



Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies News

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Coming Events

Craft Shows

November 4 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
November 5 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Arvada Community Center
6842 Wadsworth
Arvada, CO

November 25 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
November 26 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
First United Church of Arvada
7195 Simms
Arvada, CO

December 2 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
December 3 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Craft Show Coordinator: Elizabeth Henry. Please let her know if you can work a 2 hour shift at one or more shows. We are in need of fresh, new items to sell at all shows. Elizabeth's contact information is email: ehenry10@live.com or phone: 303-255-2136.

Baby L Says

- ♥ We have a shortage of items to go into the goodie bags that are included with a layette. We need bottles, sox and toiletries.
- ♥ Our supply of the following completed items is quite low.
 - Bibs
 - Burp Cloths
 - Receiving Blankets
- ♥ Please do not create any garments or blankets with seasonal themes. We are in need of items that can be distributed as soon as they are turned in.
- ♥ Keep Warm Heart ~ Warm Babies in mind as you plan your holiday gift giving or charitable donations. There are several websites that donate money to a charity of your choice if you start your internet searches from their portal. Sites that we know WHWB is already registered on include:
 - IGive.Com
 - GoodSearch.Com

Our Deepest Sympathy

Friends and family on the passing of Billie Hillje

Happy Thanksgiving!

Baby L Items of the Month

- ♥ Bottles
- ♥ Diapers, Newborn or Size 1
- ♥ Toiletries
- ♥ Undershirts
- ♥ Sleepers
- ♥ Bibs
- ♥ Burp Cloths
- ♥ Receiving Blankets

Questions or comments please contact us:

By mail: P. O. Box 1266
Brighton, CO 80601
By phone: 303-919-5413
By email: info@warmheartswarmbabies.org

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

Transition

My Webster's dictionary includes the following definitions for the word transition: a) "Passing from one condition, form, stage, activity, place etc. to another; b) the period of such passing. Businesses may be said to always be in a state of transition or flux. Business must always adjust to client needs as well as to the needs of its owners, leadership and staff.

Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies is a business. The heartfelt thanks are the only pay our Board and staff of volunteers receives. We do not sell a product but give away the items created and collected by our staff of volunteers. Board of Directors met recently to discuss our current period of transition. Life changes for several board members are necessitating their need to reduce their level of involvement as leaders of our organization. The other board members are not able to pick up the additional responsibilities. The Board has discussed options for several months. We have set a deadline of January 2012 for making the decision on this organization's future.

We need your help during this time of transition. If you have the desire to step up to organizational leadership please let the Board know right away. Volunteers, we need to keep distributing layettes to the agencies we serve. The need for all of the items we provide is increasing. Gently used clothing is the only donation for which we have a reduced demand. Please continue making the clothing, blankets and toys that go into our layettes. We need to keep our distribution pipeline

full so that the agencies that depend upon us will have items to distribute to the babies they serve. As you prepare for the year-end holidays please consider preparing an extra item or two for the babies we serve. We ask that the items not have a holiday theme so that they can be distributed as soon as they come in.

As the Board contemplates how the organization's transition will look and happen there are many things you, the volunteers, can do to help us. Please continue to stitch, knit and crochet clothing, blankets and toys for Colorado's needy babies. Please use up the supply of WHWB materials you may have on hand. Let your workgroup coordinator know what materials you may need prior to your workgroup meeting so that she may bring available materials for your use. We do have a large supply of some fabrics and notions. Keep turning in items and do not stockpile them. Keep smiling and enjoying the creative work that you are doing for needy babies.

Please know that all members of the Board of Directors wish that it would be possible to continue serving this wonderful organization in the same way as we have in the past. The decisions we are making are not being made lightly, that is why we are taking months to make them. We truly enjoy working with you to help Colorado's needy babies.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Ways You Can Help

Pass the Baby Bottle Project:

Set a baby bottle with a Warm Hearts~Warm Babies flyer attached on a kitchen counter, dresser, desk or any place where loose change may be collected. Drop your loose change in the bottles and encourage others to contribute as well. These donations are used to purchase items for the goody bags given with the layettes. Please talk to your workgroup coordinator or contact Cindy Miller at info@warmheartswarmbabies.org.

Memorial Donations And Gifts For All Occasions: Please include the family name and address so that an acknowledgement may be sent to them. Donors will receive a tax receipt.

Employer Donation Match Programs: Many companies match employee donations to charity. Some will make a monetary donation in recognition of the time an employee volunteers to an organization.

Host a "Baby Shower": Employee groups and other organizations often select a charity to assist. Suggest Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies.

Recycling:

Used ink jet & toner cartridges, cell phones, PDAs, pagers and laptops may be turned in to your workgroup coordinators or sent to the PO Box shown on the front of this newsletter.

Volunteer News

Birthdays

Elaine Dunn	Nov 01
Ingrid Duran	Nov 01
Mary McGill	Nov 01
Polly Wolf	Nov 01
Pam McNamara	Nov 02
Marion Ellison	Nov 03
Mary Baisley	Nov 04
Ruth Dalby	Nov 06
Kathryn Kutch	Nov 06
Laurie Balzer	Nov 09
Nancy Cummings	Nov 09
Pam Godfrey (Reeves)	Nov 09
Anne Heerdt-Wingfield	Nov 10
Alice E. Long	Nov 10
Helen Hood	Nov 11
Kelly Tacker	Nov 11
Deborah Johnson	Nov 12
Mary Saltzman	Nov 12
Bonnie Yockstick	Nov 12
Benja Bemelen	Nov 13
Ruth Roberts	Nov 13
Crystal Lathrop	Nov 14
Donna Walford	Nov 14
Marlene Digiancomo	Nov 15
Jan Pachelo	Nov 15
Barbara J. Berry	Nov 16
Jo Ann Busse	Nov 16
Winifred Pepper	Nov 16
Joan L. Kugler	Nov 18
Frances Scott	Nov 21
Pat Burr	Nov 22
Lorri Owen	Nov 22
Nancy Staup	Nov 23
Joyce Steed	Nov 23
Melva Storm	Nov 23
Alice Hildebrandt	Nov 24
Helen Nelson	Nov 24
Gwen Christensen	Nov 25
Doris Cunningham	Nov 25
Doris Stearns	Nov 25
Marilyn Brown	Nov 27
Heide Daly	Nov 27
Gale Hackett	Nov 27
Rita Haddick	Nov 27
Ruth Saunders	Nov 27
Jeanette Sorensen	Nov 29

Thank You To Our Volunteers

Inner City Health Center
Denver Health Foundation
Peak Vista Community Health Center
Jeffco Action Center
Jefferson County Nurses
University NICU

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies,

Thank you for your generous donation to the NICU. We appreciate the volunteer time that was put into this gift.

Sincerely,

The NICU Staff University Hospital

To Everyone at Warm Hearts-Warm Babies,

I would like to thank you for all that you do. I recently brought a layette to a young first-time mom at the hospital. She had just delivered a baby girl and she was so excited to see the beautiful quilt in the pretty bag! All of us at Jefferson County Public Health appreciate your efforts and we thank you on behalf of the families we serve.

Sincerely,

Karey Riemersma

Public Health Nurse

Dear Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies,

Thank you for the baby shower gifts that you brought us last time.

Our patients really do appreciate and need the gifts.

Thank you for all you do.

Vimbai Chimbera, MSW

Prenatal Plus Care Coordinator

Peak Vista Community Health Centers

New Volunteer Note

New volunteer information was not available at the time this newsletter was published. Welcome to all who joined our organization in the past few weeks and have not been recognized in the newsletter.

Thank You To Our Donors

Individuals

Arran Dolan - socks
Sally Everitt - hats and sweaters
Liz Ewing - fabric
Maureen Genger - fabric and yarn
Marcia Grothe - afghans and hats
Grace Klumpenhower - hats
Karen Merrill - gently used clothing
Erin Murray – pillows, blankets
Rhonda Perry – fabric
Pam Taylor - afghans

Groups

Academy Elementary School – clothing and other baby items
Generic Knitter's of Broomfield – blankets and hats
Kathryn Kutch's Sorority - baby shower items for the layettes
Moms Club of Parker - layette items
Eliner Schroder & her Church Women's Group - new and gently used baby items
The Trails Knitting Group – hand knitted clothing and blanket, and misc. new and used baby items

Corporations

Tantrums (Shelly Mason) - Generous donation of clothing, shoes, toys, etc.

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.

Delivery Report

In October 3,920 items were delivered to 20 agencies and 3 individuals. Thank you for helping us to keep the babies warm. Deliveries were made to the following:

Boulder County Headstart
Bright Beginnings, Metro Denver
Children's Hospital
Community LIFT, Adventist Services
Denver Health Medical Center
Fort Lupton Clothing Bank
Head Start Clayton Educare
Inner City Medical Center
Jefferson County Nurses
Life Choices Pregnancy Thornton
Life Choices Pregnancy, Loveland
Life Support Center, CO SPR.
Peak Vista
Platte Valley Medical Center
St Anthony's Frisco
St Frances Medical Center
Texas Health Presbyterian
University Mother and Infant
University NICU
Vail Valley Medical Center

Always needed items

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Newborn Boy Burial Items ♥ Newborn sleepers and gowns ♥ Sweaters, jackets and buntings ♥ Preemie gowns, onesies, outfits, and t-shirts ♥ Receiving blankets ♥ Gently used boys 3T & 4T clothing and pajamas ♥ Baby toiletries ♥ Bottles ♥ Pacifiers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Diapers ♥ Wipes ♥ Baby friendly yarn ♥ Baby friendly interlock knits and ribbing ♥ Postage stamps ♥ Batting ♥ Polyfil <p>Monetary donations, checks made payable to
Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies
P. O Box 1266, Brighton, CO 80601</p> |
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WORK GROUPS

Arvada Work Group: Meets 2nd 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) Glenda: COLOKIDZ@aol.com. Bring a potluck dish, your machine and scissors.

Briggsdale Work Group: Contact Sandra Hicks 2athomeontherange@ncolcomm.com.

Brighton Work Group: Meets 3rd 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: November 19 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1529 N. Circle Dr.. Contact Linda at: LWaxler46@aol.com for what to bring.

Georgetown Work Group: Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. Noon until ?

Kaiser Permanente & Friends Work Group: Arapahoe Road and Holly. For times and dates please contact Tammy at Tammy.Sabad@kp.org or 303-919-5413.

Lakewood Work Group: Meets at Helen's house in Bailey on the last Friday of the month, and at Kathryn's house in Lakewood on the third Thursday. Please contact Kathryn for dates and times of their next meetings at: info@warmheartswarmbabies.org.

Littleton Work Group: For meeting information please please contact the group at info@warmheartswarmbabies.org.

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

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.

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Our 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.