

To whom it may concern:

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My name is Jeanne Malgioglio, and I am the Monroe/Trumbull, Connecticut Area Coordinator for Binky Patrol. Binky Patrol is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit organization dedicated to making and giving "binkies," comforting blankets, to children in need. These blankets are provided to critically ill and traumatized children ranging from newborns to eighteen years old. Our goal is to offer them a sense of security and warmth through something they can hold and call their own. We show kids they matter.

The Monroe-Trumbull chapter has been an official Binky Patrol chapter for twelve years. During this time, we have delivered over 28,000 blankets to children in need. These blankets have been distributed to area hospitals, including Yale Children's Center, Bridgeport Hospital, St. Vincent's Medical Center, Danbury Hospital, Norwalk Hospital, and Griffin Hospital. Additionally, we work with social service agencies such as the Center for Family Justice and Bridgeport Rescue Mission, and we also provide blankets directly to individual children in desperate need of comfort and support. When tragedy strikes, we respond swiftly, delivering binkies to school groups, sororities, sports teams, and other impacted children and teens. For example, we recently provided blankets to children in the Valley affected by historic floods, as well as to children impacted by floods in Kerr County, Texas, and the wildfires in California. We've also partnered with Camp Hope, a program run by the Center for Family Justice for abused children, to provide blankets to their campers, and each holiday season, we proudly provide hundreds of blankets to Santa Claus (Al DiGuido, head of Al's Angels) for distribution to hospitals across the tri-state area.

While many people think of blankets primarily during the colder months, **Binky Patrol collects homemade blankets year-round.** A child's need for comfort doesn't take a summer vacation. Even in the heat of summertime, children in hospitals, shelters, or crisis situations need the security, warmth, and reassuring hug that our blankets provide.

This year marks the **30th anniversary** of our national organization, and our local chapter has set an exciting milestone: **we aim to collect 3,000 blankets by the end of the year to reach a grand total of 30,000 blankets delivered!** We are already halfway to our goal with about 1,500 blankets collected so far, but we need the community's help to cross the finish line.

I am reaching out in hopes that you can help spread the word about our mission to your parishioners. If you have a crafting, knitting, crocheting, or quilting group, making binkies could be a deeply meaningful ongoing project for them. Perhaps you could ask your fleece tie crew to have us be their next project

I've attached a flyer with more information, including drop-off locations and details on blanket dimensions and materials. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or if you'd like to coordinate a collection or service project. Thank you so much for your support in helping us bring comfort to children in need!

In Appreciation,
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