

Project Linus Newsletter

Frederick County MD Chapter



SPOTLIGHT SERIES

The spotlight series is to celebrate and get to know our Blanketeers and members who give so much of their time, money, and love to help the children in our community.

The first member in the spotlight is our Chapter Coordinator, Lisa Kimble.

Lisa was born in Clarksburg WV and moved to Morgantown WV at age 1 with her mother, brother and two sisters. She has degrees from West Virginia University, Frederick Community College, and Howard University. In 1992 she moved to Inwood WV to be closer to her sister. She went to work in the ER of Winchester Medical Center where she met her husband Steve and they moved to Maryland in 1994 when he was offered a job with the Dept. of Homeland Security in Washington, DC.

They resided in Germantown for 3 years where she worked at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital's ER as a Tech and Unit Secretary until 1997 when they decided to move to Frederick County and Middletown became their home.

In 1995 she began working at Frederick Memorial Hospital (FMH) where she's held several positions from Supervisor, Manager, Trainer, IT Analyst &



Department Systems Liaison. After 10 years at FMH she decided she needed a change so in 2005 went back to work on the clinical side of healthcare and began working at Adventist Healthcare with the Chief Quality and Integrity Officer.

After 4 years of driving to Rockville, she decided to continue her education and upon graduation accepted a FT position managing the Charge Master within Finance at FMH where she works today.

When she's not working, coordinating Project Linus or selling her jewelry, she enjoys walking her dog, traveling with her husband, Zumba and spending time with family and friends.



**Blanket Making
Day Schedule**

10am-1pm

**Middletown United
Methodist Church**

April 6
May 4
June 1
July 6
August 3
September 7
October 5
November 9
December 14

*"The best kind of
sleep under heaven
above, is under a
blanket handmade
with love"*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 6 & May 4** – Blanket Making Day
- **May 5** – Fundraiser at the AR Workshop in Frederick. Space is limited register at [Project Linus Fundraiser Sunday May 5 1pm @AR Workshop Frederick](#)
- **June 1** – Luncheon at Blanket Day – a light lunch will be provided please RSVP by May 29 to plfredcounty@gmail.com

WHO KNEW?

Does everyone know we have a website www.projectlinusfrederickmd.org that provides information on our blanket specifications along with our drop-off sites, agencies we serve and letters from thankful recipients of our blankets along with many other facts about our chapter? It contains information that is not always on Facebook.



Who are some of the agencies we service?

We have 3 all in the same place, which is Frederick Memorial Hospital (FMH).

Blankets are distributed in 3 main areas, others if needed, within the hospital and they are:

- *Pediatric Unit* is an Inpatient Unit that cares for those who are ages 0-18.
- *Pediatric Emergency Department* is an Outpatient Unit that cares for those who present to the regular Emergency Department, but since they are between the ages of 0-18, are transferred here.
- *Forensic Assessment & Clinical Services (FACS) Clinic* - this is a newer unit within the hospital that cares for all ages and individuals of assault, human trafficking and sexual abuse. They work in conjunction with Child Advocacy Center (also an agency we service).

For more information on any of the services at FMH visit www.fmh.org





We are excited to announce that our Chapter, with the assistance of *Patches* Quilt Shop of Mt. Airy, is going to provide the blankets to the participants of Camp Jamie this year.

What is Camp Jamie? It's a program through Hospice of Frederick County, held May 31 through June 2, that provides a special opportunity for grieving children and adolescents to come together to talk about their feelings related to the death of someone special, and learn coping skills for dealing with those feelings.

The camp is held twice a year and provides unique opportunities to express and communicate grief in a healthy and safe environment with bereavement counselors, specially trained volunteers and psychologists. Children are paired with a big buddy when they arrive to provide companionship, support, friendship and lots of individualized attention. For more information visit <https://www.hospiceoffrederick.org/Grief-Loss/Camp-Jamie.aspx>

TOTAL NEED = 1000 blankets

DEADLINE = May 15, 2019

AGES: 0-18 years old

T★A★P★S
TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS

TAPS – Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

PL National Headquarters is participating and wanted to share the information with individual Chapters in hopes that some of the blanketeers would want to participate.

Fabrics: Fleece blankets, and flannel and cotton quilts. Crocheted and knitted Afghans are **not** popular with the children. **Themes and colors:** Patriotic themes and fabric are fine. Also: Military branches of services (all 5), sports-themed in general (not specific teams), blues, pinks, anything that's very colorful.

Remember you must follow the shipping guidelines that are in the coordinator handbook and you **must** email Annabelle Hammer at annabellelinus@jonathanhammer.com with how many blankets you are sending and when. She will let us know when they have enough. Address of TAPS storage facility receiving the blankets:

If Shipped Please Label: TAPS: Good Grief Camp Blankets - Self Storage Plus | 605 S Ball St | Arlington, VA 22202 | (703) 774-9243 Event website: <https://www.taps.org/national>



SNOWBALL EXPRESS

We are happy to announce that our Chapter will be participating this year with Snowball Express. Last year Project Linus participated but our Chapter was new and didn't have a chance to sign-up to participate.

What is Snowball Express? A program that, in 2017, became a part of the Gary Sinise foundation that serves children of our fallen military heroes their surviving spouses, and Gold Star Families. An important aspect of this program is its annual four-day experience in December, where they bring families together from all around the nation and gather them to give them a magical experience. It is at this gathering that they give each child a Project Linus blanket to keep. We will decide, as a Chapter, how many we would like to send to them this year. As more information becomes available, it will be shared. If you'd like to learn more about the Gary Sinise Foundation, visit <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org>



INSPIRATIONS – letters from recipients of our blankets

Dear Lisa,

I wanted to let you know that one of your very special blankets was given to a patient in the ICU. The family was so touched by the gesture that they asked if they could bury their loved one with the blanket.

What a wonderful way to serve our community. I spoke with our Director this morning and she suggested that I reach out to you. I am hoping that we can get another blanket for the next occasion that a patient may need that special touch. Thank you for all you do!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have ideas, comments or events for our Newsletter?

Do you have ideas for Fund Raisers?

Do you have ideas or activities that may be of interest to our members?

Forward them to our Editor at plfredcounty@gmail.com

