

Every Child Counts



Every Heart Matters



Fall 2011



Laura Nielsen was excited earlier this year to stumble upon the Every Child Counts website while searching for Aurora based organizations that help kids. As a mom to two young boys, Laura feels truly blessed and she has a deep desire to share those blessings with infants and families throughout our community. Laura created a game with her son to collect all of their gently used infant clothes, blankets and small toys to donate to infants

through Every Child Counts. Since that initial donation, she has enjoyed collecting items to donate and working with ECC to assemble layettes for babies.

Laura also works full time as an Associate Director for a consulting firm that specializes in litigation consulting and provides financial expertise to attorneys, assisting them in quantifying damages in complex lawsuits. Over the past ten years Laura has organized community service events for her office, including an annual adopt-a-family program during the holidays. This year her office participated in a Travel Toiletries Drive to help Every Child Counts fill gift bags for Sox Place, an organization that serves homeless teens in downtown Denver. Laura is thrilled to be involved with an organization whose impact directly touches so many without any cost to those who are in need!

We are delighted to be working with Laura and greatly appreciate her participation in our activities.

Welcome to the group, Laura!

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Stitch 'n Serve



Verla Klaver recently started a sewing group at Eastern Hills Community Church called Stitch 'n Serve. Their mission is to sew for whoever needs it, and they have been

helping out Every Child Counts. We provide the fabric and their group provides us with monthly deliveries of sleepers, receiving blankets, burp cloths, and jackets.

Stitch 'n Serve has 13 members so far and hope to keep growing. They meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Eastern Hills. In addition to helping out Every Child Counts, they have also sewn sleep masks for the Delores Women's homeless shelter. Future plans include sewing for the Village of Hope in Zambia. They would also welcome knitters and crocheters to their group.

If anyone would like additional information, call Wilma at 303-680-2124.

The Trails Knitting Group

Every Child Counts has been receiving knitted items from The Trails Knitting Group. Meeting for over four years, the group has 65 members, who are mostly retired. They meet at the Trails Recreation Center on Orchard Rd. and Buckley Rd. in aquasize class. All members are motivated to knit for charity, and in 2010 they knitted 1,200 items for charity.

The Trails group meets at the Piney Creek Clubhouse at Orchard Rd. and Joplin in Centennial, as part of the Piney Creek Women's League. In addition to contributing to Every Child Counts, they also support the Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Chemo Infusion Unit at UCH, the American Indian Reservation, Brent's Place, and Meals on Wheels.



Many thanks to the employees of Graybar for their donation of 600 children's books

The Mile Hi Bowl Association donated \$100 and children's clothing

Thank You

I received a call from Denver Public Schools about a little boy who needed PediaSure. His family made \$45 a year above the income level to qualify for assistance. They didn't have enough money to buy him the needed PediaSure. Every Child Counts sent out an email about his situation and a donor stepped up to contribute \$500 to this family. We were able to not only supply them with PediaSure, but also diapers, clothing, toys, and baby wash. The photo above is of Christopher playing with the bubble wrap that came with the box of donations.



The mom wrote, "I just got three huge boxes from FedEx a couple of minutes ago. I just want you to know that I feel so blessed and am thankful for these items. My son enjoyed playing in the bubble wrap, and the smile on his face brought a smile to my face as well! I am so thankful for people who are willing to help, and I love giving back when I am in better shoes."



Newborn Items

Thank you to everyone for the extraordinary amount of newborn donations received last month! We were able to provide all of our packages on schedule once again! Keep it coming! We ALWAYS need:

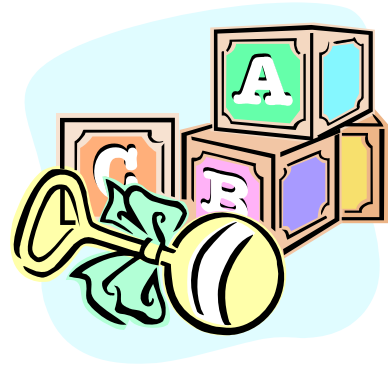
- ★ Newborn diapers
- ★ Newborn outfits, 0-3 months
- ★ Bibs
- ★ Burp cloths
- ★ Receiving blankets
- ★ Socks
- ★ Onesies
- ★ Blankets
- ★ Newborn toys
- ★ Sleepers
- ★ Baby Wash

A note to our volunteers

Thanks for all that you do, because it does make such a difference for so many people. I was at ARC picking up some baby items and the lady checking me out asked me what I was buying all the baby items for. I told her about Every Child Counts and what we do. The lady in line behind me asked if we work with University Hospital. I told her that we did and she said, "Then I have to say thank you." She went on to tell me that her grandson was born at University Hospital at 2:00 am in the morning and that at 2:00 pm the next afternoon they were told they had to leave the hospital. She told the nurse that they had nothing for the baby. The nurse came back with one of our layette bags. She was able to dress the baby in one of our sleepers and wrap him up in the blanket to take him home. She also talked about the other items in the bag and how much it meant to the family that someone would do this for them. Keep up the great work you all do, it helps so many.

Thanks,

Kathy



Personal Care Items

Just a reminder to get all of your travel size toiletry donations to one of our volunteers before December 10. We have had a great response and have many people contributing, including three girl scout troops! Don't slow down though, because we can use all the donations we can get. The donations will be packed into drawstring bags and given to homeless kids at Soxs Place, along with a knit hat for the winter. We can use toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, lotion, combs, and wash cloths. Thanks!

**Every shirt, every
diaper, every sock,
makes a difference**

—
**to a child who
doesn't have
anything**

**Monetary donations are useful so we can buy items we don't have in stock,
such as diapers, wipes, baby wash, cribs, and car seats.**

Donations can be mailed to 6446 S. Oak Hill Circle, Aurora, CO 80016