

THE BABY CRYER



WARM HEARTS WARM BABIES

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From Our New President

On February 1st, I was very honored to be named President of the Board of Directors. Jean Jones will continue to be active on the Board as a General Director. My former position of Secretary will be filled soon. We have had several changes to our Board this past year and I'm looking forward to new ideas for our Organization.

I want to thank Jean for being our committed, competent, dedicated, dependable, fearless leader for 7 years! Thank you for your endless hours of volunteer leadership. We will never be able to repay you. We love and appreciate you very much!

For many years I have made and donated baby and young children items to other organizations, but always worked alone. I really wanted to find friends with this ideal in common. The first time I heard about Warm Hearts Warm Babies was from another shopper when at Joann Fabrics. I was so excited to find a group in Conifer, close to where I live. After joining the group, I started taking our group's donations into the Baby House and met Jean and Glenda. Finally, a social life!

I would like to encourage you to visit the Baby House for the first time or the hundredth. It takes many hands to run this organization from sorting donations to filling Layettes. Nothing happens without our wonderful volunteers, but we need more hands. More hands working at home sewing sleepers, clothes, afghans, and bags. More hands volunteering to put layettes together. More hands (voices) spreading the word about our wonderful pursuit.

I'm asking our group leaders to reach out to their members to inspire and energize our efforts. Share your ideas and suggestions. Would you like to take an in-house class to learn a new skill in order to make clothes, sleepers, bags, or quilt finishing? Please communicate with your Group Leader or Board to help keep our organization growing!

Sandi Powis, Board President

Board of Directors

Sandi Powis, President	Jean Jones, General Director
Glenda Bredeson, Vice-President	Karen Nelson, General Director
Bernice Henrickson, Treasurer	Evelyn Rudiger, General Director
Anne Connolly-Brockman, General Director	Bonnie Yockstick, General Director
Laurie Kratzer, General Director	



I apologize if anyone was missed. It was not done intentionally and we thank you also.

Margo Sobocinski, Executive Director of Carin' Clinic sent a photo of a new mom (which was not published for privacy reasons). She said: Just thought you might enjoy seeing one of our beneficiaries!! This new mom and baby LOVED the beautiful diaper bag and all the thoughtful goodies inside. Thank you again for supporting Carin' Clinic!

Thank you also to all of our amazing volunteers

Other Ways You Can Help

King Soopers Reward Program

King Soopers Community Rewards program ties a selected charity to your King Soopers loyalty card (the card or phone number you normally use at King Soopers). You'll need to create an online King Soopers account for this card if you don't already have one.

Go to KingSoopers.com

Click – welcome icon

Click – sign in (create an account is in drop down list). Enter info requested.

Enter KingSoopers card # (can be your phone #) – hit create account.

A screen to select a charity will appear. Enter DF544 or Warm Hearts Warm Babies. King Soopers donates a percentage of your sales to WHWB and you pay nothing extra for this. This has been a great way to help WHWB.

Amazon Smiles Reward Program

This is the same selection and prices as on Amazon.com. Just go into smiles.amazon.com instead of Amazon.com and shop as normal. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization you select. You pay nothing extra for this. You do have to select your charity the first time you use Amazon Smiles, but after that it automatically donates to WHWB without any cost to you.

We received monetary gifts from:

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| David Koval | Christopher Hoag |
| Miranda Jackson | Richard Gardner |
| Cindi Salmon | Mike & Lisa Beyers |
| Lara Wells | Sharon Costantino |
| Betty Burritt | Charles Rhoades |
| Leslie & Bill Stahelin | Mike McCafferty |
| Miranda Jackson | Cindi Salmon |
| Cindi Salmon | Lara Wells |
| Anthony Feola | Floyd Moore |
| Greg & Linda Lauer | Katherine Ricketts |
| Pamela Stevens | Sarah Ortega |
| Fran Windman | Anonymous |
| James & Janet Kangieser | |
| Jeremy Frisk -- Longshots Bar & Grill | |
| Loveland Church of the Nazarene | |

Thank you also to the following for fabric, yarn, baby clothing, quilts, afghans, etc:

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| Donna Wegner | Victoria Strating |
| Mary Boher | Ruth Cooper |
| Valerie Skrine | Ann Austin |
| Carol Harper | Diane Jowell |
| Marge Zoetewey | Renee |
| Judie Rich Family | Judy Pearce |
| Leslie Costley | |

Thank you to Eileen Hennessy for a monetary gift in Honor of Robert Hennessy

We received memorial gifts from:

- Romayne & Robert Shinnen, Fred & Nancy Staup, Robert & Pamela Hart, Carol Criswell, and Mr. & Mrs. Chandler in memory of Donna Walford
David Allen in Memory of Kathy Murphy
Roxanne Burns in Memory of Carmen Dalla



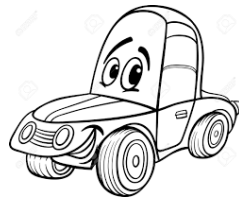
Walter Hunt was born in Martinsburg, NY, one of 13 children. Mr. Hunt was a prolific Inventor and developed multiple improvements for spinning and roping machines for the textile industry. But, also, among his many inventions were the safety pin, the fountain pen, a knife sharpener, a coal burning stove, and the SEWING MACHINE.



Delivery Report

5647 items were delivered to 29 agencies in December. 5322 items were delivered to 25 agencies in January. 5232 items were delivered to 24 agencies in February. Agencies we delivered to were:

Birthline, Denver
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
King of Glory Lutheran Church
Life Choices, Loveland
Littleton Food Pantry
Longmont Hospital
Loveland Pregnancy Center



Loveland Santa Cops
Lutheran Hospital NICU
Lutheran Hospital Organization
Mountain Resource Center
Parkview Medical Center, Pueblo
Peak Vista, First Visitor
Peak Vista, Women's Center
Platte Valley
Ronald McDonald House, Denver
Salude Clinics
Servicio de la Raza
Stride, Aurora
Stride, Wheatridge
University Infant Loss
University Mother and Infant
University NICU
Weld County Nurses

Arvada Work Group News

The Arvada Work Group would like to salute our volunteers that are over 90 years young. We thank them for their dedication to Warm Hearts~Warm Babies and the needy babies of Colorado....they kept sewing religiously during the Covid Pandemic.

These ladies are:

Helen Card: She made about 50 to 100 items every month...her mantra has been "if someone will cut them out I will sew them."

Fran Hindman: Sewed and cut out between 50 and 100 items every month until she fell and broke her hip. Even though she was in rehab she thought about the babies...she had her daughter-in-law bring her sewing supplies to the Baby house...She told her that we might need them for the babies.

Irene Davey: She sewed tote bags, stuffed positioning rolls, and put hair on dolls. She also made the deliveries to one of our agencies.

Betty Burritt: Betty sewed up positioning rolls and animals and made receiving blankets after she recuperated from a broken hip.

Joy Balding: Joy made burp cloths and bibs whenever she had flannel.

Neva Applehauns: Neva has moved into Assisted Living, but that hasn't stopped her support of WHWB...she often calls to see if we need or could use something that she or someone else has. During our craft shows in December she had her son bring her to the Baby House to do her Christmas shopping.

Hopefully none of our "young" volunteers have been forgotten.... If you have been, just blame it on my aging brain. And remember you are much appreciated also.

We also have many more faithful volunteers that have continued sewing, crocheting, knitting and making deliveries (most of our agencies continued accepting donations during the pandemic). Thank you all for your dedication and love for the babies.

Glenda Bredeson
Arvada Work Group Coordinator



Don't forget to turn in your volunteer work sheet. This helps us keep track of all the items that have been made for our babies.

Work Groups

Warm Hearts Warm Babies currently has 13 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: Place of meeting to be determined. Contact: Sandi Powis at Sandi.powis@gmail.com
- 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 fksquilts@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: Currently doing "Grab and Drops." Contact Gisela for more information 720-373-3180)(texting is great)
- 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, 10:00-2:00 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1529 N. Circle Dr with a potluck lunch. Lyn Hente: 719-499-0415 hentelyn@gmail.com.
- 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.
- 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 love2sewbarb@gmail.com

Hints For WHWB Tote Bags

Fabric suggestions: heavy cotton, or sturdy home decor

Bag body cut: 1 piece - 22" x 44" or 2 pieces - 22" x 22" - Bag body finished size: 19" high x 21" wide with 3" box bottom

Pocket size: Minimum finished size 9 x 9 inches - Pocket position: at least 4 inches above bottom of bag

Strap fabric requirements: sturdy cotton or 1.5" webbing. Do not use satin ribbon or narrow webbing.

Straps cut size: 4 inches wide by 22" to 26" long. If using 2 pieces of fabric for each strap the width is 2 inches.

Finished strap width: 1.5 inches

Box Bottom size: 3 inches

Sewing instructions will be available on our web site soon.

When selecting fabrics for the WHWB tote bag, please remember that the bags will likely be heavily filled with baby necessities or groceries.

Items Needed at the Baby House

Boy and Girl

Gowns

Long pants and long-sleeved shirts

Totes

Onesies

Socks

Octopus – remember **cotton** yarn only

(Baby House has lots of this)

Need fabric or yarn, etc?

Don't forget to see what's at the Baby House!



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Hints for our Volunteers

Quilts... Please use embroidery floss or fine crochet cotton to tie quilts (yarn tends to fray and frizz when washed.) Embroidery floss and crochet cotton are available from the Baby House.

Loose Threads... please make sure that loose threads are cut from your sewn items. Serged ends should be woven in. Please don't use one of the fray check products which make a scratchy spot and we don't want to scratch our babies.

Crochet and Knit Items... sport weight yarn is preferred for sweaters and hats (hats should be approximately 10 inches around and 5 to 6 inches tall. Afghans can be made out of any soft yarn...yarn is available at the Baby House.

Octopus... are made out of cotton yarn (some of the hospitals sterilize them in very hot water before using).

Tote Bags... please no ribbon or elastic for handles as they aren't strong enough.

Wash Cloths... when making wash cloths from flannel it should be two layers thick and no serged edges. Place two 7" square right sides together. Stitch around all four sides leaving an opening; turn right sides out and topstitch all four sides. When using toweling, it can be serged but please make sure the stitches are close together so it doesn't fray when washing.

***** Cross Stitch Kits...** we have had many printed cross stitch kits donated to WHWB. Many of them are infant quilts which would be great at craft shows or we might be able to sell them Online through one of our volunteer's Etsy site.

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Volunteers Needed at the Baby House

Would you be willing to help for 2 hours once a month at the Baby House? We need help with light cleaning and extra jobs that come up once in a while. Please email Sandi or Glenda if you're willing to do this. colokidz@aol.com or sandi.powis@gmail.com



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Highlights from the Board Meeting, March 3, 2022

- Our new president is Sandi Powis.
- Jean Jones, outgoing president, will still be a member of the Board as a General Director
- The Volunteer Luncheon will be sometime in May.
- Next Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 7, 11:00 am at the Baby House. This is an open meeting – all are welcome to attend.

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Our grant writer for WHWB, Kathy Williams, would like your help. If you know of any organization that donates to non-profits, or know of anyone who works at an agency that donates and might be able to help us, please let her know. She is using the email: whwbnewsletter@aol.com and would appreciate any help you can give. These can be monetary or other donations (such as fabric, yarn, thread, baby clothing, diapers, etc). She is also the webmaster on our Facebook account. Let her know if you have any news to add to Facebook.

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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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