

STITCHING TOGETHER

*In 2020, a year we will never forget, hugs have been hard to come by. People have been on their own, in care, in hospitals, and at home. WE all know people who have needed a hug this last year and Project Linus UK has just kept the hugs coming. Over 30,000 quilts and blankets have made their way to children in need. Each quilt and blanket hug, given to a child, also shares hugs around whole families, carers, and health professionals. You have been sitting at home, quietly producing hug after hug and generously giving them to children in need of a hug and for that we say a big **THANK YOU***



Liz with her quilts and photos of all she has made, Inset—quilt made by her grandma 100 years ago

Most of us make one or two Linus quilts a year, a few people manage double figures, but congratulations to Liz Casciani, a member of the Edinburgh Linus Group who has now made over 400 quilts for Project Linus. She was an early member of the group set up in Edinburgh many years ago by a fellow quilter and friend who had visited the US and been so inspired by the work of Project Linus, that she decided to form the first Linus group in Scotland. Liz has never stopped producing lovely quilts and her rate of production is awe inspiring.

Pip, Barbara and Beth, Joint Coordinators, Edinburgh East and Midlothian

Caroline Fogell, Coordinator for Liverpool, writes

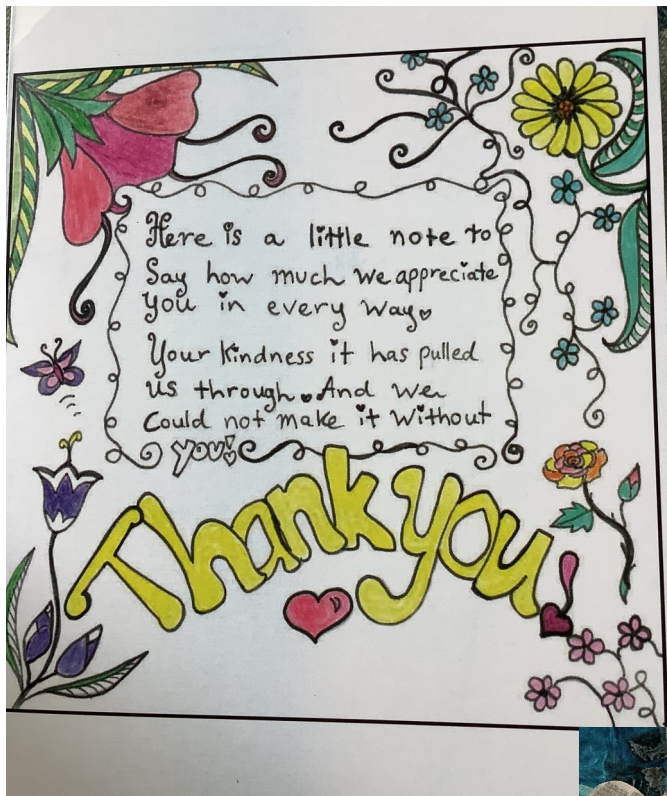
The new Clatterbridge Cancer Hospital opened in Liverpool in 2020 and staff requested Project Linus quilts for their teenage patients. The photo features Laura - Lead Nurse, and Franchesca - the youth support coordinator, with two of the donations.



THANK YOU LETTERS

Our son was admitted to Alder Hey Children's hospital in November at 2 weeks old and diagnosed with SMA type 1. We were given a lovely blanket and it was a lovely gift to receive during a hard and unsettled time. I just wanted to make sure that the creators of the blankets truly know how this blesses a family. This handmade item will be used and treasured forever!

From the Greenall family



These lovely handmade cards are just two received by Project Linus Edinburgh East and Lothian.

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Every card or letter sent represents dozens of thank-yous held in people's hearts

*A quilt
is a hug you
can keep !*



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Project Linus UK is 21 years old this year and we would like to submit an article to one of the quilting magazines giving our history and progress since then. If you made or received one of the very early quilts please get in touch and let me know the story attached to it - any other stories linked to the start of the project will be welcome too!

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Pile of quilts made by a York quilter, delivered with other quilts and blankets to the local refuge

During lockdown many of our volunteers have taken the opportunity to make us wonderful quilts. We are grateful for all quilts we receive, for our Area Co-ordinators have multiple outlets for the quilts. Hospitals will only take a certain number of quilts for premature babies so, if you are unsure which size to make please check with your Area Co-ordinator. The Directors, Project Linus UK

Easy Fundraising

Don't forget if you shop online, please sign up to easyfundraising and help support Project Linus UK!

It's a really simple way to raise money for Project Linus UK through your everyday online shopping with retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and it's completely free!

Over £20 million has already been raised for good causes in the UK by easyfundraising shoppers so please help us get our share here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/projectlinus

Money already raised from easyfundraising went towards helping our co-ordinators provide fabric and wadding for their volunteers. All proceeds are re-invested in Project Linus and the work that we do together.

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