

THE BABY CRYER



WARM HEARTS WARM BABIES

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In this publication I would like to tell you a story that happened in Dec. 2015. Not very many of our members know, but I would like to share this experience with you. Glenda and I were working at the Baby House. Theron Bredeson had been to the Post Office to pick up our mail. He came in and handed me a check and said “what do you think of this ... do you think it is real?” The check was for \$25,000 from a foundation in Delaware. None of us recognized any names or the name of the Foundation. Since we had not applied for a grant and were totally unfamiliar with the Foundation, we were apprehensive as to whether it was a valid donation. This is what gets strange: I said I would take it to the bank and see what they said, so I took it to a Chase branch and they examined the check and did some checking. Then the manager came back and advised “we destroy the check”. Well, I wasn’t about to do that. Next, Glenda and I decided to go to the Chase branch that handles WHWB matters to get their input. A young lady there was very helpful and spent a lot of time on the computer trying to verify the account. The end result was that Chase would deposit the check and put a ten day hold on the funds but the bank representative thought it was valid. IT WAS! This donation was certainly an answer to our prayers. We still are not aware of anyone we know or how this Foundation learned about our little non-profit in Arvada, CO.

This is just one of the many things that have happened during the time I have been working with WHWB. These happenings give all of us assurance that our work with the “babies” is the direction and path that we should be on. We are blessed each and every day. Happy Holidays to all!

Jean Jones, President

Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting, December 2, 2021

- ❖ Craft shows have been doing very well
- ❖ There is a Board vacancy. Please let us know if you’re interested.
- ❖ Jean Jones is retiring this spring as our Board President.
- ❖ Kathy Williams has been working on grants from El Pomar (received \$1500) and Larry H. Miller (waiting to hear).
- ❖ Sarah O. Jewelry is helping WHWB through a promotion of their Honor necklace.
- ❖ The Volunteer Luncheon is planned for this April or May.
- ❖ Board members are: Jean Jones, President, Glenda Bredeson, Vice President, Sandi Powis, Secretary, Bernice Henrickson, Treasurer, Anne Connolly Brockman, Laurie Kratzer, Karen Nelson, Evelyn Rudiger, Bonnie Yockstick, General Directors.



The Baby House needs your help! Please let them know if you would be willing to help clean once a month. This is only the floors, bathrooms, and maybe some odds and ends. A small hand vac would also be a very helpful donation. Thank you to all who are willing to help out.

Needed This Month

These are the most needed items right now:

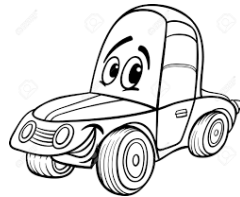
- SLEEPERS AND GOWNS for boys and girls
- WINTER GOING HOME OUTFITS for boys and girls with long sleeved shirts and long pants. If possible, make them as sets, safety pinned or sewn together
- DIAPERS size newborn and #1
- ONESIES
- FABRIC – Cotton knits and flannel
- BOOTIES (hats not needed this month)



Delivery Report

5079 items were delivered to 19 agencies in September, 2021. 5956 items were delivered to 29 agencies in October, 2021. agencies we delivered to were:

Carin Clinic
Children's Hospital
Children's Hospital NICU
Denver Medical Center
Denver Medical Center NICU
Denver Medical Center Peri-Natal Loss
El Centro de Los Pobres, Avondale
Granby Pregnancy Resource Center
Growing Home
Hope House
Inner City Services
Jeffco Nurses
Littleton Food Pantry
Longmont Hospital
Loveland Pregnancy Center
Lutheran Hospital



Parkview Medical Center, Pueblo
Platte Valley
Resource Center, Conifer
Ronald McDonald House, C Springs
Ronald McDonald House, Denver
Salude Clinics
Servicio de la Raza
St. Augustine Food Pantry
Stride, Aurora
Summit County Casa Gabriel
Summit Cty Nurse Family Partnership
Tin Shed Food Pantry, Wheatridge
University Infant Loss
University Mother and Infant
University NICU
Weld County Nurses

Kathy Williams, Grant Writer

Kathy is a member of the Colorado Springs work group. With a BS in Accounting from Louisiana State University, she is a retired Accounting Manager with Hershey Foods Oakdale Plant. She and husband Paul have been married for 46 years with 2 married sons and 4 grandchildren.

Kathy has been applying for grants for WHWB for the past year, applying for 27 and receiving 4; a great financial help for the organization. She has been helped by Julie Gustafson who was the CFO of The Denver Hospice, Denver Museum of Nature and Science and Central City Opera Company. So many non-profits are applying for grants in these times. If you or anyone knows of a foundation or company that donates to non-profits for children, please let her know at pkwms75@gmail.com. Also, if you know someone who works at one of those companies, it would be a big help in receiving the donation or grant.

She is currently waiting to hear about 6 grants for monetary donations and also in-kind donations for socks and baby clothes. Her next step is to send letters or emails to companies such as those producing thread, fabric, yarn, baby clothing, baby bottles, toiletries, diapers, etc. requesting either product or monetary donations. If you have any ideas or know of any company that helps, please let Kathy know.



Work Groups

Warm Hearts Warm Babies currently has 15 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 fkquilts@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 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:00-1:00 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. lisd823@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 2141 E. 95th Avenue, Thornton. 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

Work Group News

Holly Creek Work Group:

My name is Priscilla Stenman and our group consists of residents of Holly Creek Retirement Community in Centennial. We have approximately 12-16 ladies coming weekly to hem fleece blankets and to knit blankets and sweater sets, consisting of sweaters, caps and booties. We also have a volunteer woman from the neighborhood, much younger than the residents, joining the group each week. Cheryl, calls us her girlfriends.

The group was founded by identical twin sisters several years ago. It is important to know something of their background, as they have talked freely about this with residents here. This is the foundation of what we call "Needles and Threads".

Ruth and Rose were abused foster children until a family of the Seventh Day Adventist church discovered their situation and offered to school and care for them. In the early years Ruth and Rose cared for those less fortunate than they. They made sandwiches, washed clothing, and offered whatever help they could to people without homes. The twins did these acts of love out of thanks for those who took care of them.

When the twins moved to Holly Creek, they brought residents together to help mothers who could not afford fresh new things for their newborn children. The twins prayed daily for each member of the group, talked freely about God's love, and created a strong loving group of stitchers and knitters. Now the group often talks about Ruth and Rose, having passed away just a few years ago, praying for those of us still working together and helping take care of mothers and new babies.

The group grows. We have one member, age 99, who hems four fleece blankets a week. Another now 98 has been hemming for years. Several of the "girl friends" are in their 90s, some in their 80s. They love coming every Tuesday to enjoy a chocolate or cookie, chat with friends, and do something appreciated and meaningful.

How to Sew Tote Bags

We are pleased so many volunteers are willing to stitch tote bags for WHWB. Please create these bags using this standard size: Tote Bag Body: Cut two 22" x 22" pieces. Pocket: Minimum 10" x 10" square, or 10" x 22". Finish the top pocket edge and place the bottom edge at least 5" up from the bag bottom. Straps: Cut two 4" x 22" to make 2" x 22" finished straps. Fabric: Heavy weight cottons. Pleat the bottom so it will stand up when being filled.

The Colorado Springs Work Group has been involved for 3 years with the agency in Avondale who helps migrant families, el Centro de Los Pobres. This holiday season, as in the past, group members have donated new underwear and socks for the children ages 7-18 which is always a great need there. Sister Nancy is thrilled to receive this gift for "her" children each year. On another note, we finally got back into the fellowship hall of the church we meet in, so had a potluck lunch at our November meeting, which was enjoyed by all. Please join us the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:00-1:00 at Faith Presbyterian Church.

LaJeana received this note from one of the **Aurora Work Group** members and wanted to share it with us:

I want to say thank you for giving me the sewing to do last year when things were closed and I needed to feel needed. You are helping with such a good cause and I admire you for that. I wanted to share the name of an organization that might be useful to some of your new moms. Wee Cycle gives out baby items; hats, sweaters, toys, etc. to needy parents. Thank you,

Janice Baxter

The Aurora group has also been helping Sox Place, a place for homeless youth in downtown Denver, for the last 10 years. They give hats, cowls (fleece cut 18X22-stretch), band aids, a book, foot powder (Gold Bond 1 oz), deodorant, candy, gloves, and hotel toiletries all put into a 18X20 drawstring bag, to these youth at Christmas time. You can help by collecting hotel toiletries when you travel. Always needed are foot powder and deodorant. A special needs class sorts the toiletries, etc. for them.

The Arvada Baby Bee is a small group of volunteers meeting on the second Saturday of the month at the Baby House. Most of the group members are retirees who are members of another work group and want an additional time to meet other friends. Each member is encouraged to bring and work on a project of their choice. They have the option to select materials for their projects to complete at home. Occasionally, we assist with special projects related to the Baby House. Recently, we cut a 40-yard roll of knit fabric into two-yard lengths to be used in clothing. We also checked many quilt tops to ensure they fall into the appropriate size range, 36" to 42".



Thank You

Thank you all for the wonderful handmade bags filled with donations for the babies here in need. These bags of handmade items always make our mothers smile, and often bring happy tears. We really are glad you all share your time and talents providing these gifts to our sweet babies. Thank You!

Evelyn, Steph and Tina

Dear **Amazing Volunteers** of Warm Hearts~Warm Babies, thank you so much for the beautiful and adorable diaper (tote) bags, complete with needed supplies! It is so kind and generous of you to put your time and **incredible talents** into such a wonderful project. As you know our families are all low-income. They really appreciate the beautiful bags, blankets, and clothes. We appreciate your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,
Margo Sobocinski, Pediatric Nurse
Practitioner and Executive Director, Carin
Clinic

Warm Hearts~Warm Babies,

Thank you for all you do for the babies in Colorado. We are thankful we get to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Thank you for all of the donations of infant supplies that you have shared with us throughout the years – we are so grateful we can be a part of your wonderful organization ...sending a donation we hope will be a blessing. Keep up the good work!

Loveland Church of the Nazarene
Where the Loveland WHWB Group meets



We received monetary gifts from:
Mary Sirovatka
Anna Petrocelli
Ms. Vialpado (memory of Kathy Murphy)
Loveland Church of the Nazarene
Fran Hindman

Thank you letters were also received from:
Peak Vista Hospital
Lutheran Medical Center
Platte Valley Medical Center
Ronald McDonald House --Denver
Ronald McDonald House – C Springs
Colorado Children's Hospital

Baby clothing and items were given by:
Sharon Duggan
Green Mountain Methodist Church
Mayflower Congregational Church
Carol Harper
Cassie Glander
Megan Lhotsky
Tia Gonzales
Ms. Cooper



Our condolences to families of:

- Marge Leonard, member of the Colorado Springs group, died October 4, 2021.
- Kathy Murphy member of the Colorado Springs group, died October 3, 2021. She donated quilts to us just a few days before she died.
- Sue Jurgens, member of the Arvada group, died November 8, 2021 due to complications of COVID. Sue has been our contact with Servicios de La Raza for several years, cheerfully collecting the bags of items we collected for Servicios. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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)

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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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