

## COMMUNITY

# Blankets no small *Peanuts* for seriously ill children

Project Linus is an organization of volunteers providing handmade blankets to seriously ill or traumatized children.

The project takes its name from Linus, the blanket-toting character in the *Peanuts* cartoon strip, and was founded in Denver by Karen Loucks-Baker in 1995.

Marie Lindgren, who heads the local chapter of Project Linus, was inspired by an article which appeared in the newspaper about a woman named Rona Kleiman who was organizing blankets for sick

children in hospitals across the GTA. She felt there was a need for these handmade blankets for the children in York Region hospitals as well.

York County Hospital is waiting for final approval from the health services restructuring committee to be named the Regional Pediatrics Centre.

York Central Hospital has one of the busiest emergency rooms in the area.

Both hospitals believe this project to be very beneficial for the

children, and good for the community. Markham Stouffville Hospital is also receiving blankets.

To keep the project strong the project is looking for volunteers who like to knit, crochet, quilt or weave blankets.

Any pattern, any size that does not exceed 40" X 60", and any colour as long as it's washable and appeals to children.

### Blankets labeled with TLC

Donations of yarn also help supply some of the volunteers. Each

blanket will be labeled with the words "Made with Tender Loving Care for Project Linus", and tagged with the crafter's name.

Blankets and/or supplies can be dropped off at Markville Shopping Centre in Markham; Stouffville IDA Pharmacy at 6212 Main St. in Whitchurch-Stouffville, the York Region District School Board office at 60 Wellington St. W. in Aurora; the Hill Knittery at Yonge Street and Elgin Mills Road in Richmond Hill; and Lewiscraft stores in the Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket.

All donations should be labeled with the crafter's name and address or telephone number so the organization can thank you for your generosity.

To the many special people who have donated both their time and materials, and to the volunteers whose talents have created some wonderful blankets,

Project Linus volunteers want to express sincere thanks on behalf of the children and from the group.

For more information call Marie Lindgren at (905) 898-2023.

## Organizations seeking volunteers

### Helpline needs staff

Women's Sexual Assault Helpline needs volunteers to staff its 24-hour helpline.

Training runs until June 18 during the day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. three days a week, plus one Saturday.

Call (905) 895-3646.

### CAS seeks help

Children's Aid Society of York Region is seeking mature volunteers to assist with child-care, special friends, clerical and driving.

If you are 18 plus, and concerned for children, call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at (905) 884-3839.

### UNICEF will train

UNICEF Ontario is looking for an individual or group of volunteers in the Whitchurch-Stouffville area to help with marketing Halloween or youth programs for the coming season. No experience necessary and UNICEF will train you. Call Tim at (416) 487-4153.

### CHATS needs leaders

Community Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) needs leaders for its annual mall walk "A Walk Among Friends" coming on Sunday, Oct. 24.

For info on becoming part of this volunteer group call Jim at 1-800-860-0922.

## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

VON York Branch  
to be held on  
Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1999  
at 3190 Steeles Ave. E.  
Markham, Ontario  
at 5:00 pm.

Please RSVP by  
Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to  
Jennifer at  
905-477-2755 Ext. 239  
if you will be attending



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