

"**The Baby Cryer**" Warm Hearts Word ) Warm Babies

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Celebrating 20 Years of Service

Happy holidays to all our WHWB family and friends,

We certainly did not expect all the problems, hardships, and deaths we have had due to the COVID-19 virus. In mid-March we closed the Baby House and stopped all deliveries. With our current medical technology, we were pretty confident that something like this would never impact our lives. We certainly learned how fast our security can be jeopardized. I will always remember the streets empty of traffic those first weeks of the pandemic shutdown.

Slowly, over the past few months we have made many of our regular deliveries. We even added three new agencies to our list. It remains to be seen how the November COVID-19 level change affects our deliveries. We will continue to make deliveries when possible.

Several months ago, I sent a request for funding to the Group Leaders and asked that they forward the request for donations to their group members. This was not highly successful, so we sent postcards to most of our Denver area volunteers. We decided to try holding a craft show at the Baby House every Wednesday and Thursday during October. The response to the postcards and October craft sales was not sufficient to meet our needs, so we extended the weekly craft sales to five days a week during November. We have received exposure for the craft shows through several internet sites, word of mouth and signs on the street.

If you did not stop by to shop or make a financial donation recently, please consider doing so now. Please remember donations may be made to us through the December Colorado Gives Campaign, the King Soopers Rewards program and the AmazonSmile program or through PayPal on our website.

Having the Baby House open for so many sale days has been grueling but the volunteers participating in them recognized the importance of the fund-raising effort in fulfilling our mission of helping Colorado's needy newborns. Thank you to all the volunteers who made items for sale, made and posted signs, posted advertising on the internet and several other sites as well as working the sale.

Good health and best wishes for all. We hope 2021 will be clear of this flu so that we can all resume our normal lives.

Jean Jones

## WHWB Baby House Will Remain Open

We anticipate keeping the Baby House open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 am - noon. You may wish to contact your Work Group Leader, Glenda or Jean if you wish to come to the Baby House. Please consider shopping at the Baby House for your fabric needs.

# Warm Hearts ~ Warm Babies News

# Sympathy

On November 16<sup>th</sup> our dear friend, Marie Kidd gave up her long battle with cancer. She fought hard for over a year. During her battle she kept telling us she was ready when her time came. She believed in her heart and kept telling us, "God isn't ready for me, He still has something for me to accomplish on earth or he would call me home."

Marie was an active Warm Hearts~Warm Babies volunteer for over 10 years with the Arvada Work Group and she served on the Board of Directors for several years writing the "Thank Yous" from WHWB.

She was an avid supporter. She worked at the Baby House, recruited new volunteers, found new agencies for us to serve and made monthly deliveries.

Marie loved to crochet and made many afghans for the babies over the years. She was still crocheting for the babies a couple of weeks before her death.

She loved to go to the Baby House by herself to make up "Goody Bags" because she could spread out and not be interrupted.

Marie was full of Life and Love. We will miss her wonderful hugs and encouraging words tremendously.

Rest in Peace, Marie.

## **Special Needs This Quarter**

- Small printer for the Baby House Office
- ♥Onsies
- ♥ Gowns

## **Always Needed**

- Baby Toiletries (lotion/shampoo)
- ♥ Bottles (individually wrapped)
- Postage Stamps
- ♥ Baby Friendly Ribbing
- ♥ Baby Friendly Flannel

## Not Needed This quarter

- ♥ Hats
- ♥ Positioning Rolls long or short
- Dolls & Toys
- Burp Cloths
- ♥ Bibs
- Receiving Blankets

# July – November Deliveries

Alternatives Avondale Birthline (Loveland) **Carin Clinic** Children's Hospital Children's Hospital NICU Colorado Springs March of Dimes (Fort Carson) **Denver Medical Center Denver Medical Center NICU Denver Medical Peri-Natal Loss** First Visitor (CS) **Growing Home Inner City Services** Jeffco Nurses (infants) Jeffco Visiting Nurses (adults) Life Choices Longmont Life Choices Loveland Longmont Hospital Longmont Hospital NICU Lutheran Hospital NICU Lutheran Hospital Solace Coordinator McKee Medical Center (Loveland) Mountain Resource Center (Conifer) One Nation Walking (CS) Peak Vista First Visitor Peak Vista Pre-Natal Plus Peak Vista Women's Center (CS) Riverton, WY Police Department/Victim Witness Ronald McDonald House (CS) Rose Bud Lakota Reservation Salud Clinics Servicio de La Raza St. Augustine Food Pantry Stride/Aurora University Hospital Mother and Infant University Hospital NICU Weld County Nurses Individuals (5)

## **Thank You From Our Recipients**

WHWB Volunteers

Thank you for your donation of stuffed animals. So often we come across little ones that need some comfort and your donation helps us provide the comfort

Thank you Victim Witness Riverton, Wyoming Police Department

# Thank You To Our Donors

#### **Individuals**

Barbara Munson – hats, sox Barbara Whitney – afghan Carol Harper - afghans, blankets, hats, washcloths Catherine Kruhm – hats Charlotte Mai - diapers, cloths, hats Cheryl Krumeyer – jackets David Acosta – yarn David Koval - monetary Debra Curry – quilt, afghan Diane Washington – quilts Ellen Penndorf – monetary Gail Geddes – monetary Gayle Cajke – monetary Gaylene Saltzer – blankets Geri Kraemer – monetary Gerry Borgeson – afghans Helen Lyon – monetary Jan Eckersley - sweater sets, blankets Janet Krastins – monetary Jeanne Johnson – yarn Jennifer Camilli – yarn Jill Allred - afghans Joan Darveaux - monetary, blankets John & Jill Ganzar – monetary Joyce Ward – baby blankets, fabric, yarn Julian Deloy - fabric Julie Cunningham – monetary Karen & Charles Nelson – monetary Karen Merrill - afghans, hats Kathleen Hall – sweaters, hats, booties Kathleen Leroy – sweater sets, sweater sets, hats Laura Hamilton – afghan sweaters Lawrence & Juliet Gustafson – monetary Linda Funk – fabric, yarn Linda Redding – monetary Linda Tranton – fabric Lynette Yokoyama – afghans Marcy Lloyd – blankets Margie Hersey - blankets, newborn kits Nancy Terry – afghans Patricia Hill - blankets, booties, afghans Phyllis Shimamoto - sox, bibs Rebecca Bortz – sweater sets, afghans Sally Walker – monetary Sheila Carrigan- monetary Sonja Lindeman - monetary Tonya Pappert – hats Valerie Skrine – afghans Vicki Lutz - fabric and selling some of our items on Ebay Vicki Morrison – afghans, quilts

Victoria Strating – summer clothes, sox, sweater set Violet Whitmore – afghans, sweaters Wendy Curtis – boxes of quilts

#### **Groups and Organizations**

Bridget's Cradle – Baby accessories
First Southern Baptist Church of Northglenn – quilts, bibs, totes, burp cloths, scrounges
First Southern Baptist Church of Westminster – afghans
LDS Women – quilts, baby food, diapers, wipes, sweaters
See's Candies – Sweet goodies for Baby House
Yarn Missions of Crossroads Church – blankets, scarves, hats

#### Memorial Gifts

Rita Patton by Fred & Nancy Staup Marie Kidd by Glenda and Theron Bredeson Beverly Lee by Karen Nelson

#### <u>Grants</u>

Erin Bird -- Bird Family Fund Makenzie Tracy -- Tracy Family Fund

## **Thank You From Our Recipients**

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies,

Thank you so much for your donation of baby layettes to Carin Clinic. Those items benefit families in our community and bring smiles to parents faces! You are helping us to provide whole person care in our clinic which is important to us, meeting not only the health care needs of our families but addressing their physical and emotional needs as well which our families appreciate so much!

Thank you so much. The baby items are adorable!

Rachel Capra Director of Operations

# **Thank You From Our Recipients**

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you all so much for the baby items you donated to our teen moms.

Thank you for sharing your time and talent to create your wonderful layettes.

Your great love shines through what you do for new moms and their babies. I know they'll be cherished and appreciated by our new moms.

Stay safe and healthy! Gratefully, Theresa Garcia Florence Crittenton Services

Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you for the generous donation of layettes and dolls. The items in the layettes are so beautifully crafted and are sure to bring smiles to the faces of many new mothers.

I was already able to share one with a family going through a difficult time at one of my Parents as Teachers home visits. It immediately brought a smile to the mother's face.

Fondly, Sara Purves Mountain Resource Center, Conifer

Warm Hearts-Warm Babies,

Thank you very much for the lovely newborn layette. It left the new mother in awe and it was very much appreciated.

With Gratitude, Dottie Margret Reim NAC Food Pantry, Arvada

#### Friends at Warm Hearts-Warm Babies, WOW – What a Beautiful Blessing!!

Thank you all for the deep love and care you share! Our clients and their families are going to love them so - so much! We appreciate all you do for our community and new mothers.

We are grateful! Thank you, Alternative TEAM Dear Barb & Ladies of Warm Hearts-Warm Babies, Thank you so much for your donation of baby hats and blankets. I will be taking them to the Rose Bud Lakota Reservation. There is a hospital at Rose Bud, South Dakota and I will be taking some to Valentine, Nebraska. Valentine serves the mothers and babies of Rose Bud Reservation.

With great Appreciation,

Dr. Patty Luckenbach

Dear Karen & Warm Hearts-Warm Babies Volunteers,

Thank you very 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 Hope House

Dear Warm Hearts-Warm Babies,

Thank you so much for your donation of buntings for our Solace Program here at Lutheran Hospital. Your work is beautiful and blesses the families that loose their babies.

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Sincerely, Lutheran Hospital Womens and Family Services

Warm Hearts-Warm Babies,

Thank you for your generous support during this challenging time. Just as Children's Hospital Colorado has been and will continue to be there for the kids of our region, so, too, are you here for us during an unprecedented time in our history.

I want to thank you personally for your continued gifts of beautiful handmade items. We are so very grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Jena Hausmana President and CEO Children's Hospital Colorado

# **Board of Directors**

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WORKGROUPS

<u>Arvada Baby Bee Work Group</u>: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10am-2pm at WHWB Baby House, 6429C Miller St. Contact Frances: 303-421-6331 or <u>fksquilts@aol.com</u> for more information.

<u>Arvada Work Group</u>: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>colokidz@aol.com</u>.

<u>Aurora Work Group</u>: Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at Above & Beyond (Centennial). Contact Lajeana -- 503-260-6469 - <u>teacherlajeana2@yahoo.com</u> for information.

**Brighton Work Group:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 9 am - 2:30 pm at Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 567 Bromley Lane, Brighton; Contact Carol at **chesneyc@aol.com**. Bring a dish to share at our potluck.

<u>Colorado Springs Work Group</u>: Meets 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1529 N. Circle Dr. Bring a potluck dish. Contact Lyn : 719-499-0415 <u>slamhente@comcast.net</u>.

Holly Creek Retirement Community Work Group (Centennial): Open to ALL. Contact Priscilla, cilpks@msn.com for meeting information.

<u>Littleton Work Group</u>: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of each month, 10am – 2pm at Above & Beyond (Kipling & Bowles). Contact Ruth, 303-808-2124 or <u>ram1084@msn.com</u>

Loveland Work Group: Contact Judy at our2pets@msn.com or Karen at 970-667-4323 for more information. Parker Work Group: Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 9:30am- 12pm at 12047 Black Will Way, Parker. Contact Diana, 303-550-5879 or rosedIstout@gmail.com

<u>Skyestone Work group</u>: Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 10am at Skyestone Lodge Broomfield. Contact Ann Connelly-Brockman. This group is open ONLY to Skyestone residents.

<u>Southlands Work Group:</u> (south Aurora near Quincy & E-470) Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Contact Lajeana -- 503-260-6469 - <u>teacherlajeana2@yahoo.com</u>.

**Thornton Work Group**: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 1pm-4pm at the Old Thornton Rec Center at 2211 Eppinger St. Contact Lori, 720-273-1687 or **Lorijkratzer@hotmail**.com for details.

**<u>285 Corridor (Aspen Park) Work Group</u>**: Meets 3rd Monday each month at St. Lau1rence Episcopal Church (Fellowship Hall). Contact: Helen at **insmont@wispertel.net**.

<u>Windsor Gardens Work Group</u>: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month in Sewing Room, 10am – 1pm at Windsor Gardens (near Alameda & Havana). Contact Barb at <u>Ilove2sewbarb@gmail.com</u>

Want to start a workgroup? See the volunteer section at whwbnewsletter@aol.com

Questions or comments? Please contact us

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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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