

THE BABY CRYER



WARM HEARTS WARM BABIES

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From Our President:

Sandi Powis is on a highly anticipated vacation for this month, relaxing so she can return to the Baby House full steam ahead! Please call if you need any help with anything. The Baby House is still open and staffed Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 – 12:30. There is a great plenty of fabric (flannel, cotton knits and lots of quilting cottons and batting) and yarn (sport weight, worsted weight and cotton yarns, needles and hooks) for all to pick up and use. Need anything else? Let us know. Come see what all is there – it's a real treasure chest of items!

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Stitching For Good



The Stitching for Good website was created to allow those who sew, knit, crochet, quilt, or craft to find charities in need of their help. A search can be done to match people's talents with charities in need across the United States.

This website was created by Nichole, an Ambassador Girl Scout from Colorado, as her Gold Award Project. The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. Nichole included Warm Hearts Warm Babies on her website as one of the charities looking for creative and talented people to help provide warm blankets and clothing to babies in crisis. Please visit the website for more information at Stitchingforgood.org.

Thank you, Nichole, for all your hard work and for including Warm Hearts Warm Babies on your website.



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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 Conifer 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: THIS GROUP IS ON HIATIS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. 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: This group has a new leader and is looking for a place to meet. More info to come.
- Brighton Work Group: Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month, 9:00-11:00ish at Chapel Hills Church, Bridge St (Hwy 7) and Tower Road. Use Northwest rear entrance. Contact Carol at chesneyc@aol.com.
- 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. lisad623@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 1st Tues of each month, 10am – 12:30pm 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.
- Skystone Work group: Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 10am at Skystone Lodge Broomfield. Contact Anne Connelly. This group is open ONLY to Skystone residents.
- Thornton Work Group: Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1:00-4:00 pm. Contact Lori, 720-273-1687 or Lorijkratzer@hotmail.com for details and meeting place.
- 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

Items Needed at the Baby House

Totes (we don't have enough from month to month)

Bibs
Gowns
Sleepers
Boys outfits



Need fabric or yarn, etc?

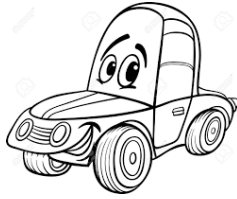
Don't forget to see what's at the Baby House! Including flannel, cotton knits, sport weight yarn and lots more.



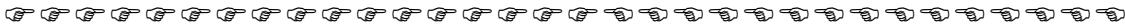
Delivery Report

6917 items were delivered to 29 agencies in March. 5944 items were delivered to 29 agencies in April. 5378 items were delivered to 27 agencies in May. Agencies we delivered to were:

Carin Clinic
Catholic Charities
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
Individuals
Inner City Services
Jeffco Nurses
King of Glory Lutheran Church
Life Choices, Loveland
Longmont Hospital
Loveland Pregnancy Center



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



Volunteer Luncheon

The annual Volunteer Luncheon was held on May 12th. All in attendance enjoyed the good food and auction items. Jean Jones was honored as the former President. Sandi Powis, the current President made and presented a friendship quilt for Jean which we all signed (picture below). The other historical picture is of 4 of our Presidents from left to right: Jean Jones, who just retired as President, Sandi Powis, current President, LaurenSchlicht, and Nancy Staup, first President (after the founder Victoria Swain).



Our Sympathy to families of these longtime Arvada Work Group members:

The family of Irene Davey.
The family of Betty Burrett.
The family of Fran Hindman on the death of her grandso





Thank you for your donations. We apologize if we missed anyone, but your gifts are appreciated.

Corporations

Chimera Company

Groups

Knit One Crochet Two

Yarn Missions

Arvada Covenant Church

Springwood Retirement Community

American Giving Fund

Monetary Gifts

In honor of Fran Hindman

In honor of Evan Hindman

In memory of the grandson of Fran
Hindman by Salt and Seamen
Reform Presbyterian Church

Afghans, Quilts, Blankets

Jan Eckersley

Lea Petersen

Gaylene Saltzer

Diane Washington

From Collier Hospice

You made 9 blankets, afghans for our patients to wrap up in. The love and dedication you put into each one are now being felt by them! Ginger Cooky

From Weld County NFP Team

Thank you! Our clients really like the layettes. Thank you for helping our community of new moms. We appreciate the layettes so much. From Lauren, Nicole, Suzanne, Kayleigh, Dana, and Phoebe

From Hope House

Thank you so much for your generous donation. We appreciate your help as we serve to empower our teen moms. Please know that we could not do our work without the support of people like you.

Sincerely, Cherie Noel

From St. Augustine Food Pantry

Thank you for your donations of new baby items. We appreciate being able to offer these items to our Clients. May God continue to bless you. Sincerely yours, Staff

Kathy Kaskie

Judy Sena

Dee Trullio

Lynette Yokoyama

Jerilyn Hessel

Betsy Stewart

Yarn, Fabric

Christy Oshel

Stephanie DeMarco

Teresa Myles

Peggy Karraaker

Stan Harrelson

Jody Johnston-Duran

Ginger Kelley

Joann Van Iwaarden

Marge Zoetewey

Priscilla Otero

Miscellaneous Baby Items

Carol Harper

Victoria Strating

Jill Allred

Elizabeth Surton



Kathy Williams, Grant Writer

Kathy Williams, has a new email to be used for grants and Facebook postings:

whwb.forthebabies@gmail.com. Email Kathy if you have any information about grants or to post on Facebook.

Warm Hearts Warm Babies has received a generous grant from Larry H. Miller Charities. A big thank you to Bill and Leslie Stahlin from the Colorado Springs group for their help in our receiving this grant. Bill recommended Warm Hearts Warm Babies for the grant and walked our paperwork through the grant review process. Their help was instrumental in our receiving this grant.

Blanket and Quilt Sizes with Preferred Fabric or Yarn

Quilts: Newborn – approximately 36”X36” to 40”X40”

Preemie – We would rather not have any preemie sizes as quilts are too bulky.

Afghans: (knit or crochet) **PLEASE NO WOOL YARNS**

Newborn – Approximately 36”X36” to 40”X40”

Soft Sport weight yarn (#3) or soft knitting worsted (#4)

Preemie – Approximately 28”X28” to 32”X32”

Soft sport weight yarn (#3)

Bereavement – Approximately 22”X22” to 30”X30”

Soft sport weight yarn (#3) – White or pastel colors preferred

Other Information – Any afghans donated that are too large for the babies will be donated to Denver Hospice’s Children’s Grief Center (a program for children with a family member In hospice).

Receiving Blankets: Approximately 36”X36”. Soft cotton flannel in a baby friendly print or solid preferred

Use only a single layer either hemmed or serged

Please DO NOT prewash flannel before making blankets as it makes flannel look used.

Fleece Blankets: Approximately 45”X45” (newborn size) to 60”X60” in baby friendly prints or solids

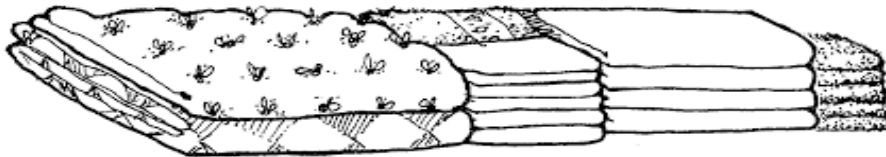
Fleece blankets are not appropriate for preemies.

These should be single layer (double layers make them too heavy and bulky).

Finish edges as you prefer (hem, serge, crochet around, or tie)

When tying blankets, the center area should be about 43”X43”. **IMPORTANT:** If your Blanket ties are to be 4” long, be sure to cut a 4” square out of each corner. This stops the blanket from becoming uneven and crooked.

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We all cry the same tears
tears of fright
tears of sadness
tears of loss
tears of frustration
tears of disappointment
tears of loneliness
Lands are flooded with our tears
We need one another’s
kindness cooperation trust and respect
to survive

Steven Schutz

Oh It’s 2 AM,
everyone is sleeping



Perfect time to cry out
loud & wake everyone up

Colorado Springs Work Group News

The Colorado Springs Work Group has been busy at their meetings making crafts for the fall craft sales. Some things made are Sewing Bobbin Tree Ornaments, Quilted Scottie Dogs, Cork Horse Ornaments and Men's and Ladies Adult Bibs. The men's bibs are modeled below – made from men's shirts.

One of our old-time volunteers lives in Pueblo and has been crocheting sweaters for the babies. During covid, she crocheted 142 of them and now just turned in 65 more! Thank you so much to Roberta Ballard.



We'd love to hear what your Work Group is doing. Email bernicehenrickson@gmail.com.

Holly Creek Ladies Knit to Warm Babies Across the Front Range

Posted by [bphin](#) on April 24, 2022 in [Adams County](#), [Arapahoe County](#), [Arapahoe County Front](#), [Arvada](#), [Centennial](#), [Cherry Hills Village](#), [Denver](#), [Douglas County](#), [Englewood](#), [Featured](#), [Greenwood Village](#), [Jefferson County](#), [Littleton](#), [Sheridan](#)

Each year thousands of babies must be sent home from the hospital with nothing more than a disposable diaper and small hospital blanket. But Easter and springtime are about celebrating new life, and the ladies at Holly Creek Life Plan Community are making sure that newborns in need are being wrapped — quite literally — in love.

Every week the Holly Creek art gallery is filled with the click of knitting needles, crochet hooks and the lively conversation of around 15 community residents. Together they laugh, eat cookies (there are always cookies), edge patterned material into blankets and craft essential baby items. The Holly Creek Needles and Threads group has created around 200 hand-edged blankets and 60 knit sweater, hat and bootie sets each year for nearly 10 years now. Never has it produced more than it is now, with nearly 80 items donated just last weekend.

All their handiwork goes to Arvada nonprofit Warm Hearts~Warm Babies (WHWB) to help around 60 hospitals, crisis pregnancy resource centers, shelters and other agencies across the Front Range welcome newborns in need. Earlier this month, organization volunteers came to Holly Creek to share their first-hand stories about how the items are bringing love and joy to many families. The charity folds the donated needlework and knitting into layettes, or newborn baby "starter kits," which include blankets, a sweater/outfit, onesie, sleepwear, socks, hat, bottle and basic toiletries. The volunteers also provide hand-crafted clothing for babies who don't survive or are miscarried.

"I finish four blankets each week," shares Marvel Fisher, one of the most dedicated Holly Creek blanket-makers, adding that it takes around two hours for each one.

The ladies work together to make sure all the pieces of the program run fluidly, with everyone pitching in as they can. This week the group discussed adding crocheted octopuses to their list of items to try, after learning from WHWB President Sandi Powis about how they are used to help little ones in the ICU. Some ladies had the batting for the creature's heads, others had the yarn and still others the crochet know-how.

"It's the best addiction I can imagine," said Bredeson, and those in Needles and Threads certainly agree. The Holly Creek group's coordinator Priscilla Stenman has been on both sides of the equation, having been thrilled by the "little outfits when my children were born," and now with the opportunity to help make them. "We love doing it," she shared, and knowing where the outfits go makes it worth all the work.

"We sometimes get thank-you's, mostly from the agencies," Bredeson shared when she spoke with the Needles and Threads group, but sometimes there are pictures from moms, and then "it is so wonderful to see the babies wearing the things we made." The stories are memorable ones as well. "We had a mother come and speak at a volunteer luncheon, and we all were in tears because she had lost her baby three weeks before that. She wanted to let us know how much what we made meant to her... she got one of our outfits with a little vest and bowtie on it. She said it didn't make things ok, but it made them better."

The pandemic didn't slow down the need, and the only way that WHWB has been able to stay on top of demand is "our amazing volunteers," Powis said. "We have been blessed again and again. We often don't even have time to think about being short on something before we get it." In her mind, the organization is as much for volunteers at Holly Creek and across the Front Range as it is for the babies.

"It's important to know that you are needed, and you definitely are," Powis shared with the group. "You can't buy these things at Walmart – it's that handmade touch," – from a big-hearted group of neighbors at Holly Creek to mothers, fathers and babies across our state.

WHWB was formed 22 years ago because of a woman who lost a baby. Glenda Bredeson, vice president of the organization's board, explained that "our founder started making and donating baby booties to the hospital because it was cathartic, and the group formed from there." Since 2000, the group has grown from sixty volunteers when incorporated to around 400 in twelve work groups (located from Loveland to Colorado Springs) including the one at Holly Creek.



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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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