

July, August, September 2022

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From Our President:

It's already fall 2022! I hope you had a great summer, full of fun and activities. This summer my husband and I went on an ocean cruise to several countries in the Baltic Sea region. My favorite country was Norway. However, we missed out on a few locations because we both contracted Covid. We were confined to our room for five days, but had room service, so it wasn't so bad.

Returning back to normal life, I got back to work on WHWB duties. It quickly became obvious inventory of many layette items is extremely low. So much so, we have had to adjust what we can put in each layette. We can and do purchase some items, but as you know, so many items are handmade by you, our volunteers.

I'm calling on you to think about different organizations around you that may help us continue our mission. Ideas are Corporate donations or gifts, Church sewing groups, Sewing guilds, Senior centers, Local businesses, and Friends. Share your love and enthusiasm for Warm Hearts Warm Babies with everyone you know and meet!

Sandi Powis, President

Thrivent Grants

Are you a member of Thrivent? Did you know you can get an "Action Grant" from them twice a year if you are. Even if you're not a Thrivent member, you can still get the grant of \$250 for only \$19.95. This is another way to assist needy newborns. Thrivent offers all the resources you need to use "Action Dollars." We will help you gather a team for an event to generate money for Warm Hearts. Usually, \$250 is provided in seed money. This money is used to provide materials (fabric, etc) for the project. Interested? Go to Thrivent.com: Log in. Click on "My Thrivent" and go to Thrivent Action Team Center. Click on "Apply Now" Questions? Your group leader or anyone at the Baby House can help you with this simple way to help the babies with \$250.

Items Needed at the Baby House

Our bins are nearly empty, so all items are needed. We can especially use gowns, sleepers, going home outfits, and tote bags. Anything you donate will be greatly appreciated in helping the newborns.





Thank you for your donations. We apologize if we missed anyone, but please know that your gifts are appreciated.

In Memory of Betty Burrett Mary Neidig David & Debra Anderson Donald & June Torborg Kathrvn Saver Ms. Brownwell Kurt & Linda Zacharias Anita Fowler Heather Varnell In Memory of Irene Davis Karen Nelson In Memory of Evan Hindman Salt & Light Reformed Presbyterian Church In Memory of Robert Tacker Fred & Nancy Staup **Groups & Organizations** Longshot Bar & Grill - monetary Fabric & Yarn Mike Shaw Marge Zoetewey Melva Davey **Becky LaClair**

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Thank you for the beautiful layette sets you have so lovingly put together for our new moms in need. Mothers are always so excited when we give them to the mothers. We appreciate your support of our patients at Platte Valley Medical Center.

Bless you all! Platte Valley Medical Center Mothers and Newborns Brighton

Stan Harrelson

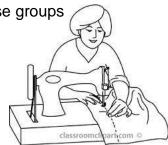


To all the volunteers of WHWB, The nursery staff truly appreciates your gifts of blankets, gowns, clothes and bags that have had love put into them. They are a great blessing to those new babies and their families.

Thank you, Parkview Nursery Staff Pueblo

Work Groups

Warm Hearts Warm Babies currently has 13 work groups. These groups of people meet to work on items used in the layettes we deliver to hospitals and other agencies throughout the Front Range from Ft. Collins to Pueblo. New volunteers are always welcomed at any of these groups. If interested, please contact the work group leader or the Baby House located at 6429C Miller Street in Arvada (open Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00-12:00 noon.) Sewing, knitting or crocheting skills are welcome, but not a necessity. We'd love to meet you.



- <u>285 Conifer Work Group</u>: (Aspen Park) Work Group: Place of meeting to be determined. Contact: Sandi Powis at <u>Sandi.powis@gmail.com</u>
- <u>Arvada Baby Bee Work Group</u>: THIS GROUP IS ON HIATIS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. Meets 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am-2pm at WHWB Baby House, 6429C Miller St. Contact Frances: 303-421-6331 or <u>fksquilts@aol.com</u> for more information.
- <u>Arvada Work Group</u>: Meets 2nd Thursday of the month, 9:30 am 2:00 pm at the King of Glory Lutheran Church 10001 W. 58th Ave., Arvada (58th and Kipling-east door) Contact Glenda: 303-975-6394 or <u>colokidz@aol.com</u>.
- <u>Aurora Work Group</u>: Aurora is having Drop and Go meetings monthly with emails stating times and dates. Questions? Call Lyn Hente, 719-499-0415 <u>hentelyn@gmail.com</u> or Kathy Williams, 303-917-7424
- <u>Brighton Work Group</u>: Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month, 9:00-11:00ish at Chapel Hills Church, Bridge St (Hwy 7) and Tower Road. Use Northwest rear entrance. Contact Carol at <u>chesneyc@aol.com</u>.
- <u>Colorado Springs Work Group</u>: Normally meets 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:00-2:00 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1529 N. Circle Dr with a potluck lunch. Lyn Hente: 719-499-0415 <u>hentelyn@gmail.com</u>.
- Frisco Work Group: Contact Lisa Dieckhaus. 639-899-6286. lisad623@yahoo.com. We're Brand New!
- Holly Creek Retirement Community Work Group (Centennial): Open to ALL. Contact Priscilla, cilpks@msn.com for meeting information.
- <u>Littleton Work Group</u>: Meets 1st Tues of each month, 10am 12:30pm at Above & Beyond (Kipling & Bowles). Contact Ruth, 303-808-2124 or <u>ram1084@msn.com</u>
- Loveland Work Group: Contact Judy at our2pets@msn.com or Karen at 970-667-4323 for more information.
- <u>Skyestone Work group</u>: Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 10am at Skyestone Lodge Broomfield. This group is open ONLY to Skyestone residents. Contact Judy Mitzner 303-425-6554 timitz@gmail.com
- <u>Thornton Work Group</u>: Meets 2ndTuesday of the month, 1:00-4:00 pm. Contact Lori Kratzer, 720-273-1687, <u>lorikratzer@hotmail.com</u> or Marji Lance, 720-938-2386, <u>lancemc61@gmail.com</u> for details and meeting place.
- <u>Windsor Gardens Work Group</u>: Meets 2nd Thursday of month in Sewing Room, 10:00-12:00 noon at Windsor Gardens (near Alameda & Havana). Contact Barb at <u>Ilove2sewbarb@gmail.com</u>



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Delivery Report

5013 items were delivered to 21 agencies in June. 6272 items were delivered to 26 agencies in July. 5776 items were delivered to 27 agencies in August. Agencies we delivered to were:

Carin Clinic Casa Gabriel Catholic Charities Children's Hospital Children's Hospital NICU **Collier Hospice Denver Medical Center Denver Medical Center NICU Denver Medical Center Peri-Natal Loss** El Centro de Los Pobres. Avondale Florence Crittendon Foster Elementary PTA Christmas Project Granby Pregnancy Resource Center **Growing Home** Hope House **Inner City Services** Jeffco Nurses King of Glory Lutheran Church Life Choices. Loveland

Littleton Food Pantry Longmont Hospital Loveland Pregnancy Center Lutheran Hospital NICU Pat May from Ladies Sewing Circle Parkview Medical Center, Pueblo Peak Vista, First Visitor Peak Vista, Women's Center Platte Valley Ronald McDonald House, Denver Saint Augustine Salude Clinics Stride, Aurora Stride, Wheatridge Summit County Public Health **University Infant Loss** University Mother and Infant University NICU Weld County Nurses



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Need fabric or yarn, etc?

Don't forget to see what's at the Baby House! You can find knit fabric for sleepers, gowns, t-shirts, etc. And flannel for receiving blankets, bibs and burp cloths. And cottons for quilts. And yarn for sweaters and afghans. Having trouble getting to the Baby House? Let your work group leader know what you'd like. She can either get it from the Baby House or someone can meet you halfway!

Craft shows

Come out and support Warm Hearts Warm Babies at these craft shows this fall:

Family in Christ Church 1355 N Sheridan Blvd, Westminster October 21 and 22

Sons and Daughters of Italy 5025 W 32nd Ave, Wheatridge November 5

Arvada Recreation Center 6842 Wadsworth Ave, Arvada November 5

Alternative Gift Fair Evergreen Lutheran Church 5980 Highway 73, Evergreen November 12 and 13

Campbell Elementary School 6500 Oak Street, Arvada November 19

Baby House (possibility) December 2 and 3 December 9 and 10

Gift from Longshots Bar and Grill

The Arvada Work Group is blessed by a volunteer, Joyce LaBlanc. She became an ambassador for Warm Hearts - Warm Babies by crocheting and having one of our flyers on a table beside her. Her son, Jeremy Frisk read the brochure, and found a way to help.

Jeremy Frisk from the Longshots Bar and Grill, located at 44th Avenue and Ward Road, knew he wanted to help... Jeremy took our brochure to a weekly pool club at his establishment... they pitch money to a "kitty" when they play and donate it to a charity in the Arvada/Wheatridge areas. The Bar and Grill matches what they are going to donate to the selected charity.

Jeremy has personally delivered two checks to us, one last December and one in late July. While he was at the Baby House, we gave him a tour...he was extremely impressed with what we do. While at the Baby House we talked about possible ways that they could help the babies... he requested a box with a list of needed items and brochures on it.

Volunteers are the BEST ambassadors for Warm Hearts-Warm Babies...Please consider asking friends and family to consider placing boxes in their place of business or work...

WE NEED YOUR HELP! DONATIONS ARE DECREASING AND REQUESTS FOR OUR LAYETTE BAGS ARE INCREASING

Do you know of or have you heard of a foundation that might be able to help WHWB in the form of a grant? Are there businesses in your area that might support nonprofits that I can contact to ask for donations? If so, please let me know.

Any ideas of how to increase donations and funding are very helpful and I will look into each one. These grants or donations will be used to fund our purchases of fabric, yarn, batting and normal business expenses.

Please contact Kathy Williams, 303-917-7424 (call or text) or email me at whwb.forthebabies@gmail.com

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Mission Statement

Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies provides clothing, blankets, and other essential items to premature and newborn infants, and young children, in crisis, free of charge.

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