Cuddle Comfort

Create cuddly small pillows or lap blankets as welcome gifts for pediatric patients, senior citizens, homeless shelters and emergency rooms. All blankets and pillows can be delivered to a location of your choice from the list below or a similar organization; please contact the organization before making any deliveries. A letter from your Troop leader or Adult Volunteer should be included with all drop-offs. (See attached example.)

*If you know of other locations that accept blankets or pillows, please email Ashley Christensen to add to this list.

Included in this document:
1. Locations for drop-off based on nearest Gathering Place
2. Letter from troop to organization
3. Directions for Fringed No-Sew Fleece Pillow
4. Directions for No-Sew Fleece Blanket

Locations near the Chicago Gathering Place

Franciscan Outreach Association Shelter
2715 W. Harrison
Chicago, IL
(773) 265-6683

Deborah's Place
2822 W. Jackson Blvd
Chicago, IL
Contact: Laurie
(773) 638-6579

The Boulevard
3456 W. Franklin Blvd
Chicago, IL
(773) 533-6013
No need to call ahead. They are ready for donations at any time.

Inner Voice
212 W VanBuren, Suite 300
Chicago, IL
(773) 921-5290

Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital
2160 S. First Ave
Maywood, IL
(708) 216 3161

Check out ProjectLinus.org for multiple locations in Cook County.
Locations near the Vernon Hills Gathering Place

**Maristella (Women & Children)**
Call Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm
745 N. Milwaukee Ave
Libertyville, IL
(847) 367-5360

**Shelter Inc.**
120 W Eastman Street
Arlington Heights, IL
(847) 590 6188 ext 22

**Heartland Hospice**
2100 Sanders Rd #100
Northbrook, IL
Contact: Leslie Dwyer
leslie.dwyer@hcr-manorcare.com
(847) 272-7338
She asked if the girls would take pictures of their troop with their creations to send with to brighten the patients’ days.

*Check out ProjectLinus.org for multiple locations in Lake County.*

Locations near the Joliet Gathering Place

**Lamb’s Fold Center for Women and Children**
Call Mon-Fri 9am-4pm
81 N. Ottawa St.
Joliet, IL
(815) 723-5262
Dial 3 for donations

**Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center**
333 N. Madison St.
Joliet, IL
(815) 773-7046

**Presence Villa Franciscan (Nursing Home)**
210 N. Springfield Ave
Joliet, IL
(815) 553-1208

**Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County**
421 Doris Ave
Joliet, IL
Contact: Danette Krieger
dkrieger@willcountyillinois.com
(815) 727-8711

**American Red Cross**
1293 Windham Pkwy
Romeoville, IL 60446
(800) 733-2767

*Check out ProjectLinus.org for multiple locations in Will County.*
Locations near the Camp Greene Wood, Woodridge Gathering Place

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans
433 S Carlton Ave.
Wheaton, IL
Contact: John Dixon
(630) 871-8387 ext.617

DuPage Care Center
400 N. County Farm Rd
Wheaton, IL
Contact: Barb Kolton
(630) 784-4260

Naperville Area Humane Society
1620 W. Diehl Rd
Naperville, IL
(Blanks Only)
(630) 420-8989

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
3815 Highland Ave
Downers Grove, IL
Volunteer Office can be reached at:
(630) 275-1181

Central DuPage Hospital
Child Life Department
25 N. Winfield Rd.
Winfield, IL
Contact Dora at (630) 933-4734

Sharing Connections
Call Mon-Fri 9am-3pm
5111 Chase Ave
Downers Grove, IL
(630) 971-0565

AMITA Health Medical Center
120 N. Oak St.
Hinsdale, IL
Contact: Debbie Plica
(630) 856-4000

Edward Hospital
801 S. Washington St.
Naperville, IL
Contact: Pam Briggs
(Blankets only)
(630) 527-3222

Phil’s Friends
1350 Lake St.
Roselle, IL
(Blankets only)
(224) 653-8315

Warm Wishes
1044 Congress Dr.
Bartlett, IL
(Blankets only)
(630) 881-4906
Locations near the Homewood Gathering Place

**ManorCare Health Services of Homewood**  
940 Maple Ave  
Homewood, IL  
(Lap blankets only)  
(708) 799-0244

**Restoration Ministries, Inc.**  
253 E 159th St.  
Harvey, IL  
(708) 333-3370

**South Suburban Family Shelter**  
18137 S. Harwood Ave  
Homewood, IL  
(708) 794-2140 or  
(708) 798-7737

**St. James Franciscan Health**  
1423 Chicago Rd  
Chicago Heights, IL  
Contact: Karen Yates  
Karen.yates@franciscanalliance.org  
(Baby and lap blankets only)  
(708) 756-1000 x51234

**JourneyCare**  
9550 Bormet Dr., Suite 104  
Mokena, IL  
(708) 283-8150

**Providence Hospice**  
18601 N. Creek Dr.  
Tinley Park, IL  
(708) 864-4294

Locations near the Merrillville Gathering Place

**Humane Society Calumet Area**  
421 45th St.  
Munster, IN  
(219) 922-3811  
For a list of all of their supply needs and to schedule a donation, please visit:  
http://www.hscalumet.org/wishlist.asp

**Providence Hospice**  
8929 Broadway  
Merrillville, IN  
(708) 864-4294

**St. Jude House**  
12490 Marshall St.  
Crown Point, IN  
(219) 662-7066

**Cancer Resource Center**  
926 Ridge Rd.  
Munster, IN  
(219) 836-3349
Girl Scouts “Cuddle Comfort” Service Project

Directions: Please attach a photo below or a note from your troop.

Please accept this donation from...

Troop # _______________________

City _______________________

Troop Leader _______________________

Address _______________________

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Date of photograph _______________________

[Girl Scouts logo]
Fringed No-Sew Fleece Pillow

Materials:

- 12” square pillow form (or pillow stuffing)
- 2 pieces of outerwear fleece to measure 10” larger than pillow form (ex: 12" pillow = 22" fabric) *Note:* All fabric must be washed in dye-free, perfume-free detergent prior to making into pillows.
- *Optional:* rotary cutter, mat, June Tailor Shape Cut ruler

Directions:

1. Lay squares wrong sides together, matching raw edges.
2. Cut fringe 5” deep, 1” wide, on each side.
   - *Optional:* Use rotary cutter, mat, and Shape Cut ruler.
   - *Note:* You will be removing a 5” square from EACH corner!
3. Tie fringe together by taking a strip of fringe from each side and tying an overhand knot. Complete around 3 sides.
4. Insert pillow form or pillow stuffing in the opening. Complete by tying the fourth side of the pillow.
No-Sew Fleece Blankets

Supplies Needed:
- A pair of good scissors (If your scissors are dull, it will take a lot longer to complete!) OR rotary cutter and mat
- Ruler or tape measure
- Two coordinating pieces of any fleece (39” x 60” is a suggestion, but these can also be lap blankets – think pillow case size)

Remember:
- You need two separate pieces of fabric for the blanket; one will be the front, one will be the back. You can choose two coordinating fabrics or the same fabric. The choice is yours!

Directions:
- Cut off rough selvage edge on both sides. (This is the side that is machine finished, not cut.) Trim only as much as necessary, usually not more than 2 inches on each side. At this point, make sure that your cut sides are relatively straight. (They don't have to be perfect!) Do this on each piece of fabric.
- Lay your fleece wrong sides together, with edges matching up. (Oftentimes with fleece, it's hard to tell which side is the wrong side and it often doesn't matter which side you use as the front or back.) **Some people choose at this point to pin the layers together; this is a personal preference.
- Cut a 4x4" square (or 5x5" square for a longer fringe) out of each corner (through both layers of fleece) and discard. If you want your fringe longer (not recommended for a baby or toddler), make your square bigger. It really does help to cut out your square from each corner before proceeding.
- Cut 4" (or 5") into fleece at 1" intervals around all four sides. Tie overhand knot close to blanket edge by using one strip from the front and one strip from the back to create finished fringe edge - then tie again. Repeat around all four sides. Make sure you make two tight, overhand knots for your fringe. This should hold it together through washer and dryer cycles.

Notes:
- To help make your strips approximately the same width (again, it doesn't have to be perfect), you can use a tape measure across the top of your four inch section so that you not only make your cuts about 1" apart but also only four (or five!) inches deep.
- To make the tying look more even, tie every other one, all the way around the blanket, then flip the blanket over to the back and tie the rest. That way neither side is really the front or the back!
- Experiment with the way you tie the knots for different looks. You can make the knot show in either fabric as well as the fringe in either fabric.
- The nature of fleece makes two of the sides stretchy. Don't fear! Just be gentle when tying those sides (the selvage sides) so that your fringe isn't stretched out of shape!
- Blanket will not lay flat if fringe is tied too tight.