



## ANNIE’S KINDNESS BLANKETS

To know Annie was to know laughter, love, loyalty and compassion. But, the one thing Annie excelled at was being kind. Because of this, we began a campaign to spread kindness in her memory. We named this campaign “Annie’s Kindness Blankets”.

Anne Marie Varney passed away on March 30, 2015. It’s a tragedy we do not want any other family to experience. She was a beautiful person inside and out, she would help anyone. If you needed a hug, she would hug you and not let go. Our goal is to help those that need that one extra hug during their darkest times. Through these blankets, we want to provide those hugs, over and over again. Annie left behind the three most amazing girls, Angela (18), Christina (16) and Mia (8). These three girls are on a mission to help save others.

Since the launch date of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Annie’s Kindness Blankets has delivered ~2,500 blankets to various hospitals/organizations/individuals. We concentrate mainly in Boston and surrounding areas, but we have also extended across the U.S. and the globe. We also have 3 satellite sites that have started to help make and deliver blankets in Nantucket, MA, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Amazing!

Some organizations who have received these blankets are:

- South Shore Hospital, Mass General Hospital , Dana Farber’s Jimmy Fund Clinic, Boston Children’s Hospital
- High Point Hospital in Middleboro
- The Cancer Center at Beth Israel - Plymouth
- The Pediatrics Surgery Center at Beth Israel – Plymouth
- Brigham and Women’s Hospital
- Ronald McDonald House in Dallas, Texas
- Delivered to the homeless in Boston on cold winter nights
- Various hospitals in Sydney, Canada, Ireland, England and Scotland through a variety of travelling volunteers
- South Shore Foster Center
- Simon Says Give – Worcester
- Suicide support groups in various states
- The campaign has dropped off blankets to many individuals that request them for a loved one in need as well.

Below find some resources regarding the Kindness campaign and how far the girls have reached.

- WBZ News Report: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcFhutS6gbc&feature=share>
- Boston25 News: <https://www.fox25boston.com/news/wrapped-in-love-local-family-spreading-kindness-after-loss/728189513>
- Five For Good Segment: <https://youtu.be/RVqR40Dg0bI>
- Wicket Local: <http://rockland.wickedlocal.com/news/20180406/annies-kindness-blankets-spreads-love-and-hugs>
- Wicked Local Photos: <http://rockland.wickedlocal.com/photogallery/WL/20180408/NEWS/406009997/PH/1>
- You Are Never Alone Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k\\_YmFJMrwbQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_YmFJMrwbQ)
- Gladwire Report: <https://gladwire.com/sisters-lose-mother-suicide-honor-remarkable-way/>
- Annie's Kindness Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/annieskindnessblankets/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/annieskindnessblankets/%20%20Annie's%20Kindness%20Blankets>
- Annie’s Kindness Blankets Website: <http://www.annieskindnessblankets.org>

This campaign has grown incredibly. We have seen firsthand how people are affected by receiving or making these blankets. We believe these blankets are making a difference and saving lives.

Thank you!

Annie’s Kindness Blanket Team





