## LINUS PROJECT



This current work-in-process is from the Project Linus crochet along which can be found on their website. The pattern costs \$15 and benefits Project Linus. Each week a new "clue" is released.

Photo by Rachel Courtney

## Providing security through blankets

I've been making blankets for Project Linus since 2000 when I first learned to



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crochet. I have made quilts, fleece and flannel blankets, and of course, crocheted ones. I have had the great fortune to have individuals donate bins and bins of yarn to me (not high-quality weaving yarn!) and have rarely had to make an

investment to find materials to work with. I estimate that I've made at least 200 blankets for Project Linus over the years and love the group.

Project Linus takes donations of new, clean blankets and gets them to organizations such as women's shelters, hospitals, police and fire departments and other organizations which connect with kids in trauma situations. Those groups then deliver blankets to kids age birth to 18 years old. Blankets can give comfort in a moment of discomfort and knowing what work this group does has motivated me to tell everyone about it. It also gives me an oppor-



## Make a Blanket Day

THIRD SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY

Begun in response to the tragedy of Columbine High Hchool in Denver, Colorado, this is the organization's national day to bring awareness to the needs of children in our communities.

tunity to create and be helpful as well as to have a place for my creations to go.

Locally, I have met with the Chapter President for drop off (and pickup when she gave me 3 garbage bags full of yarn!). Belinda C. covers Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant and Okanogan counties and can be contacted at (509) 754-3792. Other information and chapters can be found at projectlinus.org.

Do you participate in a non-profit charity that assists members of the community? Contact the guild at amsw98801@gmail.com.