



WARM HEARTS WARM BABIES

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Thank You Pat Cisneros!

Recently we asked for help in writing grant proposals for Warm Hearts Warm Babies. Much to my surprise and regret, Pat volunteered to resign from her job as Editor to be our Grant Director. She has done such a wonderful job on the newsletter but we certainly can understand her wanting to do something else. We have not been successful in getting grants done in the past, so we appreciate Pat taking over this responsibility. We foresee much success in this area in the future.

I then asked Laurie Balzer if she would be willing to take over as our new Editor. You should have seen the look I got...but fortunately she agreed. (We have such a wonderful group of Directors...I don't think one has ever turned me down when I have asked for help.) We all believe so strongly in our work for the Babies! We wish you well, Laurie, and will cooperate with you whenever needed. We know that our volunteers enjoy the newsletter and we consider it as a very important and integral link for our organization.

Jean Jones, President

You Never Know...

- ♥ Jean Nava met a young fellow at the Recycle Area and talked to him. He found out she makes quilts and wondered if she had any that were made as he had one from his Grandmother that had been stolen. He wanted to buy one to replace the one that was stolen. She showed him what she had finished and got information from him on how to contact him. She later dropped off a quilt with a note say: "this is in memory of your Grandmother." Way to go Jean!
- ♥ Sometimes WHWB is just randomly blessed by learning of an opportunity to talk to others about what we do. The Comedy Improv in Wheat Ridge, CO sponsors a charity night where all of the proceeds go to the charitable organization assigned for that evening. Gisela Stout, Southlands Work Group Coordinator received a call that there had been a cancellation and asked if we would be interested in WHWB being the charity of choice. Donations would be accepted at the door. So Jean Jones grabbed items from the baby house (from the craft show sale items) and went down for an evening of fun (joined by Glenda and her husband, Jean's husband and Gisela). Gisela made a presentation about WHWB and the rest is history! We were blessed with \$356.00 in donations and another woman donated 40 boxes of yarn! Although most were not baby friendly, Gisela took them to the Craft Box and they gave WHWB a donation of \$771.00. Awesome job, Gisela!
- ♥ WHWB was found by a member of the Tracy Foundation from the Colorado Gives.org website. After interviewing Jean Jones and Glenda Bredeson, we were given a grant of \$2,600. Later two more members donated as well.
- ♥ Glenda Bredeson and Lori Kratzer were invited to the annual Christmas party of the Rocky Mountain FMCA to do a show and tell. For years they have donated to Warm Hearts Warm Babies once a year but wanted to know more about the organization and introduce us to others that had joined and not heard about our mission. Glenda and Lori are very "persuasive" when talking about the Babies and they were presented with a check for \$1,500.00. Another man came up afterwards with a check for \$400.00. They also sold a few reindeer! Later in the month, we received a check in the mail for \$1,000.00 from a location where these people often winter in Arizona (but a local address on the check).

You never know what will happen when you plant that little seed about Warm Hearts Warm Babies and what our mission is. Just talk to people and share your love for the babies!

Craft Show Wrap-up 2017
By Lori Kratzer, Craft Show Coordinator

Wow!!! What a year 2017 was for fundraising for the babies with craft shows exceeding all expectations. We started with Assumption Catholic Church mid-October and finished up with Jefferson County Fairgrounds the first weekend in December (a total of 10 craft shows). During that time, we sold an amazing amount of handcrafted items. I want to thank each and every one who made items for us to sell! Without you, well, we would have nothing to sell. Thank you to Laurie Balzer for once again coordinating and working the Alternative Gift Fair in Evergreen—she sold (with the help of Sandi Powis and Thresea Stimatze from the 285 Group) a whopping \$1,779 plus a \$100 donation from one of the vendors. Thank you to Jamie Lick (Glenda's niece), for selling items in your shop and Alisha Bremcamp for donating almost 100 pounds of poly beads that we used to make the legs of the reindeer bells. A special thanks to those volunteers from out of state that sent us beautiful items to sell.

To the volunteers who gave their time to work the craft shows a big THANK YOU!. They helped set up, tear down, and load their cars with all the "stuff" and deliver it back to the baby house so we could load up and do it all over again. Hundreds of miles were put on their cars to selflessly help the babies. Thank you to: Glenda Bredeson (whom without her I would have lost my mind), Theron Bredeson, Rosalie Gaccetta, Margie Lance, Fran Hindman, Peg Steadman, Lynn Taylor, Frances Scott, Pam and Keegan Reeves, Richard Zwetzig, Jean Jones, Laurie Balzer, Sandi Powis and Threse Stimatze, Bernice Hendrickson, Karla Henrich, and Jan Purl.

I am so blessed to know each and every one of you and to be a part of such an awesome group of individuals. Finally, thank you to my mom, Shirley Kratzer. Without her encouragement, (and her being a volunteer in the Arvada group for many years before her passing in 2011), I would never have known about this amazing organization.

So how much did we earn? Drumroll please over \$8,000.00 (and counting)

So what's next???

We are already confirmed for the Rocky Mountain Sewing Expo March 22-24. Let me know if you would be interested in volunteering for a 2-3 hour shift. Bonus—you get in free—so come and promote what we do for the babies and then go shopping.

In 2017 we started having craft-a-thon days and asked volunteers to join us and help make some of the items that were sold. We realized that starting in August was way too late in the year. So we have scheduled Craft-a-thon days beginning in February. We are confirmed through April and will add additional dates as we confirm the space.

Here is the information:

Thursday February 22, 2018 Thursday March 29, 2018 Wednesday April 25, 2018

Community First Foundation
5855 Wadsworth Bypass (office building just north of Steuben's Restaurant)
Arvada, CO 80003

10am-4pm (or whatever hours you can spend with us)

Bring your lunch and sewing machine (we will provide the project, supplies, and chocolate).

We look forward to another great year of fundraising. If you have any questions or ideas, feel free to contact me at 720-273-1687 or email lorijkratzer@hotmail.com or Glenda Bredeson at 303-975-6394 or email colokidz@aol.com We welcome your ideas and input.

DELIVERY REPORT

November and December 2017

Number of Agencies Per Month

November --- 43 plus 2 Individuals

December --- 33 plus 2 Individuals

Total Number of Different Agencies

51 Agencies and 4 Individuals

Items Donated Each Month

November*--- 6889

December#--- 5534

Total Items Donated --- 12,323

Agencies

A Precious Child *

Arising Hope *#

Aurora MCPN *#

Aurora Nurse Midwives *#

Birthline (Loveland) *#

Bright by Three *

Children's Hospital *#

Children's Hospital Oncology *#

Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center *#

Colorado Springs Life Support *#

Colorado Springs Ronald McDonald House *

Denver Medical Center *#

Denver Medical Peri-Natal Loss *#

Denver Ronald McDonald House *#

First Visitor (CS) *#

Greeley Hospital *

Growing Home *#

Healthy Beginnings (Loveland) *#

Hospice (Denver – Footprints) #

Hospice (Loveland) #

Inner City Services *#

Jeffco Action Center #

King of Glory Church Mitten Tree #

Life Choices (Longmont) *#

Life Choices (Loveland) *#

Life Choices (Westminster) *

Life Support (CS) *

Thornton Police– clothing, blankets and baby supplies for the family of the Victim of the Walmart shooting

Life Choice & Staff

Denver Hospice – blankets

McKee Medical Center – layettes

Staff of St. Augustine Community Food Pantry – baby clothes and other layette items

Longmont Hospital *#

Loveland Pregnancy Center *#

Lutheran Hospital NICU *

Lutheran Hospital Social Worker *

Lutheran Hospital Solace Coordinator *

Lutheran Relief Society #

March of Dimes (CS) #

Mark Twain Elementary School CS) *

McKee Medical Center (Loveland) *#

One Nation Walking (CS) *#

Parkview Hospital (CS) *

Partners in Housing (CS) *

Peak Vista Women's Center *

Philadelphia Children's Hospital #

Platte Valley Medical Center *#

Riverside Baptist Church Pregnancy Center *#

Rocky Mountain Children's Hospital PSL #

Rose Memorial Hospital *

Salud Clinics *#

Santa's House #

Servicio de La Raza *

St. Augustine Food Pantry (Brighton) *

St. Mary Corwin (Pueblo) *

University Hospital Mother and Infant *#

University Hospital Neo Natal Loss *#

University Hospital NICU *#

Individuals (2)* and (2) #

THANK YOU REPORT

Individuals:

Patrick Tracy – monetary
Makenzie Tracy – monetary
Erin Murray – baby items, blankets
Ariel Forbes – hats
Jean McDonald – quilt
Kerry Kimble – yarn
Patti Boyett – afghans, sweaters
Amy Warner
Kim Singdahlsen – yarn
Geraldine Kraemer – monetary
Jill Pedicord-Peterson – monetary
Michelle Audet – monetary
Lynore Cohen – hats
Carolyn Sattler – hats
R. Baldus – afghans
Nancy Cannon – baby clothes
Victoria Strating – baby & craft show items
Peggy Schafer, KS – baby and craft show items
Lynette Yakayama – afghans
Karen Morlira – baby clothes
Malyna Picraux – baby cloths
Roberta Ballard – containers
Peggy Fasbender – blankets, baby clothes,
head positioners
Patricia Hill – monetary, toys, baby clothes
Sandra Elder – baby clothes
Wendy Renard – afghans
Rita Gianetti – fabric
Charlene Theis – bibs, burp clothes
Tester – baby clothes
Mary Vees – afghans, hats, booties
Sandy Gilson – afghans
Joan King – afghan
Randi Harris – blankets, hats
Helen Fike
Ardella Clark
James and Janet Kangieser – monetary
Miranda Jackson – monetary
Individuals who donated through Colorado Gives

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.

Organizations:

Ken Caryl Ward LDS – Carolyn Holmes, Elena, Lydia, McKenna, Paige, Cambry, Kara – blankets
Table Mountain Pre-School – blankets
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church – hats
Phillips United Methodist Women – monetary
Generic Knitters of Broomfield – knitted items
Mayflower Congregational Church – monetary
Eastern Hills Stitch 'n' Serve – knitted baby items
Tracy Family Foundation – monetary (grant)
Rocky Mountain FMCA – monetary
Sock it to'em Socks – socks
McNurlin and Associates, P.C. – monetary
Bridget's Cradles – sewing supplies

In Memorium:

In memory of Lorraine Sloan – monetary
Don & Ellen Beene – monetary in memory of Lynn Kimble
Rita Lou Hennisey – monetary in memory of Lynn Kimble
Kendrick Sinnock – monetary in memory of Lynn Kimble

What We Really Need This Month:

- ♥ Memory Envelopes for burial layettes (both boy and girl) Pattern available from your work group coordinator or online
- ♥ Newborn Booties, white only
- ♥ Toiletries (lotion and shampoo) and individually wrapped baby bottles
- ♥ Postage stamps

We Do Not Need: Premie items at this time

ITEMS ALWAYS IN NEED:

- ♥ Baby toiletries(lotion, shampoo)
- ♥ Bottles 8oz. individually wrapped
- ♥ Postage stamps
- ♥ Newborn sleepers and gowns
- ♥ Sweaters, jackets, and socks
- ♥ Receiving blankets
- ♥ Baby friendly yarn (sport weight yarn)
- ♥ Baby friendly cotton interlock knits and ribbing
- ♥ Pop-top tabs from aluminum drink cans (donated to Ronald McDonald House)

Board of Directors

Jean Jones	President	Bonnie Yockstick	General Director, Thank You's
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WORKGROUPS

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: Meets the 3rd Mon. of each month, 9am – Noon at Above & Beyond in Centennial. Please contact Kathy Williams at pkwms75@gmail.com or 303-917-7424, if you are interested in joining.

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 350 E. 7th St. Loveland. Contact Judy: our2pets@msn.com or Karen at the church: 970-667-4323 for more information.

Skyestone Work Group: Broomfield, Meets 1st Tues. of the Month, 10 a.m., In the Lodge, Contact Ann C. Brockman, 303-883-0999 acgrandmaco@hotmail.com.

Southlands Work Group: Meets at 5:30pm 2nd Tues of the month, Sewing & 4th Thurs.. for Needle Arts Contact Gisela Stout 720-373-3180 or Gisela.stout@outlook.com

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.

Windsor Gardens Work Group: Meets at Windsor Gardens , Near Alameda & Havana. Every 2nd Thurs. of the month in the Sewing Room. 10 am – 2 pm. Contact Barb Achenbach, love2sewbarb@gmail.com

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

(Want to start a workgroup? See the volunteer section at warmheartswarmbabies.org.

Questions or comments please contact us: Mail: 6429D Miller St. Arvada, CO 80004 (letters) P. O. Box 830 Arvada, CO 80001 (packages) Phone: 303-975-6394 or 303-601-9276 Email: whwbnewsletter@aol.com

Your Donations Count! All 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, or get a King Soopers Gift Card from your Work Group Coordinator or any Board Member.

Note: We do our best to have the newsletter posted on our web site no later than the 5th of each month. The deadline for an article is by the 15th of the month.

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Our Mission Statement

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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