

# THE BABYCRYER



WARM HEARTS



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## Helen Card Volunteer Honoree

Helen Card, of the Arvada Group, was nominated as a 2016 Senior Hero's Honoree, through the Jefferson County Council on Aging, (JCCoA). She doesn't think she or all of the things she does for WHWB is anything special. She graciously received the award and acknowledgement, but didn't care for all the hoopla involved. Dave Aguilera of channel 9 was the host and there were many city council persons in attendance. Many of our Board Members and volunteers attended the May 12, ceremony to honor and support Helen. She is truly a champion of WHWB volunteers. We love you and your continued support of the babies. Congratulations Helen!

By Lori Kratzer, Gen. Dir.

### Joseph Smith, Eagle Scout.

Joseph came to the Baby House and asked many questions. What do we do? What do we need? How do we make the items? How do they get delivered? He then found BIG Boxes decorated them with a baby theme. He placed the boxes at his church and at his dad's place of employment and on behalf of WHWB he asked for donations. After a few weeks Joseph brought 4 tall boxes full and overflowing to the baby house. They contained stuffing, blankets, baby bottles, lotion and numerous other baby items. Why did he come to us? Why did he ask so many questions? What were his reasons?

Each Scout determines his project, after thinking up his project he needs to determine funding, time line, and all of the details, He has it approved by a group of parents at his troop, and it must be signed off by his leader and Committee Chair and then the Advancement Chair for the district his troop is in. THEN he can DO the project. He is the Manager/boss. It is the culmination of MANY of his merit projects, including Family life, Personal Management and Communications. He organizes and supervises other scouts and parents and is in charge of money required, collection, distribution and whatever is needed to complete the project, it takes at least 100 man hours. At the completion of his project he writes thank you notes to all who helped and completes his write-up including photos plus an evaluation telling what went well and what should have been done differently. This proof of merit badges, volunteer hours, and other leadership positions becomes part of his packet submitted to request an Eagle Scout Board of Review. After submitting his paper work to the National Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and passing his Board of Review at the Council level he is and EAGLE!

We at Warm Hearts are part of the result of a young man learning about life and what to do to handle it. We are the happy recipients of a generous donation of baby items. Joseph still has some work to be done to receive his recognition for a job well done. Thank you Joseph, from the bottom of our warm hearts. By Pat Cisneros, Newsletter ED.

## HOW I JOINED WHWB,

Written by Lori Kratzer, General Director

My mother, Shirley Kratzer, was a member of the Arvada Work group for many years—she talked about the “ladies” and Richard—the chocolate man. She spent many hours working on items at home and returning them to the meeting each month. For a couple of years she would pick Millie Haase up and they would come together—they become great friends. When my mom could no longer drive, Millie’s daughter, Sharon Gorman, would pick them up and bring them to the much anticipated once a month gathering. Later, Irene picked them up and brought them.

My association with WHWB changed in May, 2010 when I brought Millie and my mom to a meeting (my first official one). I sat and worked on stuffing and sewing up the openings in positioners and stuffed animals. I visited with the ladies at the table and watched others—each working on a project that was special for them. Some crocheted and knitted, others cutting items. The hum of the sewing machines was very soothing. At noon, we cleared the tables and shared a pot luck meal and visited more. I think God was pleased and letting us know that all was right in the “warm hearts warm babies world.”

That day I took a knitting pattern home and began making burial buntings. It was challenging to think of the ultimate outcome for those precious buntings. A baby taken too soon would be swaddled in it and placed in its mother’s arms for the last time. I had never experienced a miscarriage or known anyone first hand that had. I began making about 10 per month. I would give them to my mom and she would, by hand, carefully line each one with the softest of flannel and run the ribbons through them. She said she did her best work sitting down. We became a real team.

We took a boy burial pattern home and began tweaking it until it was “just right” My mom became ill in August of 2012 and passed away in December of that year. While she was in intensive care for 3 weeks and hospice for 8 days, I knitted dozens of burial buntings—saying dirty words under my breath—(that’s what mom said rather than using cuss words). I knew at that point we would no longer be the same team.

It took me a long time before I could line them myself. There were ladies who stepped up and lined them and put the ribbons in them for me. I have only been able to make a couple of the boy burial sets since then. They are still very difficult for me to make. Thank you all who have stepped up and continue to make them each month—you are truly a blessing.

Certain words come to mind when I reflect on WHWB Volunteers: Love, Giving, Caring, Compassion, Generous, and PASSION. Passion is when you put more energy into something than is required to do it. It is more than just enthusiasm or excitement, passion is ambition that is materialized into action to put as much heart, mind body and soul into something as is possible. It is a strong and barely controllable emotion. Passion for what you do, passion for the babies, passion for making a difference. Thank you and God bless each one of you.

**Editor Note:** Lori shared how she got started with WHWB at the May Volunteer Luncheon, I would like to make this a recurring article each month. (WHAT’S YOUR STORY?) Please send your experience to me at [TTRUXX@AOL.COM](mailto:TTRUXX@AOL.COM), or mail a written copy to WHWB , 6429 D. Miller St. Arvada, Co 80004, ATTN: NEWSLETTER. It would be fun and interesting to know how you got started with Warm Hearts; many found us through a craft fair and some through friends, that is a great thing to know. Remember to sign it. Thank you Pat Cisneros, newsletter editor.

## May Volunteer Luncheon

The Warm Hearts~Warm Babies Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon took place May 12, this is the time of the year when we celebrate and thank our volunteers for their work and dedication. Lunch was donated and catered by the retirees of Haliburton, one of our generous donors. They served BBQ Pork, salad and cookies, it was delicious. Desert was a gorgeous cake decorated with our WHWB logo. What a shame to cut into it but we forced ourselves. We were pleased to have 125 volunteers in attendance. There were door prizes, favors, and of course the auction. Lori Kratzer brought tears to our eyes with her talk on her experience with WHWB.

This year we set up a Craft Table with a sample of the items we sell at the Craft Fairs. Many of you had not had the opportunity to see the various items. We are pleased to share, that through your generosity at the luncheon, we made \$381.00 selling these craft items. Please remember you can always donate items for toward the craft fairs, as that is our only money maker for Warm Hearts, so far.

As I sit here in the early morning Summer sun, I reflect on how blessed our Organization is. We constantly are guided along our path to help others in need. Our exposure is spreading and we are beginning to get our work and our message out to the public. Remember, each and every one of us is an Ambassador for the babies. Our groups are growing in areas and our membership is increasing. We are doing good work! Thank you all, Jean Jones, President.

## Craft –A-Thon

On June, 22 we came together to have a Craft-A-Thon. The purpose is to make enough items to have for the Craft Fairs in November & December. We had 20 Volunteers.

Evelyn Rudiger found the pattern for Scrubbies and cut yards and yards of netting, they made 25 net Scrubbies, our goal is 100. The knitted dish cloths pattern was prepared by Carol Hendrix. The knitters found their pattern a little bit challenging but once they caught on they even took material home to make some more, They made 19.

Then the sewists put together 24 microwave bowls. At different times there were 4 to 6 volunteers sewing. Jean Nava had the bowls precut and prepared with the batting and an easy to follow pattern. And only two people worked on making hanging dish towels but proudly they managed to make 10. Pat Serged the edging of the towels and the tops were precut too and she and Lynne sewed them together.

The challenge in making a snowman out of a tea light was Don't get glue all over yourself; Jean, Irene and Lori made 25 tea light snowmen ornaments. They trimmed them with ric rac and little black dots for the eyes and mouth. SOOO Cute.

Ann Gienger, a new volunteer from the Thornton Group, brought in a reindeer made from the large round bells and some craft material sewn together to make the face and the feet. We have a new challenge, yea.

Getting together to make these items was fun. We brought our own lunch and so we didn't have to stop and heat up a dish or clean up the kitchen when we were done. We need to have another **Craft A Thon** because we didn't get enough product made to sell at the craft fairs. Thanks to the five volunteers from the Thornton group you were a great help. All volunteers included Connie, Rosalie, Laurie, Mary Ann, Jeannette Payne, Helen, Christine, Donna, Charlotte, and Marjorie. Thanks, thank you and thank you some more.

## Thank You To Our Donors

### Individuals:

Joyce Poska - booties, burial bunting  
Lynette Yokoyama - afghans  
Karen Cutrell - fabric, sewing machine  
David Koval - monetary  
Joseph Smith - baby items for Eagle Scout Project  
Lynn Kimball -blankets, booties,hats  
Gregg Smith  
Syrene Plakke - yarn  
Jack Blumenthal - yarn  
Diane Westman - preemie caps  
Joyce & Kevin Livingston - afghans, baby items

### Groups:

Tops  
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Hearts & Hands - afghans  
Hott Tales - monetary  
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## Delivery Report

### May Deliveries

35 Deliveries Were Made  
20 Agencies and 3 Individuals  
5370 Items Delivered

Aurora Nurse Midwives  
Bright By Three  
Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center(2)  
Denver Children's Hospital Infants  
Denver Children's Hospital Oncology Unit  
Denver Medical Center  
Denver Medical Center Peri-Natal Loss  
Inner City Services --- Denver City and County  
Jeffco Action Center  
Jeffco Public Health Nurses  
Life Choices --- Longmont  
Life Choices --- Loveland  
Life Choices --- Westminster  
Life Support Center --- Colorado Springs (3)  
Longmont Hospital --- Longmont --- Boulder County  
MCPN (Metro Community Provider Network)  
One Nation  
Platte Valley Medical Center  
Riverside Baptist Church Pregnancy Center  
Rocky Mountain Children's Hospital  
Rocky Mountain Hospice  
Ronald McDonald House  
Ronald McDonald House  
Salud Clinics  
Servicios de La Raza  
St. Mary Corwin Hospital  
University Hospital NICU  
University Hospital Neo-Natal Loss  
University Hospital Mothers and Infants  
Individuals (3)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY to: All our July, and August Volunteers.  
Please remember to keep our friends and family in your prayers.

## 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)
- ♥ **Angel Wings**
- ♥ 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)

**WORKGROUPS** ( Want to start a workgroup? See the volunteer section at [whwbnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:whwbnewsletter@aol.com))

**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.

**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 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: 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)  
 By phone: 303-975-6394 or 303-601-9276  
 By email: [whwbnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:whwbnewsletter@aol.com)  
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