



*Warm Hearts ~
Warm Babies
Briefs*

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Welcome to the first edition of WHWB Briefs.

Briefs are going to come out once a month and will focus on a person, group, events, or other timely topics. There are things that need to be communicated in between quarterly newsletters.

We heartily encourage group leaders to pass these newsletters and briefs to their group either by email or printed for those without emails.

Celebrating a special volunteer- Helen Card

Helen was invited to share how she became a WHWB volunteer. In her own words:

First of all I believe I am probably the oldest member at almost 103 years old, my birthday is in April. To be honest, I am not sure what year I started sewing for WHWB. I had just lost my husband of fifty-two years and thought I might enjoy sewing for the babies. I started by going up to Brighton to pick-up fabric and drop off completed items at first. After some time, I decided it was too far to travel back and forth, so I quite sewing for the group for a while.

After moving from Denver to Arvada, I met my wonderful neighbor, Ellen Dryer. Ellen and I went to a craft show and met someone from WHWB at a booth. I told Ellen how I had sewn for this group a few years before and had enjoyed it. They let us know that they did have a group that met in Arvada at the church not far from our homes. We went and checked it out and the rest is history. We both started going to meetings every month and sewed for the babies in addition to making craft items! I also recruited my daughter who sewed and knit for the group.

Unfortunately, Ellen had to move to assisted living and no longer across the street from me. She lived locally for a while and still would sew and to go meetings with us but her son moved her to Canon City. She has since passed away.

While I still could, I continued to sew with the help of Rosalie Gaccetta. She would bring me things cut out and ready to sew. She also delivered what I completed.

I do wonder how many completed items I have made over the years! I hope that the babies and mothers benefitted from my work. I very much miss being able to contribute by sewing for the babies. I haven't given up completely however. I am trying to knit booties although the going is slow.

So, I think I've been with the groups 20+ years. I hope you all keep sewing and enjoy each other's company.

Thank You Helen for all you have done for WHWB. There are many babies who benefitted by your efforts. You are an inspiration to all us. I wanted to include a picture of Helen but she "didn't think it was necessary".

Editor's Note

The May WHWB Brief will feature Glenda Bredeson. Glenda has been a tireless leader and will be moving.