



Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies News

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Happy Mother's Day - May 12



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**God could not be everywhere therefore he made
MOTHERS**

WHWB " In The Beginning"

Sometimes the smallest things can mean a lot to a family that has suffered the loss of a child.

Sometimes deciding what outfit a premature baby will wear that day is the only thing a mother can do for her child in an incubator too tiny to thrive in the outside world. And **sometimes** these painful experiences lead to something extraordinary, like an organization that can help meet these needs.

In 1996, after giving birth to a tiny **8 inch 4 ounce** baby, **Victoria Swain** found that the hospital was not equipped to clothe or provide even a blanket for her tiny stillborn infant. Driven by the knowledge that there was a need to be filled here, she looked for a way to fill that need. After contacting another program that did these sorts of things in another state, she began recruiting Colorado volunteers and collecting materials to make donations to hospitals that had need for these tiny specialty items.

After spending a couple years under the tutelage of the other group (Newborns in Need) the board members at that time voted to arrange for a standalone 501(c)3 organization to serve Colorado's tiniest citizens.

In **July of 2000, Warm Hearts-Warm Babies** was officially its own entity. From approximately 60 volunteers, and lots of warm hearts, the organization has grown to what it is today, serving countless agencies and individuals across Colorado.

" There weren't really any huge struggles in the beginning. It seemed definitely like God was guiding our every step. Board members stepped up and donated money, postage and materials. We seemed to meet the people that made the things happen that we needed at the time. From the Arvada volunteer, with a doll clothes business who donated shelves and tons of fabric incl rolls of pink calico we still have to Kristi, a volunteer whose husband a lawyer that did our 501(c)3 paperwork pro bono, not to mention the local propane company that filled a propane tank at the baby house as a donation, things always seemed to get done.

Our early baby house in two storage units, then a baby house in a trailer out in the country in Brighton, a basement space in Brighton next to Curves owned by one of our volunteers, where we had to schlep all our stuff up and down the stairs for work meetings and deliveries. Next, in a small studio apartment in Brighton, an empty house in Brighton, one last trailer in Brighton before the current location in Arvada. It seems like every time it was time for a move, God intervened and we found the best place to move to.

The first donation was made to Platte Valley Medical Center. We donated 100 items, and each "layette" had a receiving blanket, a gown, bib, booties, and a hat. In the early days, it was mostly **Victoria Swain, Pat Moore, Dolores Bohlmeier, Effie Moore, and Carol Criswell** our first board members who organized our "first" volunteers and started work groups"

Victoria still volunteers with the WHWB Rocky Mountain group in Georgetown.

Every group of "volunteers" needs a leader with vision. **Victoria Swain** was our first and she is...

One of God's Mothers.

WHWB BRIGHTON CULTUREFEST 2001



Our Founder & First Volunteer ... Victoria Swain

OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEERS

Arvada : LaVonne Burgess , Donna Newton

Brighton : Phyllis Dalberg

Rocky Mountain Group : Sharon Costantino

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE LOST

Millie Haase Arvada Work Group April

Evelyn Tepe Brighton Work Group April

Linda Nudd Brighton Work Group March

Also remember... Jo Egan & Kelly Tacker from the Brighton group on the passing of their Father/Grandfather.

Please keep all of these families in your prayers.



May Birthdays

Margaret M. Swanson	May 01	Judy Rosich	May 19
Lillie Monroe	May 02	Lynn Bosack	May 20
Marie Piedalue	May 03	Alice A. Shetter	May 21
Vera Johnson	May 04	Cynthia Overturf	May 21
Theron Bredeson	May 04	Kay Myer	May 21
Sheila Bluestein	May 06	Sharon Horn	May 21
Florence Garcia	May 07	Esther Hudson	May 21
Diane Stockton	May 08	Alys Hall	May 21
Jay Titieca	May 09	Kathy Hopper	May 22
Cecelia K. Bell	May 11	Gladys Sorg	May 22
Linda Becker	May 12	Vicki Bilak	May 23
P.J. Roy	May 12	Mary Darr	May 24
Nancy Cochran	May 14	Marion Moore	May 24
Mardeen Libby	May 15	Ellie Gager	May 24
Betty Jean Marshal	May 15	Marge Green	May 25
Ellen Perales	May 15	Fran Rowe	May 25
James	May 16	Donna Westbrook	May 25
Diane Pallai	May 16	Kim Herzog	May 25
Connie Stiger	May 17	Bernice Henrickson	May 31
Merry Taylor	May 17	Jo Colvin	May 31
Karleen Ring	May 17	Kathy Spiegel	May 31
Michele Budris	May 17		

Thank You To Our Volunteers

To All the Ladies & gentlemen (if there are any) who have helped the children of our community here at Servicios de La Raza,

Recently we had a family come through our doors with four children, two of them babies! We had very little to give in the ways of blankets and coats. They had no home and no car. We were able to secure a small voucher for a shelter but with only one bed. With your baby blankets they were able to make a small bed for the two babies.

Thank you! Warm Hearts Warm Babies because of you, this family survived the night and many nights to come!

God Bless you all for your hard work.

Sincerely,
Juanita Montoya
Servicios de La Raza

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Dear Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies,

I am writing to express our sincere gratitude for your beautiful newborn baby bags filled with so many wonderful items.

I have a volunteer that routinely delivers our Bright Beginnings materials at homeless shelters. She recently started taking your bags with her and she said the combination of the two is perfect. The parents are thrilled beyond words.

Thank you for your kindness and know that the work you are doing is impacting people in incredible ways. The volunteer says she is able to give out as many bags as you are able to provide.

Thanks again,  
Bright Beginnings

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Dear Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you for your recent delivery of blankets and layette bags. Recently a young mother told me how she loves to put her baby on one of the beautiful quilts you made, for his "tummy time". Tummy time helps babies build strength in their backs, necks, and abdomens. The quilts are soft and the babies love the bright colors! Thanks again from the nurses, moms, and babies in Jefferson County.

Karey Reimerson, RN
Jefferson County Nurses

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Dear Linda and Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies Ladies,

Thank you so much for all of the preemie and newborn items you have donated to our House. They will be very helpful for our families with sick children.

"House that love built"  
Ronald McDonald House  
Southern Colorado (Colorado Springs)

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Dear Volunteers,

The volunteers at Denver Children's Hospital wish to thank you for the beautiful clothes and blankets your organization donated to our hospital. Because of your generous and kind donations, we are well prepared to help our infants and their families.

Your support of the Children's Hospital patients is greatly appreciated.

Association of Volunteers
Children's Hospital

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## Thank You To Our Volunteers

Dear Friends at Warm Hearts Warm Babies,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift of 25 fleece blankets, quilts and afghans. This gift of warmth and comfort will be enjoyed by many. Because of you, we are able to continue caring for those facing the end of life.

Thank you for being among those in our community who make a difference.

Michael Pasquarella  
VP Philanthropy  
The Denver Hospice

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Dear Carol Criswell,

Thank you for your ongoing donations of the wonderful layette bags, quilts, afghans and other handmade items, made especially for the smallest patients of our health center. We are extremely grateful for and humbled by your donations.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies for assisting in our challenge to meet the ever growing challenge of affordable health care for all Coloradans.

What a blessing it is to be able to help others in such a meaningful way!!

Thank you AGAIN for your support.

Rachel Wojcik
Development Associate
Inner City Health Center

Dear Nancy Staup and Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies,

Your generous donation to Denver Health's Newborns In Need is gratefully accepted. It is gratifying to know that caring people like you are willing to reach out to those less fortunate in our community.

Your gifts will make life sweeter for some of Denver's tiniest and most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Robin Engleberg
Program Director
Denver Health Foundation

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Dear Generous Donor,

The Denver Ronald McDonald House and our families, thank you for your donation of pop top tabs. All money we receive from recycling goes into our House Operations fund.

Up to thirty-one families far from home and with a child in need of advanced medical treatment stay in our House on any given night.

Thank You for helping us help our families.

Cassandra McKee  
Denver House Manager  
Denver Ronald McDonald House

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"A **mother** is a blend of strength and survivorship, experience and insight, fancy and reflection."

Hi Everyone from Baby Ella,

Thank you so much for all your hard work getting the bins filled. BUT, THE BINS FOR **BOY AND GIRL SLEEPERS** ARE EMPTY!!! Please put sleepers on the top of your list for sewing. Even though it is still snowing we need to be working on Spring and Summer outfits. We need the lighter weight outfits for both boys and girls, no heavy denim or corduroy please. **Toiletries, pacifiers, bottles**, are always needed and welcome. I hope those of you who haven't seen the new baby house get a chance to when you attend the luncheon on Thursday May 9th. It is a very special place!

Love, Baby Ella`

P.S. The Baby House will be open for tours AFTER the Annual Volunteer Luncheon on May 9th.

PEG STEADMAN'S SINGER STORY -- As told to Carole Rothrock

This is a story of a Singer sewing machine and its three generations of women of love sewing.

Peg recalls watching her mother sew on a treadle machine. When she was a young teen, she wanted *desperately* to learn how to sew but could not master the treadle. For Christmas 1942, her father brought home a Singer electric sewing machine with a built-in sewing light. Peg doesn't recall why her mother did not teach her how to use the new machine. A few months later, disaster struck and Peg's 40-year old mother passed away. As the oldest of three children, 13-year old Peg helped her father keep the family together.

Despite school and family responsibilities, Peg still wanted *desperately* to learn how to sew. She mastered threading the Singer by reading the instruction book, but cutting and assembling the fabric was beyond her. Seeing her determination, her father turned to the Singer Sewing Center for help. There, a kind lady taught her to use the machine and its many attachments and how to cut and sew a garment. Her first project was a pair of pajamas (powder blue with red and yellow flowers). Peg was ecstatic—she had actually made something that could be worn! When the lessons were over, Peg's father gave her the machine and she began a lifetime of sewing.

Peg married a military man and whenever he was reassigned, she, three children and the Singer followed. She taught her daughter to sew on that machine, starting her on a career as a home economics teacher.

Peg still sews on the Singer which is now 70 years old. It has been rewired and the built-in light needed a new bulb. Believe it or not, it is the *only* machine Peg has ever owned. Will the Singer have a fourth generation family sewer? Peg doubts it. Her granddaughter is a jewelry designer who has no interest in sewing... (but...she may surprise us!)

(Not Peg and her Mom or daughter)



BUT ... Memories for many of you

A REMINDER

The Annual WHWB VOLUNTEER Luncheon
9 May 11:30 a.m. King of Glory Lutheran Church
58th and Kipling Arvada, Colorado

Hosted by the WHWB Board of Directors
Pulled Pork from RIB CITY and All the trimmings
Bring your favorite DESSERT to share with the volunteers
RSVP to Glenda Bredeson 303-975-6394 before 3 May

CARDAMOM-BUTTER COOKIES (Delicious, melt-in-your-mouth greatness) from Barb Bessesen

½ lb. soft butter (2 sticks)

Cream well with:

1 c. all-purpose flour

½ tsp. ground cardamom (can increase amount to desired taste: ¾ - 1 tsp.)

(I combined flour and cardamom and sifted them into the butter, using 1 ¾ tsp. cardamom)

Sift together:

½ c. confectioners sugar

½ c. cornstarch

Add to first ingredients and cream well. Divide dough into 2 equal portions; wrap each in foil or saran wrap. Refrigerate for about 8 hours, but no longer than overnight.

Remove one portion from fridge and shape into balls about the size of large marble. Place balls on ungreased cookie sheets 2 inches apart. Flatten each ball with floured tines of fork or a floured cookie mold. Bake at 325 degrees for about 20 minutes (or less) until delicately browned. Oven temperatures vary, so check at 15 minutes or less. (Editor's note: I look forward to sampling these at our luncheon!!!)

Thank You To Our Donors

Individuals

Laura Minetti (Florida) – afghans and hats

Lin M. – hats

Lynette Yokoyama (Hawaii) – afghans

Nancy Boyd (New Mexico) – yarn

Sally Everitt (New Mexico) – hats

Ruth Turner – quilts

Rose Gates – quilts

Rita Patton – booties and pacifiers

Bill & Courtney Johnson – clothing

Scott & Liz Cameron - clothing

Miriam Samson-Mysch - clothing

Groups and Organizations

Aurora Center For Active Adults (ACAA) –
Fabric

Seniors of Assumption Catholic Church –
Assorted baby items, fabric and monetary

St. Joan of Arc Women's Sewing Group –
Fabric and sewing supplies

Frederick Senior Center -
Generic knitters

Corporations

Tantrums (Colorado Springs) –
Clothing items

Joon Bugz (Brighton) –
Clothing items

Memorial Donation

Bredeson's in memory of Millie Haase

We greatly appreciate all of our donors and volunteers, without you our organization would not exist. Please know that if your name was left off our list it was unintentional and all of your efforts are valued and appreciated.

Editor's Notes: Thank You for the very nice comments on my first newsletter in April. Positive and try harder comments are great.

1 correction: I misspelled Frances Scott's name as a former editor of the newsletter.

And Victoria Swain's B-day was 27 March!!

Delivery Report

In March we delivered **5466 items** to **21 agencies** and **1 individual**. Thank you for helping us to keep the babies warm. Deliveries were made to the following:

Servicios de la Raza

Jeffco Nurses

Jeffco Action Center

St. Mark's Church

University Hospital Mothers and Infants

University Hospital NICU

University Neo-Natal Loss Unit

Children's Hospital

Denver Medical Center

Platte Valley Hospital

Ronald McDonald House (Denver)

Community Lift Services

Lutheran Hospital

Inner City Services

Denver Hospice

Vail Valley Medical Center

Healthy Beginning

Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center

Peak Vista Women's Center - Colo. Springs

Ronald McDonald House - Colo. Springs

Life Support Center - Colo. Springs

Individual

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"A mother is someone who dreams great dreams for you, but then she lets you chase the dreams you have for yourself and loves you just the same."

### ATTENTION ARVADA WORK GROUP

NO May meeting due to Volunteer Luncheon...Bring your donations to the luncheon.

JUNE meeting changed to 6 June due to Vacation Bible School.

## Always needed items

- ♥ Newborn Boy Burial Items
- ♥ Newborn sleepers and gowns
- ♥ Sweaters, jackets and buntings
- ♥ Preemie gowns, onesies, outfits, and t-shirts
- ♥ Receiving blankets
- ♥ Baby toiletries
- ♥ Bottles
- ♥ Pacifiers
- ♥ Diapers (sizes newborn, 1 & 2)

- ♥ Wipes
- ♥ Baby friendly yarn (sport weight yarn)
- ♥ Baby friendly interlock knits and ribbing
- ♥ Postage stamps
- ♥ Polyfil

**Monetary donations, checks made payable to  
Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies  
6429 D Miller St. Arvada, Co 80004**

### WORK GROUPS

**Arvada Work Group:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm Meets at the King of Glory Lutheran Church 10001 W. 58th Ave., Arvada (58th and Kipling-east door) Contact Glenda: COLOKIDZ@aol.com. Bring a potluck dish, your machine and scissors.

**Briggsdale Work Group:** Contact Sandra Hicks sandrahicks@wigginstel.com

**Brighton Work Group:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Meets at Seventh-day Adventist Church, 567 Bromley Lane, Brighton; Contact Carol: chesneyc@aol.com Bring a dish to share at our potluck at noon.

**Colorado Springs Work Group:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1529 N. Circle Dr.. Contact Linda: LWaxler46@aol.com for what to bring.

**Littleton Work Group:** For information please contact info@warmheartswarmbabies.org

**Loveland Work Group:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00am. Meet at: Church of the Nazarene 807 W. 29th St. Loveland. Contact Judy: our2pets@msn.com or Karen at the church: 970-667-4323 for more information.

**Rocky Mountain Group (Georgetown):** Contact charlesbond@comcast.net Phone # 970-468-7898

We are always looking for work group coordinators in various areas around the state. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, let us know! You can find out more information on starting a meeting by visiting the Volunteer section our web site at: [www.warmheartswarmbabies.org](http://www.warmheartswarmbabies.org).

#### **Questions or comments please contact us:**

Mail: P. O. Box 1266 Brighton, CO 80601 (packages)  
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By phone: 303-919-5413

By email: [info@warmheartswarmbabies.org](mailto:info@warmheartswarmbabies.org)

Note: The newsletter is posted on our web site no later than the 5th of each month.

#### **Your Donations Count**

All our members and staff are **VOLUNTEERS!!**  
Their only compensation is the satisfaction of helping others. Over 95 % of YOUR donations go directly to help Colorado's tiniest citizens.  
**(You can donate by credit card on our website!)**

**THANK YOU !**

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**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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