

"The Baby Crier"



Warm Hearts Warm Babies

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Celebrating 20 Years of Service

From the President

While contemplating what the WHWB volunteers would like to hear from me for this publication, I thought you would like to have some of the following information. We have recently been working on the year end financials and found the figures rather astounding, so I wish to share them with you. In 2019, we delivered approximately 80,000 items worth \$461,400 to over 55 Colorado agencies. Our volunteers spent 34,000 hours working for the Babies. I think these figures are definitely something we can be proud of! Even though we have doubled our monthly overhead when we expanded the Baby House, our physical and financial growth has easily accommodated our increased costs. Our operating expenses each year are more than \$25,000. This figure changes depending on how much material, batting, etc. we need to purchase. The name of our organization is becoming more and more well know due to our exposure through newspapers, TV, craft shows, churches, and of course, "word of mouth", We can certainly be proud of our work and our connection with this wonderful organization. It has certainly changed my life and I know a lot of you can say the same thing.

Jean Jones

Denver Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival

Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies will have a booth at this event again this year. We need volunteers to meet guests at our booth and tell them about our organization. If you have not already selected a time to work, please contact Glenda Bredeson at colokidz@aol.com to sign up. A bonus for volunteers who sign up is free entry into the event if your name is on the volunteer list.

Volunteer Luncheon

Our annual volunteer luncheon is April 9, 2020. Haliburton Inc. will be cooking and providing a wonderful steak lunch. Thank you to our contacts in Brighton. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Come early to shop the craft table, participate in the silent auction and check out the other things you may win. We expect this to be a special day so come and join us for the fun. Please let your workgroup coordinator know if you will be attending,

Calendar

March 26-28
Denver Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival
10 am – 5 pm
Denver Mart Expo Hall
451 E. 58th Ave., Denver, CO

April 9
WHWB Volunteer Luncheon
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
King of Glory Lutheran Church
10001 W. 58th Ave., Arvada, CO

Special Needs This Quarter

- ♥ Small printer for the Baby House Office

Always Needed

- ♥ Baby Toiletries (lotion/shampoo)
- ♥ Bottles (individually wrapped)
- ♥ Postage Stamps
- ♥ Baby Friendly Interlock Knits
- ♥ Baby Friendly Ribbing
- ♥ Baby Friendly Flannel

Not Needed This quarter

- ♥ Hats
- ♥ Long Positioning Rolls
- ♥ Short Positioning Rolls
- ♥ Dolls & Toys
- ♥ Burp Cloths
- ♥ Bibs
- ♥ Receiving Blankets

Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies News

Changes

Newsletter

It was the wish of Theron Bredeson to step down as Newsletter Editor. Fortunately for us Frances Scott is willing to take over as Newsletter Editor. Any and all newsworthy items should now be directed to Frances at fkquilts@aol.com. Thank you, Frances for taking on this responsibility. Our thanks go to Theron who is always ready willing and able to step in and help our organization out.

Board of Directors

Director – The position vacated by Donna Lantgen will not be filled at this time. Thank you, Donna for the time you served as a director and the help provided throughout the years.

Treasurer – The position of treasurer is a huge responsibility and we thank Fran Rowe for all the work she did in this position. We deeply appreciate Bernice Henrickson, who is willing to take over the position of Treasurer for WHWB.

Our thanks to all. We have GREAT VOLUNTEERS!!!

Sympathy

We are very sorry to announce that we have lost one of our good friends and volunteers, Jess Brockman. Jess lost his battle with cancer in February. He was the husband to Ann Brockman, our Group Leader in Skystone. Jesse was a dedicated worker for WHWB and was always willing to do whatever was needed for our organization. We appreciate the work he has done, even when he was so sick he was trying to do things for the “babies”. We will certainly miss this wonderful gentleman!

Blessing

We were pleasantly surprised when Heritage-Todd Creek advised us that WHWB had been chosen as their charity at their recent Casino Night. We were even more surprised when we were invited to their ceremony and awarded \$5,000. Glenda Bredeson and Jean Jones attended the award ceremony on February 26th. This is another instance when we are mind-boggled by the generosity that comes to WHWB!

Denver 7 Everyday Hero

Betty Wallace

Betty Wallace was chosen as the January 2020 Denver 7 Everyday Hero. This Englewood native has been an active church and community member for decades. While raising 4 children she was active in the PTA, Cub Scouts, 4H and Camp Fire Girls. Over the years her community involvement has included the Englewood Recreation Council and Board, American Red Cross, Carnation Women's Club, representative to the Montview Girls Home, sponsor for the first Peace Corp volunteer to Nigeria and the Colorado Historical Society.

Betty is in her 90's and still serving her community. She is active in her church and Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies. In the past year she made over 200 hats and countless prayer shawls. Besides needing to have something to do, Betty told Denver 7 reporter Molly Hendrickson "We want the people who receive these hats and shawls to know that they are loved, they are cared for and they are thought about and prayed over every day."

We love and appreciate you Betty!

El Centro de Los Pobres, Inc.

Los Pobres Center in Avondale (about 8 miles east of Pueblo) is one of the agencies that WHWB delivers layettes to. Their mission is to serve the immigrant poor and local indigent citizens by providing those things necessary for survival: food, clothing, and when possible, shelter. It is a non-profit organization that helps meet the daily survival needs of immigrant workers with low-paying jobs. It was founded in 1979 by Father Maurice Gallagher, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Avondale. For the last 29 years, Sister Nancy Croftan has continued his efforts with a staff made up entirely of volunteers. Over 15,000 families have registered since 2000, the majority of whom are living below the poverty level. Los Pobres reaches 200-220 families weekly by distributing 600 pounds of pinto beans and 600 pounds of rice. They also provide clothing, blankets, pots and pans, small kitchen appliances, household items, legal support, access to social support services, and a free health clinic once a week. WHWB delivers 12 layettes to them each month.

Thank You To Our Donors

Individuals

Sheila Stromberg and Children -- baby items
Joanne Carlucci -- booties
Erin Murray -- fleece blankets
Rhonda Donhowe -- blankets
Vicki Johnson -- fabric
Judy O'Berry -- hats
Betty Wallace -- hats
Lynette Yakohama -- afghans
Gail Shaw -- fleece blankets
Paula Taylor -- fabric and serger
Teresa Miles -- fabric
Kathleen Leroy -- afghan and sweaters
Jane Sachs -- monetary
Marsha Miller -- monetary
Karen Ritter -- monetary
Janice Smith -- monetary
Candy Edwards -- monetary
Patricia Wulf -- monetary
Susan Ebner -- monetary
Miranda Jackson -- monetary
Rosemary Neville -- monetary
Tess Kramer -- hats
Karma Dornfeld -- fabric
Elaine Long Hurst -- fabric
Theresa Salazar -- afghans

Groups and Organizations

Heritage Todd Creek -- monetary
Wheatridge Lutheran Church -- Christmas Giving Tree Items
Peace Lutheran Church Knitters and Crocheters -- sweaters, hats and booties
First United Methodist Church UMW -- monetary
Sock It To 'em Socks Charity -- **many** pairs of socks
5340 Coffee -- Arvada Work Group coffee and supplies

Memorial Gifts

Karen Nelson in Memory of Helen Burchett
Karen Nelson in Memory of Jess Brockman
Jack Thorne in Memory of Jess Brockman
Mike and Joann Graber in Memory of Jess Brockman
Theron and Glenda Bredeson in Memory of Jess Brockman
Theron and Glenda Bredeson in Memory of Pastor Tom Guinn

Honorariums

Carol Proffitt in Honor of Ann Connally-Brockman

Delivery Reports

In January and February we delivered 10,000 items to 35 agencies and individuals. Thank you for helping us to keep the babies warm. Deliveries were made to the following:

Birthline (Loveland)
Carin Clinic
Children's Hospital
Children's Hospital NICU
Collier Hospice
Denver Medical Center
Denver Medical Center NICU
Denver Medical Peri-Natal Loss
El Centro de Los Pobres
First Visitor (CS)
Growing Home
Hospice Footprints Grief Center (Denver)
Inner City Services
Jeffco Nurses
Life Choices Longmont
Life Choices Loveland
Longmont Hospital
Longmont Hospital NICU
Lutheran Hospital NICU
McKee Medical Center (Loveland)
MCPN - Aurora
MCPN - Wheatridge
One Nation Walking (CS)
Peak Vista Women's Center (CS)
Platte Valley Medical Center
Rocky Mountain Children's Hospital PSL
Ronald McDonald House (CS)
Ronald McDonald House (Denver)
Individual Salud Clinics
University Hospital Mother and Infant
University Hospital NICU
Weld County Nurses
Individuals (3)

Thank You From Our Recipients

To all at Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies,

We would like to express our gratitude for the many special items (i.e. Bereavement items, octopus, and "faceless" dolls) donated to Children's Hospital and NICU. Children's Hospital and NICU are very grateful to have generous donors like you that understand the unique needs that are often needed to help our patients and their families through a difficult time.

Many thanks!!

Anita, FRC ~ Volunteer

Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you for your Pop Tab donations. They help provide a warm, comfortable place for families of critically ill, hospitalized children to stay. The money we get back from your donation goes directly to our Ronald McDonald House!!

Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated,

Staff and Volunteers,
Ronald McDonald House -- Denver
Ronald McDonald House Charities of
Southern Colorado

Ladies,

We appreciate all the sewing you do for needy babies. Thank you for giving so much love for those that are in need when they have a new baby. Also thank you for supporting our "Mitten Tree" at Christmas.

King of Glory Lutheran Church Ladies,
Jeanette Anderson-Smith
Katie Edstrom
Margaret Smith
Rhonda
Jonnie

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of El Centro de Los Pobres located in Avondale, outside of Pueblo. You allow us to share your great love for babies among the immigrants and indigent population in our area. Los Pobres operates solely by word of mouth. We especially thank Bob and Bernice Henrickson that discovered us and shared our mission, and bring us your wonderful donations.

Thank you for sharing your great gift of Love,
Sister Nancy

Dear Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies Volunteers,

It's often said that a child wins the lottery of life when they are born into a strong family and caring community. As generous donors to Denver Health Medical Center, you've supplied that winning ticket to a child who would otherwise not be so fortunate.

Rarely do we see a parent who doesn't want to provide the best for their baby. Most often we see loving parents with big hearts and very small resources. Your donation to Denver Health Medical Center helps make up the difference --- and has a great impact. Donors like you give birth to modern miracles at Denver Medical Center when you donate your beautiful items. These items give hope and love to new mothers.

Thank you for being part of the foundation for a newborn's new life,

Linda L. Ford, M.A.
Executive Director
Denver Health Foundation

Robin Engleberg
Program Director
Denver Health Foundation

Board of Directors

Jean Jones	President	Bonnie Yockstick	General Director
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WORKGROUPS

Arvada Baby Bee Work Group: Meets 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am-2pm at WHWB Baby House, 6429C Miller St. Contact Frances Scott 303-421-6331 or fksquilts@aol.com.

Arvada Work Group: 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 colokidz@aol.com

Aurora Work Group: Meets 3rd Monday of each month/ 9am – Noon at Above & Beyond (Centennial). Contact Gisela Stout at 720-373-3180 or Gisela.stout@outlook.com for info.

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

Colorado Springs Work Group: Meets 3rd Saturday/10am at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1529 N. Circle Dr. Bring a potluck dish. Contact Lyn Hente at slamhente@comcast.net or 719-499-0415 for what to bring.

Holly Creek Retirement Community Work Group (Centennial): Open to ALL. Contact Priscilla Stenman at cilpks@msn.com for meeting information.

Littleton Work Group: Meets 2nd Tues of each month/ 10am – 2pm at Above & Beyond (Kipling & Bowles). Contact Ruth McCaffrey at 303-808-2124 or ram1084@msn.com

Loveland Work Group: Contact Judy at our2pets@msn.com or Karen at 970-667-4323 for more information.

Parker Work Group: Meets 3rd Weds of each month, 9:30am- 12pm at 12047 Blackwill Way, Parker. Contact Diana Stout 303-550-5879 or rosedlstout@gmail.com

Skyestone Work group: Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 10am at Skyestone Lodge Broomfield. Contact Ann Connolly. This group is open ONLY to Skyestone residents.

Southlands Work Group: (south Aurora near Quincy & E-470) Meets 5:30pm on 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. Contact Gisela Stout 720-373-3180 or Gisela.stout@outlook.com

Thornton Work Group: Meets in Thornton on 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 1pm-4pm at the Old Thornton Rec Center at 2211 Eppinger St. Contact Lori Kratzer at 720-273-1687 or Lorijkratzer@hotmail.com for details.

285 Corridor (Aspen Park) Work Group: Meets 3rd Monday each month at St. Laurence Episcopal Church (Fellowship Hall). Contact: Helen Hood at insmont@wispertel.net.

Windsor Gardens Work Group: Meets at Windsor Gardens (near Alameda & Havana) every 2nd Thursday of month in Sewing Room, 10am – 1pm. Contact Barb Achenbach at llove2sewbarb@gmail.com

Want to start a workgroup? See the volunteer section at whwbnewsletter@aol.com

Questions or comments? Please contact us

Phone: 303-975-6394 or 303 601-9276, Email: whwbnewsletter@aol.com

Mail: 6429D Miller St. Arvada, CO 80004 (letters), P.O. Box 830 Arvada, CO 80001 (packages)

Your Donations Count! All of our members and staff are **VOLUNTEERS!!** Their only compensation is the satisfaction of helping others. Your donations go directly to help Colorado's tiniest citizens. **You can donate thru AmazonSmile, GoFundMe, Colorado Gives or using your King Soopers Loyalty Card. Thrivent members are eligible to use the "Thrivent Action Team" program (for info contact us at whwbnewsletter@aol.com)**

Note: the newsletter is posted on our website no later than the 10th day of the published month. The deadline for inputs/articles is the 25th of the month prior to publication.

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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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