

THE BABYCRYER



WARM HEARTS WARM BABIES

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THANK YOU

Our non-profit is becoming more known throughout the nation. I thought you might like to know that we have received gifts from the East and West Coasts, Hawaii and Canada and even as far as E. Europe. Warm Hearts even received donations from a lady inmate who was in prison in the South. She knitted hats and toys and mailed them to us. We were asked recently to testify as to her help and thankfully she has now been released. Many of the gifts we receive are sent from people who are unknown to us but they somehow hear and know about us and our Mission. We continue to be thankful for our many blessings,

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all of our volunteers and friends of WHWB who have helped us out financially during the last 15 month epidemic and with the many baby donations. It is our practice to NOT list the financial donations from our volunteers, but we want you to know how much we appreciate your generous gifts. You know who you are and that you have helped us out when we made the call for help. During the time we were quarantined, we received many donations (as everyone was home knitting, crocheting and sewing) and supplies kept coming in. Now our storage totes are full, we are back to making our deliveries and most of our groups are back to normal meetings and going full steam. We have also added six more agencies that we are now serving! We survived the COVID!!!

Jean Jones, President.

During Covid it was difficult to maintain our standards for receiving the baby needs, and delivering as well. Initially, some agencies stopped accepting our totes deliveries and sometimes making a delivery was difficult. Many of our volunteers continued to make items (bibs, sleepers, gowns, quilts, etc.) Pickup and delivery was difficult because so many were concerned with being exposed to Covid—understandable. But we persevered, just like we always do. Our Volunteers simply continued to make items when there was no meeting to attend. I think they had their own pot luck lunches at home just to celebrate that they achieved so many items.

Spring is upon us and the end of the Covid19 Pandemic draws near. We are beginning to come out of isolation and beginning to return to normalcy. Spring brings new life, new flowers, and renewed energy and for us, it is returning to our WHWB meetings.

Warm Hearts had its 1st Board Meeting in over a year. We are sad to announce that Secretary Bonnie Wise has stepped down and happy to announce that Sandi Powis, from the 285 group will be taking her place. Board Member Laurie Balzar is having some serious difficulty with Arthritis and has had to limit her activities. A get well card may be very welcome from our volunteers. If you want to send a card in care of the Baby House, 6429 D, Miller St, Arvada, Co, 80004. We will forward them to her.

Work Groups

Arvada has met a couple of times at the King of Glory Church, 58th & Kipling, 2nd Thurs. of the month. And for the first time the last meeting included a Pot Luck. Yum, someone else's cooking!

Barb Achenbach proudly announced that her Windsor Gardens team never stopped their monthly contributions to the Baby House through Covid and she proudly gave a big KUDOS to her volunteers who consistently sewed and made items during this trying time. The Windsor Gardens recently opened up their facilities and the group has been meeting for the last two months. Hours have changed to 10a.m.to noon.

The Brighton group has been doing a material exchange once a month. The church where they meet, on the 3rd Wed. of the month had a fire last summer and is still not ready for them to meet. Yet, Carol has managed to keep things going... good for her!

Ruth shared that the Littleton group is currently meeting at a park where they turn in finished items and hand out items to be sewn. A park is creative, stay in the shade, and don't let the 100 degrees get to you. She is currently waiting to hear from Above & Beyond Sewing to start meeting again in the fall, 2nd Tuesday of the month and note a change in hours: 10am. To 1:00 p.m.

LaJeana has Southlands, and Aurora and they have not been meeting in person, yet. She is also waiting to hear from Above & Beyond Sewing (Centennial), hopefully they can start meeting in the Fall, the store is not ready yet. Aurora meets the 3rd. Mon. of the month, and Southlands, 1st Tuesday of the month, in the evening 6:00 pm

The 285 Corridor (Aspen Park) Has not had any face to face meetings, and Helen reports she is waiting for notice from the St. Laurence Episcopal Church in her area to let her know when they can meet. (We certainly appreciate their caution in safety concerns).

Thornton is starting to meet again the 2nd Tues. of the month, from 1-4pm. @ 2141 E. 95th Ave. in the little white building next to the outdoor swimming pool.

Broomfield Work Group has been picking up and dropping of their products, at Anne's doorstep. They recently started their group meetings again.

Judy Swens with the Loveland Work Group shared that although her group is growing smaller, they still meet the 3rd Friday of the month, at the Church 1020 S. Lincoln, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Many sew at home and drop off finished items.

The Colorado Springs Group has been meeting semi regularly at the Faith Presbyterian church for only 2 hours. Everyone has been very excited to spend time catching up. One of her ladies said, "I have 18 months of girlfriend gabbing to catch up with!!!!"

Colo. Springs Group, was saved for the last because Lyn shared this story about one of her volunteers. This lady is one of the first volunteers at Colo. Springs. During the Pandemic, she broke her hip because of that, she was not able to sew.

In turn, she started crocheting while watching T.V. She ended up crocheting 220+ sweaters. Wow, Is this what they mean when they say "life gives you lemons – make lemonade".

If you would like to share your inspiration. What kept you going and encouraged you to continue to make the baby items? Let us hear from you. What's your story?

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Please remember to turn in your worksheets. Hours and items. If you haven't turned one in for a while, ☺ We need them. Work sheet information helps our Accountant, and the bookkeeping.

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The Sewing Expo will be held in July, at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Warm Hearts will not be participating this year.

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Watch for this announcement!!  
There are tentative plans for the Volunteer Luncheon to be held in Sept. 2021,

## THANK YOU'S, KEEP COMING

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you all very much for your donation of Boy and Girl layettes in beautiful bags. Many moms will be blessed by these beautiful gifts.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for your continued support of our moms that utilize Alternatives.

Sincerely,  
Anya, Alternatives,

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you so much for your recent gift of diapers, wipes, quilts, clothing and baby items.

We are as grateful for your support as we work to empower moms at these challenging times.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Saliman  
Hope House

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you for your gifts to Children's Hospital Colorado. I am so grateful for the way you and other donors help to make Children's Colorado a special place for kids and their families.

I want to personally thank you for your generous gift of beautiful handmade items. We so appreciate your generosity and kindness.

"There are those that see the need and respond," beloved children's television host Fred Rogers once observed "I consider those people my heroes." He could be inscribing you and all of your volunteers.

Like countless threads in beautiful fabric, you are a vital part of the strong net of support that not just sustains us but lifts us higher.

On behalf of Children's Colorado's leadership, caregivers, and most importantly the children we are privileged to serve, thank you

With gratitude,  
Suzy Jaeger  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Patient Experience and Access Officer

## NEW AGENCIES

We are happy to announce we now exceed 60 agencies that we service. Here are the newest agencies:

- Alternatives North, Lakewood
- Alternatives South, Castle Rock, (pregnancy centers )
- Florence Crittenden
- Granby Pregnancy Center
- Hope House
- Head Start, Arvada/ Applewood
- Mountain Resource Center, Conifer

As we continue to grow, Warm Heart's Volunteers are ever more valuable. Keep sewing, keep knitting/ crocheting, keep up the good work. Thank you!

## NEEDED ITEMS:

These are the most needed items right now

SLEEPERS, boy & girls  
GOWNS, boy & girls  
ONESIES, boy & girls  
BIBS – Bibs - BIBS  
TOTES

Toiletries: bottles, diapers, wipes

Please remember, we have fabric available at the Baby House. If you want to make totes, gowns, sleepers or Bibs, there is material available. If you can't make it in to pick up, it is available for a Work Group leader to take some to you. Please ask for your needs, we are happy to help.

Friendship is the fruit gathered from the trees planted in the rich soil of love, and nurtured with tender care and understanding. Alma L. Weixelbaum

My mother always used to say: "The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana."  
—Rose (Betty White), *The Golden Girls*

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