

"The Baby Cryer"



Warm Hearts



Warm Babies

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2018 has been eventful for WHWB...Several key personnel changes, computer crashes, and the Annual Volunteer Luncheon have put the newsletter way behind schedule. We apologize for the delays...and have combined the March - June newsletter with updated June - July info to provide you with up-to-date information. We even have a guest newsletter editor for this issue (Welcome Theron Bredeson for a one-time guest appearance). Future issues of the "Baby Cryer" will be published in Nov 18, Feb 19, May 19, Aug 19 and Nov 19. Unfortunately, I must announce the loss of several individuals that have been crucial in WHWB operations.

RECENT PASSINGS

Arlene Evers , Brighton volunteer, passed in March. She is well known for the lovely sweater sets she provided to WHWB.

Richard Zwetzig ,volunteer, was frequently referred to as our "Chocolate Man". The Arvada workgroup and Baby House staff will truly miss those monthly treats. What most of you don't know is that Richard picked up and delivered from many of the meetings and brought the items to the baby house for over 10 years. Due to his health, he retired a few months ago. He was in Assisted Living for the last few months. We are sad to report that he passed away on June 25th. Services were held on July 3rd. We want to thank **Frances Scott** for sharing Richard with us all these years. He will be missed.

Nancy Cochran, our long-time volunteer in Arvada, friend, and Treasurer, passed away in March. She was on the Board of Directors for 10 years and was always willing to help us understand "the numbers". Nancy served WHWB for over 12 yrs.

This from our President Jean Jones. Nancy was a very important part of the Board as she was our Treasurer. She did a wonderful job for us, keeping our financial records and making sure we were doing things as we should. If I asked her to do anything for me she did it, without question and completed whatever I asked of her. You have to understand, she was dealing with nine other people on the Board, who didn't understand the financial reports: like "what is this", "where is our donations put in" etc. She was always very patient with us and explained things so it made sense. It was almost that Nancy had a premonition of passing as she had all of her books in order and all the forms sent to the IRS for our filing for 2017 taxes. Thank the Lord!

When I would come into a Board Mtg. Nancy would always be there in her usual chair., as she had to drive a long way and didn't know about how much traffic she would get into. I look at that chair now and think Nancy is still here with us, laughing at our questions on the P & L. As a Board Member, she was the only one of us who was a "number person", so she patiently would explain why this item was on this line instead of another; so we were able to reason out the end result of the financial forms. Nancy was an avid crocheter, she made beautiful baby afghans for us. A special job that she did when I requested her help, to complete the afghans that were either too short or too narrow. A lot of people do not like to fix another person's work but Nancy was quite willing to do another person's work, so Nancy filled another need for us.

I know we all are missing Nancy right now, but I personally am very glad to celebrate the fact that she was part of my life.This was a job she took willingly. On a personal editor's note... Theron knew Nancy since 7th grade and Glenda considered her a "real friend " since high school. A memorial service was held in Bredeson's backyard with many of Nancy's friends and family attending.

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

To fill Nancy Cochran's vacancy, **Fran Rowe** has been elected as our newest Board Member (Treasurer). Fran brings many years of accounting and business experience. She has big shoes to fill and is more than capable of completing this crucial job. Welcome to the Board, Fran!!!!

Anne Brockman arrives on the Board to replace **Jean Nava**, long-time volunteer that moved to Missouri to be close to her family...Welcome Anne and husband Jess.

From Our President, Jean Jones

Another amazing **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** in the books. Good food, good friends, great giveaways and silent auction items sold. Fun 50/50 drawing. Many items were donated by our volunteers and board members---thank you so much. And, as always, we couldn't do this without each and every one of you—our volunteers!!! Woohoo!!!

DID YOU KNOW?? How can you reduce your electric bill? Start using your dishwasher and dryer between the hours of 9pm and 9am. Your Kwh charge drops from \$0.18c/Kwh to \$0.08c/Kwh and in the winter from \$0.14c/Kwh to \$0.08c/Kwh . This from a recent Xcel publication. Maybe worth a try!

Colorado Senior Property Tax Exemption: If you are 65yrs as of January 1st of the year, have owned and lived in your home for 10 consecutive years...you are eligible to a 50% reduction on a portion of your county property tax. Contact your County Assessor for info.

CRAFT SHOW NEWS

We participated in our first craft show of the season in May in Edgewater. We made about \$100, but more importantly, we made contacts for future donations and volunteers. At this time we have 3 more scheduled shows... Thornton, Evergreen and Columbine. Stay tuned for future scheduled dates. Contact Glenda Bredeson 303-975-6394 if you know of other possible shows.

CRAFT-A-THON NEWS

We have scheduled the conference room at Community First Foundation, 5855 Wadsworth By-Pass Unit A, Arvada, CO 80003 for our monthly Craft-a-thons.. It is the one story office building that is just north of Steubens Restaurant. There is plenty of parking. We will be meeting from 10-4 but feel free to come for any amount of time—we would love for you to help us.

We continue to have sooooo much fun at these Craft-a-thons. Why don't you come join us?

Upcoming dates: July 25...August 23...September 27

This from Baby Terry (Baby Ella's younger sister). Several items are always in short supply for WHWB. Use this list as a suggested way to prioritize your donations.

ITEMS NEEDED

Priority Needs

- Boy Socks
- Premie Sleepers
- Newborn Sleepers/Gowns
- Newborn Boy Burial Items
- Boy Angel Wing Gowns
- Newborn White Booties

Always Needed

- Baby Toiletries(lotion,shampoo)
- Diapers (sizes newborn, size 1)
- Postage Stamps
- Baby Friendly Yarn(sport weight)
- Baby Friendly Interlock Knits
- Baby Friendly Ribbing
- Short Positioning Rolls

Don't Need

- Hats
- Long Positioning Rolls

Thank You To Our Donors

Groups and Organizations

Relief Society/LDS - baby items
Kidz Quiltz -fabric, yarn, etc.
Christ on the Mountain Catholic Church – monetary
Hands and Hearts –Golden Community Center –afghans
Arvada 4thWard LDS Young Women - Tag blanket toys
Ladies of Broomfield Community Church - Diapers and assorted baby items
Standley Lake Library Yarn and Needle Arts Group –sweaters, afghans and yarn.
Chatfield LDS Church Women’s Group – Assorted baby items and blankets
Sock It To 'Em –over 2,200 pairs of girls socks
Tantrums Consignment Store - gently used clothing
Colorado Quilt Council –quilt and Special Award
The Quilted Cricket –quilt
Mayflower Congregational Church –assorted baby and sewing items
Green Mountain Methodist Church Quilting Group –quilts and fabric
Delta Theta Tau Sorority -monetary
Colorado K of C Ladies Aux - monetary

Corporations

Carmax Foundation–monetary
5340 Coffee –coffee and supplies
Standley Lake Library (Arvada) – Promotion of WHWB (flyers and newspaper) and setting up a box for donations of baby supplies

In Memory

Lynn Kimble - given by Hugh & Elaine Sinnook
Nancy Cochran - given by Fred and Nancy Staup

In Honor

Ari Pate-Williams given by Mary Helen Allen

”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.”

Delivery Report

In March - June we delivered **27,315** items to **50** agencies and individuals. Thank you for helping us to keep the babies warm. Deliveries were made to the following:

Arising Hope
Aurora MCPN
Aurora Nurse Midwives
Birthline (Loveland)
Bright by Three
Cactus Nazarene Ministry Center (Texas)
Children’s Hospital
Children’s Hospital NICU
Children’s Hospital Oncology
Christmas Unlimited
Denver Hospice Footprints Grief Program
Denver Medical Center
Denver Medical Center NICU
Denver Medical Peri-Natal Loss
Collier Hospice
Colorado Springs Ronald McDonald House
Denver Ronald McDonald House
First Visitor (CS)
Growing Home
Inner City Services
Jeffco Nurses
Life Choices (Longmont)
Life Choices (Loveland)
Life Choices (Westminster)
Longmont Hospital NICU
Longs Peak Hospital
Loveland Pregnancy Center
Lutheran Hospital NICU
Lutheran Hospital Nursery Social Worker
Marisol Center (Denver)
Marisol Center (Lafayette)
Mark Twain Elementary School (CS)
McKee Medical Center (Loveland)
One Nation Walking (CS)
Park View Hospital
Park View Medical Center
Partners in Housing (CS)
Peak Vista Women’s Center (CS)
Peak Vista – First Visitor
Platte Valley Medical Center
Riverside Baptist Church Pregnancy Center
Rocky Mountain Children’s Hospital PSL
Salude Clinics
Servicio de La Raza
St. Augustine Food Pantry
University Hospital Mother and Infant
University Hospital NICU
Weld County Nurses
Wheatridge MCPN
Individuals (5)

Thank You To Our Volunteers

Warm Hearts-Warm Babies,
We wanted to say a HUGE THANK YOU for the items that my son received right after he was born! I was so touched to be able to dress him in handmade items that were obviously made with love. We really appreciate the love and care put into these items and appreciate what you do for newborn babies and their families! Our son Ari was born in March at Platte Valley Medical Center. Sincerely, The Messers

Dear Volunteers,
Oh how we adore you! Our hearts are SO FILLED when we see you walk in with goodies for our families who can't financially support their new babies. Because of you and your love and support they have a beginning, and something new to take their baby home in. You are the BEST!
Thank you, Susie, OB Tech, Long Peaks Hospital Birth Center Longmont

Thank you so so much for the adorable handmade clothing for our mothers and their precious babies. You are so kind to think of them. We are Grateful! Jeanne Williamson, RN
Long Peaks Hospital Birth Center Longmont

Thank you for thinking of our babies! How very kind of you! Thank you so much for your time and your beautiful work!! XOXO
Carla
Long Peaks Hospital Birth Center Longmont

Thank you for your generous donation of stuffed animals. Your continual support is what helps Christmas Unlimited to be able to serve our growing community.
Your Friends at Christmas Unlimited
Colorado Springs

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,
Thank you for another wonderful donation of cozy blankets for our grieving families. These help keep us feeling supported in many ways. We appreciate your continual kindness and generosity,
Sincerely, The Denver Hospice Grief Center

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,
We can't begin to tell you how much we appreciate the adorable baby sleepers for our preemies. It was so nice of you to think of our babies.
Longmont United Hospital NICU

Our Park View infants are so blessed to receive such beautiful heartfelt gifts from all of you at Warm Hearts-Warm Babies. The families appreciate them so much! Thank you for your generosity!

The Nursery Staff Park View Hospital
Nursery Staff, Pueblo

Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Ladies,
You faithfully give of your time and talents to our clients. Your donations are beautiful and so are you.
Thank you for all you do,
Kathy Roberts
Life Choices Centers
Longmont, Westminster and Loveland

HAPPENINGS

Christina Ruggera, a member of the Southlands Group, held a donation drive for Warm Hearts~Warm Babies at the Carmax location in Englewood in December 2017. She was able to collect diapers, toys, yarn, bottles, pacifiers, and lots of baby clothes, which were delivered to the Babyhouse. WHWB, as a result of her efforts, was the recipient of a \$500 donation from Carmax. Way to go Christina and fellow Carmax employees!

The Southlands Group has an amazing 18 year-old volunteer that set up donation drives through her school and several King Soopers stores for needed baby items. Kaitlyn Shulman wrapped boxes and hung a box on each with “take away cards” that people could take with them—they listed the items most needed. She quickly found that she needed to cover more boxes and constantly check the boxes to see what had been donated. At the end, she collected all the items and boxes. She says “I was in awe of all the stuff that had been collected in such a short amount of time.”

The ladies of the Holly Creek Retirement Community meet monthly to sew blankets and knit sweater sets. The ladies make and donate about 4 plastic totes of items about every 6 weeks. In March, the ladies were featured in the Denver Post and it was noted that all of the items they make are donated to WHWB. This group was started by Ruth and Rose Gates. After Ruth's death, Rose got much needed support and they continue her mission. THANK YOU ladies.

The Colorado Quilt Guild had a conference in the spring. Ladies were asked to nominate a charity to receive a quilt. WHWB was selected. The conference was held in Colorado Springs. Lyn Hente and Linda Posey from the WHWB Colorado Springs workgroup attended the meeting and accepted the quilt.

A couple of weeks ago we were contacted by Wilma Hamilton of Fort Lupton. Wilma and her husband have operated a non-profit 501c called Kidz Quiltz for 13 years. Their lives have been consumed with making quilts and sending them to foreign countries through World Vision. They purchased a small warehouse and it was packed. They felt they had to give it up and do some traveling. They wanted to pass their material etc. over to a non-profit that helps children. She heard about WHWB years ago and so contacted us. We made a visit out to Kidz Quiltz and were astonished to see what was in that warehouse (and it was totally organized). We received four truck loads of material, thread, quilt tops, numerous bolts of fabric and quilt pieces. Needless to say (BUT WE WILL) we don't have room for all the donation at the Baby House. Temporarily they are in the Jones and Brockman garages, to be distributed throughout our workgroups. Jean Jones

HAPPENINGS

The Colorado Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary had a state conference. Charities were nominated for recognition and presented to the gathering. Peggy Rodriguez from Littleton nominated WHWB(she had heard about us at a craft show last fall). Members present at the meeting voted and WHWB was selected to receive a \$500 donation. The nominations were circulated to groups statewide and as a result WHWB received not only \$500 but also valuable publicity.

PRESENTATIONS

The ladies of the Broomfield Community Church asked WHWB to attend their Mother's Day Tea...to share our mission and how the program works. The group presented us with many gifts for our babies.. A GREAT surprise. We THANK Sue Chapman for inviting WHWB members to speak.

Neila Ochter, the chairperson of the Standley Lake Library Yarn and Needle Group invited WHWB to speak about the organization at one of their group meetings. The ladies were very excited to take in WHWB as a charity project for their group. Publicity was distributed through the library and newspapers. Collection boxes were set-up in the Standley Lake Library to collect items. The ladies ultimately donated 5 large boxes of items. The drive was conducted from April - June 2018. Again THANK YOU.

If you know of an organization that would like us to come and visit—we would be happy to do a presentation to tell them about WHWB, who we are, what we do, and how they can help us serve more babies. Baby showers, Afternoon Teas, Girl Scout troops or other kids (age approximately 8 and up) groups that want to make a difference in their community. These "Show & Tell" meetings have been very helpful in the past...a wonderful way to let others know of our mission and how worthy WHWB's cause is. Please contact Glenda Bredeson or Jean Jones to discuss in more detail.

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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 to share.

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.

Holly Creek Retirement Community Work Group: Open to ALL. Contact Priscilla Stenman at cilpks@msn.com for meeting information. 5500 E. Peakview Avenue Centennial, CO 80121

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.

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.

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

Skystone 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.

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, Ilove2sewbarb@gmail.com

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

Questions or comments please contact us:

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