

THE BABY CRYER



WARM HEARTS WARM BABIES

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

When preparing to write the article for the WHWB newsletter, I always say a prayer asking for guidance as to the message I should be giving to our volunteers. I usually start with a total blank!

So here it goes: Recently we received two resignations from our Board, (Pat Cisneros and Laurie Balzar) and we felt very bad to lose these ladies. However, we have been blessed with two new additions as Sandi Powis and Karen Nelson have accepted the Board vacancies. We are so lucky to have both of these ladies, as their many talents will be an asset to the running of our organization. They both have been working energetically with us and share our strong belief in WHWB's mission to help needy babies.

We are also setting up a new Work Group in Frisco, CO. Lisa Dieckhaus recently moved to Colorado and would like to be involved with a non-profit like WHWB. Lisa is very enthusiastic and is willing to start a new group in Frisco. Lisa worked with a similar organization prior to her move to Colorado. We are very happy to be able to add another Work Group to WHWB as we have no representation in the Frisco area.

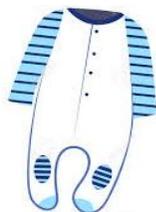
We welcome Sandi and Karen to the WHWB Board and also Lisa as a new Group Leader. Good wishes to all of you! Great work to all volunteers!

Jean Jones
President

Needed This Month

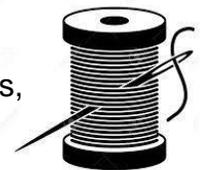
These are the most needed items right now:

- SLEEPERS AND GOWNS for boys and girls
- WINTER GOING HOME OUTFITS for boys and girls with long sleeved shirts and long pants. Please make them as sets and fasten together.
- DIAPERS size newborn and #1
- TOTES



We have fabric available at the Baby House.

If you want to make totes, gowns, sleepers, quilts, outfits, bibs, etc. there is material available. We also have yarn available. The Baby House is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00-12:00 noon. 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.



Questions or comments? Please contact us. Phone: 303-975-6394 or 303-239-6473, Email: whwbnewsletter@aol.com Mail: 6429D Miller St. Arvada, CO 80004 (letters), P.O. Box 830 Arvada, CO 80001 (packages)

Your Donations Count!

All of 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, Colorado Gives or using your King Soopers Loyalty Card. Thrivent members are eligible to use the "Thrivent Action Team" program (for info contact us at whwbnewsletter@aol.com)

Skyestone Work Group

Warm Hearts Warm Babies is a nonprofit that began in 2000 to provide basic items for premature infants and newborns. We deliver handmade totes to more than 65 Colorado agencies including hospitals, clinics, shelters, Ronald McDonald houses, law enforcement agencies, and pregnancy crisis centers. 100% of donations we receive go to help the babies. We recently donated 26 quilts to Bayfield. One quilt went to a pregnant young woman who is living in a tent. The need for basic items for our youngest citizens is great.

Our Skyestone group was established in 2015 with 3 volunteers. We now have approximately 70 members who create handmade items such as blankets, quilts, bibs, burp cloths, sleepers, gowns, and other essentials for babies.

We meet at 10:00 am the first Tuesday of the month in the Lodge. During the meetings volunteers stuff toy animals, sew quilts, and cut out bibs and burp cloths. Many volunteers work at home during the month to finish needed items. Anne Connelly, Skyestone Work Group Leader



CRAFT SALES

We have received several invitations to participate in craft shows this fall. Assuming with Covid that these events will be held, we will participate in a few shows. Our volunteers are encouraged to make a few new and different items to be included for sale in our booth. We'll also need people to help at each sale. Please contact Glenda if you have questions or would like to offer your help.

- ❖ October 16th, 10:00-4:00. Sons of Italy, 5935 W. 32nd Avenue, Wheatridge
- ❖ October 22nd, 10:00-4:00 and October 23rd, 9:00-3:00. Family in Christ Church, 11355 N. Sheridan, Broomfield
- ❖ November 6th, 9:00-4:00. Arvada Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth, Arvada
- ❖ November 13th, 9:00-4:00 and November 14th, 9:00-3:00. Evergreen Alternative Craft Show. 5980 Highway, Evergreen
- ❖ November 14th, 10:00-4:00. Columbine High School, 6201 S. Pierce, Littleton
- ❖ November 20th, 10:00-4:00. Campbell Elementary, 6500 Oak, Arvada.
- ❖ We are discussing two weekends at the Baby House

Please remember to turn in your volunteer worksheets when you turn in your items. These are used to keep track of items, hours and costs; information used when applying for grants and doing the 990 tax form for the IRS. Thank you.

Thank You

Dear Warm Hearts Volunteers,

My husband and I cannot thank you enough for showing such kindness in your thoughtful baby preparation bag. We appreciate your time and generosity so much!!

Sincerely,
Hannah and Dalton Howell
Kremling, Colorado

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you so much for all of your hard work making the layettes for the families in need at the Inner City Health Center, The layettes are so appreciated and needed. The children also love the quilts, afghans, and stuffed animals that you make.

Thank you,
Dr. Cooley, Pediatric Director
Inner City Health Center

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you so much for your donation of Quilts, receiving blankets, and octopus to our NICU!! Your time and dedication is admirable and so generous. We are all so thankful for the love and hard work that goes into each one.

Sincerely,
Lutheran Hospital NICU

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you for your generous donation of: quilts, afghans, booties, hats, diaper bags, diapers and very many other items. Your generosity pulls on our heartstrings and we're grateful that you are members of our giving community. We could not do the amazing work we do without people like you.

With deep gratitude,
Mountain Resource Center - Conifer

"There are those who see the need and respond", beloved children's television host Fred Rogers once observed. "I consider those people my heroes."

This arrived with a donation:

"Thank you for all the work you do for the babies of Colorado."

Morva Hewitt (94 years young)
The Villas at Balfour Assisted Living
Louisville, Colorado

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies,

Thank you for your gifts to Children's Hospital Colorado. We are grateful for the many ways you 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 the beautifully handmade items for our Neonatal ICU. We so appreciate your generosity and your kindness.

With Gratitude,
Suzy Jaeger
Children's Hospital Colorado

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you for your kind gift of baby supplies to the Denver Health Foundation. You are providing cornerstone support, creating a springboard for a healthier, stronger city.

Volunteers and donors like you help our hospital and caregivers give birth to modern miracles in our neonatal unit. Your ongoing support means that we can continue to support babies (over 3,000 born each year) and their families. Over 90% of the babies born at Denver Medical are in families that are struggling to get by.

Thank you for being part of the foundation of a newborn's success in life—and for helping Denver Health deliver the health, social, and economic solutions that are the heart of Denver's future.

With great appreciation,
Linda L. Ford, M.A
Executive Director, Denver Health Foundation



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Newborn items included in each handmade layette and wrapped in a handmade tote bag are:

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| 2 bibs | 1 soft toy |
| 2 burp cloths | 2 wash cloths |
| 2 receiving blankets | 2 onesies |
| 1 quilt or afghan | 3 diapers |
| 1 sweater or fleece jacket | 1 bottle |
| 1 sleeper | baby wipes |
| 1 gown | |
| 2 outfits | |
| 1 pair of booties | |
| 2 pairs of socks | |
| 1 hat | |
| 1 toiletry (shampoo or baby wash) | |



Colorado Springs Work Group

The Colorado Springs Work Group met under the trees in the shade at Faith Presbyterian Church on the 3rd Saturday at 10:00 am. All are welcome. It was a beautiful fall day with time for all to catch up with each other, discuss family, and help encourage those who were discouraged. Yarn and fabric were available for distribution to all (one lady said it was better than Christmas and her birthday combined) and lots of baby clothes were turned in to be included in layettes.

Lyn Hente,
Colorado Springs Work Group Leader

DELIVERY REPORT:

4908 items were delivered to 23 agencies in July, 2021. 5972 items were delivered to 23 agencies in August, 2021.

Agencies we delivered to were:

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| Carin Clinic | Lutheran Hospital NICU |
| Children's Hospital | Mountain Resource Center (Conifer) |
| Children's Hospital NICU | Parkview Medical Center (Pueblo) |
| Denver Medical Center | Peak Vista First Visitor |
| Denver Medical Center NICU | Peak Vista Pre-Natal Plus |
| Denver Medical Peri-Natal Loss | Peak Vista Women's Center |
| El Centro de los Pobres (Avondale) | Pine River Services |
| Granby Pregnancy Resource Center | Platte Valley Medical Center |
| Growing Home | Ronald McDonald House, Denver |
| Hope House | Salude Clinic |
| Inner City Services | Servicio de la Raza |
| JeffCo Action Center | Stride of Aurora |
| Littleton Food Pantry | University Hospital Infant Loss |
| Longmont Hospital | University Hospital Mother and Infant |
| Loveland Pregnancy Center | University Hospital NICU |
| | Weld County Nurses |

Work Groups

Warm Hearts Warm Babies currently has 14 work groups. These groups of people meet to work on items used in the layettes we deliver to hospitals and other agencies throughout the Front Range from Ft. Collins to Pueblo. New volunteers are always welcomed at any of these groups. If interested, please contact the work group leader or the Baby House located at 6429C Miller Street in Arvada (open Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00-12:00 noon.) Sewing, knitting or crocheting skills are welcome, but not a necessity. We'd love to meet you.



- 285 Corridor Work Group: (Aspen Park) Work Group: Normally meets 3rd Monday each month at St. Laurence Episcopal Church (Fellowship Hall). Contact: Helen at insmont@wispertel.net. NOT meeting currently.
- Arvada Baby Bee Work Group: Meets 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am-2pm at WHWB Baby House, 6429C Miller St. Contact Frances: 303-421-6331 or fksquits@aol.com for more information.
- Arvada Work Group: Meets 2nd Thursday of the month, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm at the King of Glory Lutheran Church 10001 W. 58th Ave., Arvada (58th and Kipling-east door) Contact Glenda: 303-975-6394 or colokidz@aol.com.
- Aurora Work Group: Normally meets 3rd Monday of each month at Above & Beyond (Centennial). Contact Lajeana -- 503-260- 6469 - teacherlajeana2@yahoo.com for information. Currently doing parking lot meetings and front porch pick-ups.
- Brighton Work Group: Normally meets 3rd Wednesday of the month, 9:00-2:00 at Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 567 Bromley Lane, Brighton with a potluck; Contact Carol at chesneyc@aol.com. Currently pick-up and deliver in Nancy Staup's garage.
- Colorado Springs Work Group: Normally meets 3rd Saturday of each month, 10:00-2:00 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1529 N. Circle Dr with a potluck. Lyn Hente: 719-499-0415 slamhente@comcast.net. Currently meeting in church parking lot.
- Frisco Work Group: Contact Lisa Dieckhaus. 639-899-6286. lisad823@yahoo.com. We're Brand New!
- Holly Creek Retirement Community Work Group (Centennial): Open to ALL. Contact Priscilla, cilpks@msn.com for meeting information.
- Littleton Work Group: Meets 2nd Tues of each month, 10am – 2pm at Above & Beyond (Kipling & Bowles). Contact Ruth, 303-808-2124 or ram1084@msn.com
- Loveland Work Group: Contact Judy at our2pets@msn.com or Karen at 970-667-4323 for more information.
- Skyestone Work group: Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 10am at Skyestone Lodge Broomfield. Contact Anne Connelly. This group is open ONLY to Skyestone residents.
- Southlands Work Group: (south Aurora near Quincy & E-470) Normally meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Contact Lajeana -- 503-260-6469 - teacherlajeana2@yahoo.com. Currently having porch pick-ups.
- Thornton Work Group: Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:00-4:00 pm at the Old Thornton Rec Center at 2211 Eppinger St. Contact Lori, 720-273-1687 or Lorijkratzer@hotmail.com for details.
- Windsor Gardens Work Group: Meets 2nd Thursday of month in Sewing Room, 10:00-12:00 noon at Windsor Gardens (near Alameda & Havana). Contact Barb at llove2sewbarb@gmail.com

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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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