

# "The Baby Crier"



Warm Hearts



Warm Babies

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In September, I present part 3 of the continuing history of WHWB, told through the stories of its many work groups. It started with **Victoria Swain** "the Mom of WHWB" and the leader in the group's first chapter . Special THANKS to her for personally relating the group's early history at the volunteer luncheon in May. Victoria's vision continued through **Carol Criswell** and **Nancy Staup** in Brighton. (I'm pleased to personally know all 3 of these ladies and remind you.... they are all still actively involved with WHWB.)

Then came Colorado Springs and their leader **Linda Waxler**. At this point, I... as your editor, must issue a personal apology to 3 ladies who have been very instrumental in the success of the Colorado Springs work group. I misspelled their names in their August story.

- The corrections:
1. **LOIS PAGE** was identified as "Lori Paye".
  2. **ANGEL BEYER** was identified as "Angel Beger" in THREE places.
  3. **ROBERTA BALLARD** was identified as "Roberta Bellars" and she has ALWAYS lived in Pueblo.
- I apologize to them and now we continue with the story.

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So, on to Arvada, one of the largest of the WHWB work groups (40+ members with 20-30 continually involved). I asked work group leader, **Glenda Bredeson**, to answer a wide variety of questions and I got 7 handwritten pages about the group. I have been around since that start of the group but I learned a lot ...you will too!! Her words intimately describe WHY... Warm Hearts Warm Babies is so important... Not just to the babies(and their families) just starting out, but also to the "seasoned life veterans" who want to continue making this country the greatest ever. Here is her story about Arvada!!



*After the death of my mother-in-law in 1999, my husband and I moved back to Colorado to be closer to our families. That meant basically starting over with our lives. While looking for something to occupy my time, I got my first real exposure to the internet. In my search, I kept seeing references to "Newborns in Need". I eventually called a local contact person, **Victoria Swain**. I started a conversation that lead to making items for the group. A volunteer in Arvada picked up the items for delivery to Brighton. Then came a neighborhood garage sale fundraiser in Arvada. I visited the sale as an anonymous looker, not ready to really make a more permanent commitment (yet!). I met **Victoria and Carol Criswell**. That's all it took to get me started. Ironically, **Jeanette Sorensen** was recruited by a brochure handed out to garage sale vendors the same day. (I bet this type of scenario is familiar to many of our volunteers)*

Shortly after that, I suggested a craft show as another fundraiser and the first question was "Will you coordinate it?" I still do that 14 years later!!

When Warm Hearts Warm Babies was organized in 2000, **Jeanette Sorensen** and I started the WHWB Arvada group and after 4 months with no new volunteers... almost gave up. Fortunately, several volunteers began attending meetings and in the 13 years since ...only 3 work group meetings have ever been cancelled (heavy snow). At a craft show later that year, **Cindy Miller** became involved and the core of the Arvada group was together. (Note: these three ladies are pictured in the top picture on page 1.)

We have been fortunate to always hold our meetings at the King of Glory Lutheran Church in Arvada. My husband attended this church as a youth and was confirmed there. All three of our children were baptized there by **Pastor Guinn**. We started in one classroom then a larger double classroom and finally to their huge multi-purpose hall. Special THANKS to all the staff and church members for their support over the years.

**Cindy and Jeanette Payne** had been going to the Springwood Assisted Living facility in Arvada for several years. They started a small group to simply help the residents feel valued to others... in a very useful way. A gentleman named **Walter Amich** wanted to learn how to crochet. Cindy took time with him and he produced beautiful afghans to share with our babies. He was extremely proud of his work and continued to make afghans for us until his passing in 2012.

Over the years, I have been privileged to work with several volunteers in the 85-95 age group. **Oddy Bredeson** made over a 1000 quilts for us, **Vera Tenute** crocheted 5-10 afghans a month (after her passing her son brought her final delivery to us... discovered while cleaning out her house). **Millie Haase** contributed a wonderful sense of humor and kept us in "stitches" at meetings (pun intended!). **Shirley Kratzer and her daughter Lori** redesigned our boy burial romper. **Marie Overdier** entertained us all with her stories of her childhood and how things were in the past. She was a member of "the greatest generation" and delighted in showing us how to use every scrap wasting nothing. Many of us still have coin purses she made for us.

Currently, we have two(2) volunteers over 90. **Helen Card** (91) sews constantly for the babies and was very frustrated that a recent surgery temporarily sidelined her time at the serger making items for the babies. **Lloyd Jensen**(97) living in assisted living still makes afghans for us. He learned to crochet from his daughter, **Nancy Cochran**, when his fingers no longer allowed needlepoint.

I mention all these "seasoned life members" to personally demonstrate that Warm Hearts is just as important to them (and us) as to the newborns.



**I need to identify and THANK several dedicated supporters of the Arvada work group.**

**Jeanette Sorensen** is always ready to fill "special" requests and crochets tiny booties and angels for burial layettes. Don't ask her a question unless you have LOTS of time for the answer!

**Cindy Miller & Jeanette Payne.** Their outreach promoting WHWB and personally working with our most senior volunteers to help them realize they are "useful & needed" is heartwarming .

**Richard Zwetzig** makes deliveries and is known as "The Chocolate Man" providing the fix at meetings and the baby house. His life partner **Frances Scott**, did grant requests and was the newsletter editor for many years and continues to sew today.

**Marie Kidd** makes deliveries, sends "thank you" notes to donors and promotes WHWB where ever she goes. She is also my "Right hand" at the baby house.

*Jean Jones* is my "Left hand" at the baby house. She convinced her husband and others to build the newest shelves at the baby house. Jean also found the current location for the Baby House in Arvada!!

*Bonnie Yockstick* sends out birthday cards to all the WHWB members.

*Theron Bredeson* is my "Jack of all trades" He also is the current newsletter editor.

*Carole Rothrock , Fran Hindman and Janice Schott* make deliveries

**I want all WHWB volunteers to know they are important to our mission. Whether they do one thing or a 100, they are always helping a baby to get a better start in life. THANK YOU!!!**



*The Arvada group has always been a central hub for volunteers in the Denver and surrounding work groups. They were the southern storage facility for many years. Our members are the main source of volunteers for craft shows, sewing expos, quilt-a-thons and sew-a-thons. I also want to acknowledge several volunteers that coordinate volunteer recruiting presentations and displays. Thanks to **Cindy Miller, Marie Kidd, Bonnie Yockstick, Lori Kratzer and Frances Scott.***

*Each month Arvada delivers items to Denver Medical Center, Life Choices Pregnancy Center in Longmont, Longmont Hospital, Jeffco Action Center, St. Mark's Clothing Pantry in Westminster, Servico De La Raza , Rocky Mountain Children's Hospital(PSL) and the Denver Ronald McDonald House. Based on their needs , we also deliver to Jeffco Visiting Nurses, St. Anthony's West Hospital, Avista Hospital and Avista Services in Boulder, Lutheran Hospital, and the Granby Pregnancy Center.*

*It should also be noted that all of WHWB current board members come from the Arvada work group. Special kudos to **Lauren Schlicht, Nancy Cochran, Pat Cisneros(the newest member),Bonnie Yockstick, Donna Lantgen, Elizabeth Henry, Lori Kratzer , Marie Kidd and of course myself. Thanks to them all!!!***

**Well that's Arvada's story from Glenda Bredeson. THANK YOU to all their volunteers for everything they do for WHWB.**

**This story was longer and more detailed than previous stories for one reason...**

**it details the importance of Warm Hearts Warm Babies to multi generations.!!!**

In coming chapters, you will learn more about the Arvada Baby House and it's dedicated volunteers. Also , there will be stories about the smaller but equally dedicated work groups throughout the region. Stay tuned!!

## Thank You To Our Donors

### Individuals

**Lynette Yokoyama (Hawaii)** – afghans  
**Sally Everitt** – afghan, sweaters & hats  
**Marcia Grothe (California)** – afghans & hats  
**S.K. Mishler** – yarn  
**L. McAdams** – hats  
**Anonymous** – monetary  
**Gerri Schiel** – burial layettes  
**Sally Henry** – afghans  
**Kathy Johnson** – assorted baby items & polyfil  
**Chuck Jesse** – plastic bags  
**Rita Patton** – pacifiers and booties  
**Joanne Waress** - Serger

### Groups and Organizations

**Hands and Hearts (Golden Community Center)**  
– afghans  
**1<sup>st</sup> United Church of Arvada Quilting Group**  
– quilts  
**LDS Denver North Stake Young Women**  
– fleece blankets  
**Destiny Assemblies of God Church (Ft. Lupton)**  
– monetary  
**Brighton Early Morning Rotary Club**  
– diapers  
**Golden LDS Church**  
– assorted items  
**Senior Craft Group – Buck Community Rec. Center (Littleton)** – knit & crochet items

### Corporations

**Tantrums Consignment Shop (Colorado Springs)**  
-- assorted clothing  
**PAQ-SOURCE (Aurora)**  
– plastic bags for goodie bags  
**Joonbugz Consignment Shop (Brighton)**  
-- assorted clothing

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.

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## WELCOME to NEW VOLUNTEERS

**Heather Nelson** - Brighton  
**Cecelia Bell** - Arvada

## Delivery Report

In July we delivered 5733 items to 21 agencies and 0 individuals. Thank you for helping us to keep the babies warm. Deliveries were made to the following:

**St. Anthony's (Frisco)**  
**Servico de la Raza**  
**Jeffco Action Center**  
**St. Mark's Clothing Pantry**  
**Bright Beginnings**  
**University Hospital Mothers & Infants**  
**University Hospital Neo- Natal Loss**  
**University Hospital NICU**  
**Children's Hospital**  
**Jeffco Public Health Nurses**  
**Rocky Mountain Hospice**  
**Denver Medical Center**  
**Life Choices Pregnancy Center (Longmont)**  
**Platte Valley Hospital**  
**Inner City Services**  
**Ronald McDonald House (Denver)**  
**Life Support Center (Colorado Springs)**  
**Ronald McDonald House (Colorado Springs)**  
**Peak Vista PreNatal Plus (Colorado Springs)**  
**One Nation (Colorado Springs)**  
**Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center**

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## HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOWS

Yes, it's only September but the first holiday craft show is in early November!

If you have handmade items to donate( finish?) or if you can help at the shows...WHWB needs You!

Contact Glenda Bredeson (colokidz@aol.com) or call 303-975-6394. If you have a question...she has an answer!!



## Thank You To Our Volunteers

Dear WHWB Volunteers,

Thank you for the beautiful layettes that you continue to donate to our families. Even in the high heats of this summer, the mothers have loved your cozy afghans and quilts. Again, "Thank you" for all of the things you do for our families.

Sincerely,  
Karen Riemersma  
&

Nurses at Jefferson County Public Health

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Warm Hearts ~Warm Babies Volunteers,  
**Thank You!!!!!!**

Thank you for your ongoing care for the NICU and our tiny babies. We are truly grateful for your Services.

University of Colorado NICU

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Dear Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies Ladies,

We would like to thank you all so much for all the wonderful baby items you continue to donate to our families. Everything is always so sweet and useful.

Thank you,  
Debrah  
Ronald McDonald House Colorado Springs

WHWB Volunteers,

I cannot thank you enough for your continued support and Blessings to the Mommies and Babies at Life Choices. (A LIFE was saved just this week ~ couldn't do this without volunteers like you!!)

You are **Thanked** and **Blessed**  
Connie Weiskof  
Life Choices (Longmont)

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We would like to thank you for your wonderful donations of newborn baby items, quilts, afghans, and stuffed animals. Families arrive here during emergency situations and appreciate these items that are available to help them feel a little more like "home". Your donations help keep the house welcoming to our families. The first word from **one** of the mothers was

**"ADORABLE"**

We would also like to thank you for your donations of aluminum can tabs....these help us keep the house operating.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Martindale  
Ronald McDonald House Denver  
Volunteer House Manager

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**Additional Thank You(s) Received from:**

Jeffco Action Center.....Children's Hospital.....  
Peak Vista Health Centers

**Hi Everyone from Baby Ella,**

My vacation was really fun and refreshing, but now it's back to the Baby House....fall is almost here.

We are really short on bottles, pacifiers, and boy and girl sleepers. We need going home outfits for fall and winter (Please make pant and shirt **sets** if you can...Otherwise, we end up with pants we can't find shirts to go with or vice versa). Even babies have fashion sense!

It is time again for corduroy and denim.

At this time we have more hats than we can use ...we need booties to go with the ones we have...white is always good... If you wish to make hat and booties sets... that would be OK, just not hats only. Again, it's going to get chilly... my tootsies are going to get cold and I need a coordinated outfit!!

Hopefully the weather cools off soon....The 90's are too hot for me!

Thank you for all your hard work  
Love, Baby Ella

Sept 14 is Creme Donut Day



Sept 18 is Cheeseburger Day



September Birthdays

|                     |        |                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Jill Gill           | 1 Sep  | Rita Perez          | 16 Sep |
| Melba Dillon        | 2 Sep  | Sandi Green         | 16 Sep |
| Alice Kline         | 2 Sep  | Gretchen L. Hugen   | 17 Sep |
| Wendy Curtis        | 3 Sep  | Lenora Taylor       | 17 Sep |
| Gayle Edwards       | 5 Sep  | Donna Lea Van Stone | 18 Sep |
| Jennifer Godarowaki | 5 Sep  | Lila-Anne Vallero   | 18 Sep |
| Miriam Gaede        | 5 Sep  | Eleanor Menge       | 19 Sep |
| Kazuia Simon        | 8 Sep  | Lorraine Cecil      | 19 Sep |
| Betty Mathis        | 9 Sep  | Alma Sharpe         | 20 Sep |
| Kerry Howard        | 9 Sep  | Annetta Murphy      | 22 Sep |
| Wilma Laughin       | 9 Sep  | Patricia Lawlor     | 22 Sep |
| Barbara Eatmon      | 10 Sep | Pmima Osguthorpe    | 24 Sep |
| Gladys Doud         | 10 Sep | Cindy Persichette   | 27 Sep |
| Margaret Versailles | 10 Sep | Jane Johnson        | 27 Sep |
| Ashlie Miller       | 11 Sep | Lyn Ehley           | 27 Sep |
| Carol Criswell      | 11 Sep | Charlotte Wolf      | 28 Sep |
| Lee Techentien      | 11 Sep | Maureen Epon        | 28 Sep |
| Victoria Seighman   | 11 Sep | Nicky O'Reilly      | 28 Sep |
| Diane Mowers        | 13 Sep | Angie Mora          | 30 Sep |
| Ellisa Rupoli       | 13 Sep | Carol Denileon      | 30 Sep |
| Richard Zwetzig     | 13 Sep | Casey Cline         | 30 Sep |
| Karen Fulner        | 16 Sep |                     |        |

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***"ITS NICE TO BE IMPORTANT – BUT ITS MORE IMPORTANT TO BE NICE!"***

**"Seasoned Life Veterans" from Arvada Group  
Dona Cook and Irene Davey**



**Remember in Prayer**

- Lloyd Jensen** in Hospice Care (Father of Board Treasurer **Nancy Cochran**)
- Nancy Staup** recovering from surgery
- Chris Criswell** undergoing surgery(husband of **Carol Criswell**)
- Doris Sterns** recuperating from eye surgery
- Joyce** (sister of **Jeanette Sorensen**) in Hospice Care
- Sue Plog** had 2 family deaths

**All of those we are not aware of that need prayer...ALL part of the WHWB "Family"**

## 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
- ♥ **Single-pack** 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@wiginstel.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 3rd 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 3rd Friday of the month 10:00am to 1:00pm. 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:**

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By phone: 303-919-5413

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

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**(You can donate by credit card on our website!)**  
**THANK YOU !**

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