baby yarn
- Weave in all yarn ends
- Must be washable

Quilts

- Make from cotton or flannel
- Secure batting by tying or quilting every 4"

Fleece Guidelines

Preparing the Fleece

- Cut off all selvages
- Cut out corners before cutting fringe
- Cut fringe straight and consistently, all the same length, and all the same width
- If more than one person is cutting fringe, be everyone cuts the same length and width

Single-layer fleece blankets without knots are for our 6–18-year-old hospital children, and knotted fleece (single or double layer) blankets can be shared with our other children.

We don't share knotted blankets with hospitals because knots can get caught in tubing, wiring and bed rails. They can be uncomfortable for children to lay on as well.

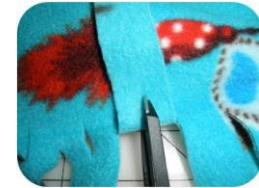
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Single Layer Fleece

Pulled-Through Edge

- Cut 4" squares from corners
- Make 4" deep cuts, 1" apart from each other, all of the way around.
- Fold each strip up to where it meets the body of the blanket. Cut a small hole in the middle of the strip.
- Pull the strip through the hole and tighten. Repeat all the way around.



Double Layer Fleece

Looped Edge

- Cut 6" squares from corners
- Make 6" deep cuts, 1" apart from each other, all of the way around.
- Keeping both layers of fabric together, loop the tab to the right and then over itself.
- Come back through the hole and tighten.

