

"The Baby Crier"



Warm Hearts



Warm Babies

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Spotlight on WHWB's 1st Work Group - BRIGHTON

This is the first feature story on WHWB's work groups. This issue features the Brighton group and work group coordinators: **Carol Criswell and Nancy Staup**.

The Brighton work group started in the summer of 1998 at Victoria Swain's home. The first meeting had 3-4 members. We moved to a small room off the sanctuary of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal church in the fall of 1998. We had one table that we used for sewing and put things away for our potluck at noon then got it back out after lunch. We then moved to the present location at the 7th day Adventist church. We advertised in the local paper and Pastor Bell and his wife Ginger invited us to use the fellowship hall. They have been strong supporters of what we do since that time.



The Brighton WHWB baby house has moved numerous times with the help of several volunteers. We started out with large totes at Victoria's house and storing the overflow in a camper. Dolores Bohlmeyer helped with renting us a storage unit until we moved to the trailer on Riverdale road. When we were asked to leave ... we rented three large storage units for the summer before moving to the basement of a downtown business. We had fun times being the bag ladies of Brighton hauling everything down Main Street down a steep flight of stairs to the small storage room. When we decided that we were getting too old for this, we rented a studio apartment for a few years. We were lucky for a few months to rent a 3 bedroom house but had to move as the owner's needed it for a family member. We then rented the trailer in Brighton until we passed the baby house torch to Arvada in 2012.

We have been fortunate over the years to have people step up to help when needed. Patty Lawlor came every week from Thornton to help at the trailer. Karyl and Fred Fredrekisen help with the deliveries. Many of our ladies have been coming for years and help with recruiting volunteers, lunch cleanup and sorting donations. We have had great dedicated volunteers that help with instructing newcomers and picking up the slack when Nancy and I are busy. They all come with smiles, stories to share, wonderful dishes with the recipes for the food they make. Over the years, Carol's husband Cris has helped with a wide variety of projects like moving the Baby House and transporting items for an annual garage sale.



Nancy Staup "Add your own caption!!"



Nancy Staup takes care of the WHWB P.O. box in Brighton, making sure all the mail and packages that come to the box... get to Arvada. She is in contact with Cathy at the Brighton School District 27j print shop. They print our newsletters. After the newsletters get printed, Nancy sorts them by zip codes and counts them to be sent out in the bulk mail. Nancy is very well known at the Brighton Post Office!!!

Nancy has the honor of delivering layettes and quilts to Platte Valley Medical Center. They really appreciate all the hard work everyone puts into the clothes. At times, Nancy meets with Becky Carlisle (Chaplin from Avista Hospital in Boulder) to deliver layettes and afghans. It is so nice to hear from her how the recipients love them. They think it is so special that someone gives clothes to their newborns at no charge.

Carol and Nancy deliver to Inner City and Bright Beginnings in Denver and the Denver Hospice. In Nancy's words "Carol seems to think that since I don't drive in Denver she can take me the back roads to getting where we need to go. If she would ever leave me there, I wouldn't have any idea where I was or how I would get home. ""Ha Ha" We are also a transfer point for deliveries to Children's Hospital and University Hospital.

We deliver to agencies in Weld County and provide supplies to Briggsdale and Loveland. Carol also does presentations to groups interested in learning what WHWB does.

Nancy' husband Fred does a lot of the heavy lifting needed to handle gently used clothing from Joonbugz in Brighton and from Tantrums in Colorado Springs. Nancy separates the clothes and counts them to get ready for delivery. Every month, Glenda and Theron Bredeson pickup our delivery for the Baby House in Arvada and various organizations in Denver.

A BIG THANK YOU to all members of the Brighton Work Group!!!



The FLAG STANDS for FREEDOM



July Birthdays



REMEMBER Those who FOUGHT

- Cindy Miller July 02
- Fran Hindman July 04
- United States of America** July 04
- Amy Cantrell July 05
- Elaine Ryckley July 06
- Beverly Dolce July 07
- Ruth A. McCann July 08
- Arlene S. Kapron July 09
- Eileen Wilcox July 10
- Terry Carney July 10
- Irene Baker July 10
- Nancy Green July 11
- Cynthia Chaney July 11
- Jenny Slade July 13
- Sherry Standen July 13
- Frances Vialpando July 14
- Suzanne Broussard July 17

- Mildred L. Discher July 18
- Tennille Irons July 18
- Dawn Gonzales July 20
- Diane Cooper July 20
- Marguerite Cheney July 20
- Janis Kraig July 21
- Mary Beth Sollie July 21
- Sandy Elder July 21
- Renee Arpin July 22
- Robyn Terry July 22
- Tammy Mills July 23
- Donna Lantgen July 27
- Eva Wigand July 27
- Kathryn White July 27
- Phyllis E. Sass July 30
- Pat Baker July 30
- Jill Wilkin July 30

Thank You To Our Donors

Individuals

Lynne Craig

Ann Cady – fabrics & storage tote

Ms. McAdams (Divide, CO) - hats

Rosemary Moya– monetary

Marcia Grothe (California) – hats

Bill & Courtney Johnson – gently used clothing

Myriam Samson-Mysch – hats & booties

Jan Sloan (Texas) – fabric

Lynette Yokoyama (Hawaii) – aghans

Erin Murray (Texas) – blankets, booties, hats & toys

Padrica Hill (Florida) – crochet animals

Janet Smotherman – blankets, booties, bibs

Groups and Organizations

Early Morning Rotary Club (Brighton) - diapers

Aurora Center for Active Adults Sewing Group -
fabric

**Women's Fellowship of St. Paul's Community
Church** –assorted baby items

Generic Knitters of Frederick Senior Center –
assorted knit items

St. Joan of Arc Sewing Group - fabric and sewing
notions

Arvada Church of Christ – assorted clothing

LDS Church – Golden Stake Relief Society –
LARGE donation of baby items

Corporations

Halliburton Giving Choices - monetary

Tantrums Consignment Shop (Colorado Springs) –
assorted clothing

Joon Bugz Consignment Shop (Brighton) –
assorted clothing

Memorial Donations

Irene Davies 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.

Delivery Report

In May we delivered 5796 items to 24 agencies and 1 individual. Thank you for helping us to keep the babies warm. Deliveries were made to the following:

Denver Health Medical Center
University Neo-Natal Loss
University Hospital NICU
University Hospital Mothers & Infants
Children's Hospital
Avista Hospital (Boulder)
Platte Valley Medical Center
St. Mark's Clothing Pantry (Westminster)
Jeffco Action Center
Jefferson County Nurses
Birthline (Loveland)
Vail Medical Center (Vail)
Healthy Beginnings (Loveland)
Ronald McDonald House (Denver)
Inner City Services
Servico de La Roza (2 deliveries)
Bright Beginnings
Lift Services
Life Choices (Longmont)
Individual (Relay for Life Silent Auction)
AC4C Project
Ralston House(Arvada)
One Nation(Colo Springs)
Life Support Center(Colo Springs)
Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center

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**NO... This is NOT your Editor at work!!!**



## Thank You To Our Volunteers

Dear Warm Hearts~Warm Babies Volunteers,  
Thank you for your delivery of your layette bags and cozy blankets. Your generosity and time bring an extra warmth to our nurses home visits. The outfits are always so cute and the blankets are perfect to cuddle the babies up with or spread on the floor for tummy time. Thanks again!

Karey Riemersma, RN  
and The nurses at  
Jefferson County Public Health

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Warm Hearts~Warm Babies Volunteers,
You keep our babies fully equipped....we especially like the tiny shirts.
Your continual blessings are greatly appreciated!

University Hospital NICU

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Warm Hearts~Warm Babies Volunteers,  
The Children's Hospital Volunteers thank you for your beautiful gifts to our children. Because of donations like yours, we are prepared to meet some of the needs of our patients and their families.

Your continual support is greatly appreciated.  
Association of Volunteers Children's Hospital

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Dear Warm Hearts~Warm Babies Volunteers,
Thank You so much for all the clothing items you donated to our families. They love having little cute things for their babies...they give them some reassurance that things can be OK.

Ronald McDonald House Charities
of Southern Colorado

Dear Marie and the volunteers of Warm
Hearts~Warm Babies,

The Denver Ronald McDonald House would like to thank you for your thoughtful donation of baby blankets and the cute little preemie shirts. Without your support and the support of others to our mission, our families would not have a home away from home.

Thank you also for your aluminum can tabs. These tabs help us with our operating budget so we are able to keep a home away from home for our families.

Sue Gunare
Denver Ronald McDonald House

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### Thank -Yous were also received from:

Denver Medical Health  
Inner City Services  
Summit Medical Center (Frisco)  
Peak Vista (Colorado Springs)  
Life Network (Colorado Springs)

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Welcome to Our New Volunteers

LaVonne Burgess (Arvada)
Donna Newton (Arvada)
Janis Kraig (Arvada)
Jean Nava (Arvada)
Phyllis Dahlberg (Brighton)
Sharon Constantine (Rocky Mountain – Frisco)

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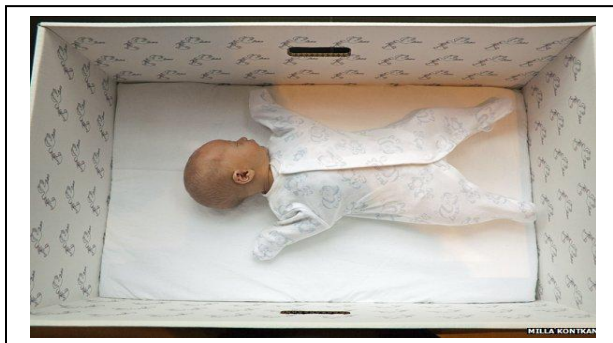
### WANTED

Have a personal story, a humorous incident or a picture with a sewing or a baby theme? Recipe? Send to Theron Bredeson at [colokidz@aol.com](mailto:colokidz@aol.com)

You may see it in an upcoming issue of  
**"THE BABY CRYER"**

## WHY FINNISH BABIES SLEEP IN A BOX

For 75 years, Finland's expectant mothers have been given a box by the state. It's like a starter kit of clothes, sheets and toys that can even be used as a bed. And some say it helped Finland achieve one of the world's lowest infant mortality rates



It's a tradition that dates back to the 1930s and it's designed to give all children in Finland, no matter what background they're from, an equal start in life. The maternity package - a gift from the government - is available to all expectant mothers. With the mattress in the bottom, the box becomes a baby's first bed. Many children, from all social backgrounds, have their first naps within the safety of the box's four cardboard walls.

Mothers have a choice between taking the box, or a cash grant, currently set at 140 euros, but 95% opt for the box as it's worth much more.

The tradition dates back to 1938. To begin with, the scheme was only available to families on low incomes, but that changed in 1949.

- ☒ Mattress, mattress cover, undersheet, duvet cover, blanket, sleeping bag/quilt
- ☒ Box itself doubles as a crib
- ☒ Snowsuit, hat, insulated mittens and booties
- ☒ Light hooded suit and knitted overalls
- ☒ Socks and mittens, knitted hat and balaclava
- ☒ Bodysuits, romper suits and leggings in unisex colours and patterns
- ☒ Hooded bath towel, nail scissors, hairbrush, toothbrush, bath thermometer, nappy cream, wash cloth
- ☒ Cloth nappy set and muslin squares
- ☒ Picture book and teething toy
- ☒ Bra pads, condom



"Not only was it offered to all mothers-to-be but new legislation meant in order to get the grant, or maternity box, they had to visit a doctor or municipal pre-natal clinic before their fourth month of pregnancy," says Heidi Liesivesi, who works at Kela - the Social Insurance Institution of Finland. **And now you know the rest of the story!**

**Hi Everyone... Baby Ella here,**

**Wow** it is getting hot out! , I guess Spring decided not to show up this year!!!!

We have so some new cute knit material for sleepers, gowns, and shirts. It is for you to use, but please try to put it to good use with the plain colored knits. It will help the cute material go further then we are able to help more babies and give them cute clothes....for example use the patterns for a front or sleeves to go with a plain sleeper gown.

Please make items out of light weight material until at least August. At this time, we are still in need of lighter weight going home outfits for both boys.

Angel wing gowns for both boys and girls are also in extremely short supply. And we are in need of the smaller size burial buntings.

At this time, we have a pretty good supply of socks. Also, we don't need baby wipes.

Toiletries, bottles and pacifiers are always welcome....And at this time.... We need **pacifiers !!**

**Thank you for all you do for my fellow babies, Love, Baby Ella**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND WHWB

Missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church assisted the Brighton Work Group to cut fabric, tie ribbons and provide LOTS of SMILES. Another group also visited the Baby House to learn about our mission. Thank You!!



### REMINDER

**An Easy Way** to help Ronald McDonald House is to save your tabs from aluminum cans....who doesn't have a few of these each month? The tabs may be turned in with your regular donations every month. These tabs are recycled to make money for their operating budget to keep the House open...they appreciate these very much .

Colorado Quilting Council (CQC), a statewide organization, has a Project Warm Hearts Charity Quilts project. Myrlene Zimmerman, a CQC member and local quilter, submitted an entry for the local Summit County (Rocky Mountain) Warm Hearts/Warm Babies charity to receive a quilt from the CQC, and this local Summit County organization was selected to receive a CQC quilt. Sue Keck showed the quilt at the May CQC meeting in Colorado Springs, and Judy Keim delivered it to Avanelle Bond, the lead of the local group, a few weeks later. More info about the CQC project is available at <http://coloradoquiltcouncil.com/charity.html>



### The ROCKY MOUNTAIN SEWING EXPO

**When:** July 11-13, 2013 Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Where:** Denver Merchandise Mart, 451 East 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver CO

**Parking:** FREE

Price: **\$9.00** with the \$1 off coupon (online)  
(Children under the age of 12 are free)

**Public Info or workshop and classroom tickets:**

<http://www.rockymountainsewexpo.com>

### Warm Hearts~Warm Babies will have a booth at this show.

We **will not** be selling anything...this space was donated to us to share our mission with the general public. We usually get new volunteers and donations through this face to face time. If you are interested in manning the booth for a few hours (show admission would be free, but names must be submitted ahead of time). Please contact **Glenda Bredeson at 303-975-6394 or colokidz@aol.com** as soon as possible. Thank You.

## Always needed items

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

- ♥ **SMILES**
  - ♥ 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  
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### 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 Avanelle at 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)  
6429D Miller St. Arvada, CO 80004 (letters)

By phone: 303-919-5413

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

Note: The newsletter is also posted on our web site .

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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.  
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