

"The Baby Cryer"



Warm Hearts  Warm Babies

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"Volunteers Put The Heart In Warm Hearts"

YOU ARE INVITED

What: Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies Annual Volunteer Recognition

When: May 12th -- 11:00 a.m. **Where:** King of Glory Church
58th and Kipling -- Arvada **Catering:** Halliburton Volunteers

We need "Bag Auction" items. If you have items to donate, please bring them to your Work Group coordinator at the April meeting or bring them directly to the luncheon.
Questions : Glenda Bredeson (303-975-6394) or whwbnewsletter@aol.com
(mark your calendar)

Here's wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter!

You are Cordially invited to participate in a SEW-A-THON

The date is set for March 30, Wednesday, 8am – 5 pm. At the King of Glory Church, in Arvada, Co.

We had fun at the last Sew A Thon and so we are going to try it again. I hope everyone who came last time will show up again and that we have additional participants. Bring your sewing machine or Serger. We are going to Brown Bag it this time so bring your own lunch; we will provide water, tea, coffee, or soda.

Most everything should be basically the same as the previous SEW-A-Thon. Those who choose to serge and sew, please bring an extension cord

There will be pre-cut sleepers and a snap machine to get them snapped right away.

We have two tubs full of pre-cut and sewn tops for quilts. All you need to do is sew around the edges and turn them. There will be a table, to tie the quilts, same as the last time. We've learned through experience and that is so helpful. Looking forward to seeing you there.

May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks. May your heart be as light as a song.

May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all the year long.

Plans are in the process for a Craft-A-Thon.

This is an effort to be prepared. The craft fairs begin Oct.-Nov.-Dec., we want to make enough items to have available and not be scrambling at the last minute. June 22 is the big date. (and feasibly there will be a second date) If you can crochet, or knit, or glue, or sew, you are eligible to participate. Here's some of the probability of Craft Items: Scrubbies, hanging towels for your oven door, knitted or crocheted dishcloths and maybe microwave bowls; there are plans to make an easy Snowman ornament, which requires glue and lots of it. I won't reveal too much as we are getting the patterns ready for you and any supplies that you may need. So mark your calendar for another fun day with Warm Hearts Warm Babies. If you have questions you can call Pat, 303-913-2662.

DID YOU KNOW??

By Jean Jones, President

It occurred to me, that many of you, new members or old, might not know what goes into our layettes, as well as, some of the special items that we provide to the hospitals. I hope the following information will come to mind when you are sewing, stuffing, knitting, crocheting and you can relate what you are working on as to what and where the items go,

One layette consists of 1 bottle, 1 lotion/shampoo, a hat and booties set, 2 pr. Socks, wipes, 2 washcloths, 3 diapers, 1 handmade toy, 1 afghan/quilt, 2 bibs, 2 burp cloths, 2 receiving blankets, 2 onesies, 2 sleepers, 1 gown, 1 sweater or jacket, 2 going home outfits, all packaged in a homemade tote which can be used for a diaper bag.

We also distribute beautiful burial packages that hold an afghan, Mother's Tears Hankie, small cross or angel, a memory envelope (cloth/handmade) to hold birth/death certificate or pictures, a beautiful and priceless romper set with hat or a dress and hat outfit, also with matching booties.

For smaller babies (stillborn) we provide buntings from 5" to 12", in size.

In addition, at the request of some hospitals we provide "positioners", which are soft flannel tubes to put behind the babies to keep them stationery. We make special vests for preemies which have Velcro on each side to allow for tubing access. We provide the hospital with preemie clothes and Afghans as well as supplying 20 or more sleep sacks per month (at special request).

Recently, we re-valued the contents of our layettes using comparable prices, and we were surprised to find they are worth \$185.00. Actually, this price is conservative as most everything in the layette is handmade and of much higher quality than you can get in a store.

We provide a tag in the bag that identifies the gift coming from WHWB but we have no input as to the distribution of these gifts, other than they go to "needy" mothers.

And THAT'S WHAT WE ARE ABOUT! Thanks for participating.

BABY ELLA

Spring is almost here and it is time to switch to lightweight pants, shirts, and jackets. It is also time to dust off the summer patterns and start making them. Sweaters are also good for this time of year. We are OUT of onesies. The bins for gowns, sleepers, socks, booties, and toiletries are really low too. The rest of the bins are ok for now, but we can still use everything! We currently have about 1300 hats on hand but have no booties to go along with them. Please make booties, any color will do. We have a LOT of Receiving Blankets, storage is the issue, and if you can hold off making them for a month we can catch up. Thank you for all the wonderful work you all do, don't forget to get out and enjoy the sunshine. Love, Baby Ella

Colorado Springs Work Group Shares

It's exciting to see how the Colorado Springs work group has grown, over the past several months by so many ladies. Each brings new ideas and a willingness to make us better and more productive. With the increase of people at our meeting, sometimes it appears that more conversation takes place than actual "work"! We like to think we are bonding and getting to know each other better.

Linda Waxler continues to put together the layettes we deliver to St. Mary Corwin hospital in Pueblo. Bereavement items are also delivered to St. Mary Corwin.

Linda Posey puts together incentive packages for Peak Vista clients. Linda also delivers items to Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs.

Polly Wolf has been helping ladies learn to use the Serger; once you get it threaded great things can happen!!

The Colorado Springs work group meets the third Sat of the month from 10am- 2pm. The time goes so fast!

Sisters Walker and Siato

Most everyone is aware that we have volunteers from the Mormon Church, the Sisters, are usually at the baby house sorting and separating and helping to get the Layettes ready for delivery. We can count on them to be at the baby house on a regular weekly basis and they are so efficient and helpful in so many ways. We have two sisters who are presently assigned to Warm Hearts and they are Sr. Walker and Sr. Siato both are recently new but they are already proficient. All too often and, sadly, too soon there are times when we have to say goodbye, as they are called to move to a different location to fulfill their dedication to their ministry. But during the short time we have "the sisters" here we are very grateful for their help.

People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said. But they will always remember how you made them feel.

Shopping is good for all of us...

..... because it's free for you and it reduces our inventory. Have you shopped at the Baby House??? Please come in and pick out what you need, use it as a resource. If you have had occasion to go to the baby house you will notice totes that are full of fabric. There is plenty of cotton for quilts, fabric for totes, knit is available for sleepers, lots of fleece, and the flannel has increased. Before you purchase thread, zippers, elastic, & yarn, fleece, cotton fabric, or any lace and fancy fabric for burial, shop at the BABY HOUSE. Don't go buy your product until you do.

Some totes are so full the lids won't stay shut. We have been cleaning out the totes in the back room, because a lot of miscellaneous fabrics were mixed up with good fabrics. We have labeled the totes for better access. We have sorted many totes into large and small pieces.

In the process of cleaning we have reduced the Yarn bins to four, and organized them better. We have reduced the burial fabric and bins to three, with color coordination, and overall we have reduced the cotton fabric and fleece fabric bins. They still require some work on them.

We are no longer taking numerous totes to the Arvada meeting, but if you call and ask for some fabric or ask for something specific we can take it to the meeting,

Brighton or Aurora, other locations, you can ask for something to be part of your delivery.

Colo. Springs, and 285, please pick up fabrics and yarns and fleece when you come to the Baby House.

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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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Anonymous (3) - monetary
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Crystal Hedke – monetary
Gloria Urtel – monetary
Bernadette Feiten -- monetary
Linda Triplett – monetary
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Pam Harms – monetary
Velma Quinn – monetary
Karen Pugh – hats,sweaters, booties
Wirz (Florida) – afghans
Lynette Yokoyama (Hawaii) – afghans
Anita Wickert & Friends crochet items and toiletries
Dee Merciez – fabric
Donna Cohen – fabric
Pat Grandy – bottles, toiletries and onesies
Amber Paugh – socks
Kevin and Dawn Livingston – afghans
Joyce Livingston -- afghans

Groups

Colorado Springs Knights of Columbus – monetary
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May neighbours respect you, trouble neglect you,
the angels protect you, and Heaven accept you.

Delivery Report

Total Agencies Served This Newsletter –36
Total Items Delivered This Newsletter – 11,601

Delivery Report

Omitted November 2015

Life Support (C,s.)
Ronald McDonald House (C.S.)
Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center
Total Agencies -- 3

Total Items Delivered -- 1230

Omitted December 2014

Pregnancy Center (C.S)
Ronald McDonald House (C.S.)
March of Dimes (C.S.)
St. Mary Corwin (Pueblo)
Individuals

Total Agencies – 4

Total Items Delivered -- 1266

January (#) and February(*) 2016

Denver Medical Center
Denver Medical Peri-Natal Loss
Denver Rescue Mission
Life Choices (Loveland)
Life Support (C.S.)
Pregnancy Center (C.S.)
Saint Anthony's Hospital (Frisco)
Aurora MCPN
Aurora Nurse Midwives
Bright by Three
Children's Hospital
Denver Ronald McDonald House
Inner City Services
Jeffco Nurses
Life Choices (Longmont)
Life Choices (Westminster)
Longmont Hospital
Platte Valley Medical Center
Riverside Baptist Church Pregnancy Center
Salud Clinics
Servico de La Raza
University Hospital Mother and Infant
University Hospital Neo Natal Loss
University Hospital NICU
* Adventist Services
* Hospice
* Jeffco Action Center
* Loveland Pregnancy Center
* McKee Medical Center (Loveland)
* Rocky Mountain Children's Hospital PSL
* Weld County Nurses

Total January Agencies – 18

Total Items Delivered January -- 4247

Total February Agencies – 26

Total Items Delivered February –4,073

Always needed items

- ♥ Newborn Boy Burial Items
- ♥ Newborn sleepers and gowns
- ♥ Sweaters, jackets, buntings and socks
- ♥ Preemie gowns, onesies, outfits, and t-shirts
- ♥ Receiving blankets
- ♥ **BABY TOILETRIES (lotion, shampoo)**
- ♥ **BOTTLES 8oz. individually wrapped**
- ♥ Postage stamps
- ♥ Diapers (sizes newborn,& size 1)

- ♥ **SMILES**
 - ♥ Baby friendly yarn (sport weight yarn)
 - ♥ Baby friendly interlock knits and ribbing
 - ♥ Polyfil
 - ♥ Pop-top tabs from aluminum drink cans
(donated to Ronald McDonald House)
- Monetary donations, checks made payable to
Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies
6429 D Miller St. Arvada, Co 80004**

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

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) Contact Glenda: COLOKIDZ@aol.com. Bring a potluck dish, your machine and scissors.

Aurora Work Group: Please contact Kathy Williams at pkwms75@gmail.com or 303-917-7424, if you are interested in joining us.

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: Meets 3rd Saturday at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1529 N. Circle Dr.. Contact: Lyn Hente at 719-499-0415 for what to bring.

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: our2pets@msn.com or Karen at the church: 970-667-4323 for more information.

Thornton Work Group -Meets at Above and Beyond Sewing and Vacuum 3987 E. 120th Ave. Thornton. 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 Risen Lord Lutheran Church. Contact: Helen Hood at insmont@wispertel.net

Questions or comments please contact us:

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

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