

Every Child Counts

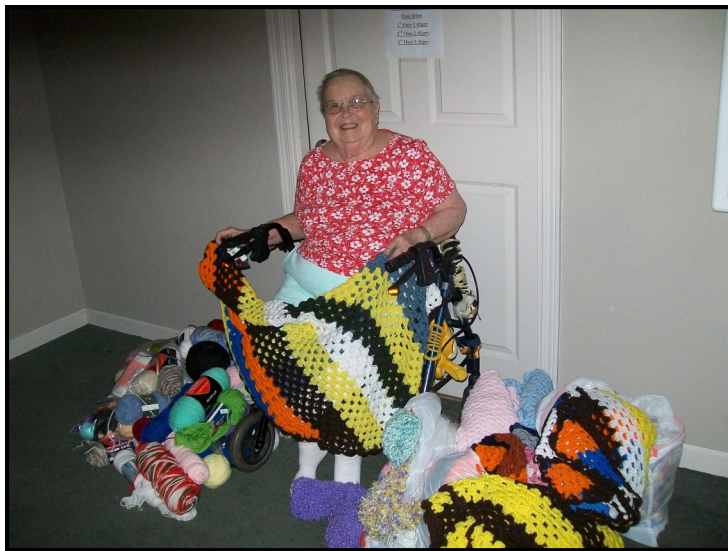


Every Heart Matters



Summer 2011

Violet Hocker



Violet Hocker is one of Every Child Counts' supporters that quietly and quickly works in the background to provide the infants we serve with beautiful crocheted blankets and hats.

A resident of Pinewood Lodge in Aurora, Violet became acquainted with Ed Moore and Robert Sloss (two very valuable Every Child Counts volunteers) while serving their monthly commitment to run the food pantry at Pinewood.

Once Robert learned of Violet's talent and desire to crochet blankets, he of course recruited Violet to contribute to our

organization and actually provides yarn to her every month so she can continue her good work. I recently spoke with Violet via phone and was impressed with her selflessness and enthusiasm for what she does. She has also provided her creations to the VA Hospital, the Society of Military Widows, and Hearts Across the Miles.

A resident of Colorado since 1950, Violet and her husband had been married for 40 years when he passed away 11 years ago. Since then, she has been even more committed to helping others. Violet has been crocheting since she was seven years old, and at age 83 she is still going strong. She is especially talented, as she is nearly blind and crochets completely by feel, while listening to audio books.

Violet, thank you so much for being a supporter of Every Child Counts. You are helping to keep babies in Aurora warm and snug. What you do is incredible!

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Kent Denver School

The Kent Denver School students recently selected Every Child Counts as the recipient of \$1,000 as a result of their annual fundraising efforts.

A private school for grades 6—12, Kent Denver's vision statement is as follows: "Excellence in scholarship and character is the goal of a Kent Denver education. We seek to build a caring, diverse community of responsible citizens. To that end, the school provides a challenging college preparatory curriculum and sets high ethical standards."

In selecting the recipients of their funds, the students were adamant that the organization actively and effectively serve children in need. They chose to provide funds to both the Ronald McDonald House and Every Child Counts.

We are honored to be recognized by the students at Kent Denver School for our work and appreciate their monetary support!

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

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

Children's Hospital Colorado



Every Child Counts will begin donating to Children's Hospital Colorado on a regular basis!

Due to infection control guidelines, they cannot accept used items. They will accept new items, or handmade items such as sleepers, sweaters, hats, and booties for preemies and newborns. Newborns, infants/toddlers, and adolescents are the age groups in the most need.

Following is a list of some of their most needed items that we plan on contributing on a monthly basis:

- Art supplies and craft kits
- Books
- Preemie and newborn clothing (onesies, sleepers, sweaters, booties, hats)
- Clothing for teens (hoodies, sweatshirts, PJs, sport team logo wear)
- Receiving blankets

They can also use the following items that we hope to contribute as we receive donations:

- Plastic and washable mobiles
- Shape sorters
- Rattles and teethers
- Stacking rings
- Light-up and musical toys
- Little People play sets
- Riding and push toys
- Board games

All items must be new and in original packaging. A complete list of needed items can be found on their web site.



2011 Backpack Project

Every Child Counts recognizes Virginia and Ed Moore for coordinating the 2011 Jeppesen backpack project! Virginia acquired 100 backpacks from Jeppesen, along with several boxes of pocket folders and school supplies. They were able to donate these to the Aurora Public School Foundation, where they will be used to provide children with school supplies this year!

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy goes to Kathy Williams, Director of Volunteer Services, whose father recently passed away. Our thoughts are with you Kathy!

Thank you

Thank you so much for all of the clothes, shoes, learning toys, crayons, colored pencils, elmo book, glue, notebook, and the pencil box. That was so kind of you. Again, thank you so, so much! (from the family of an 18 month old boy)

Newborn Items

Thank you to everyone for the extraordinary amount of newborn donations received last month! We were able to provide all of our newborn layettes 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

Fond Farewell

We wish Gail Hahn a fond farewell and safe travels as she moves to Florida to be with her family! Gail has been with us since beyond inception and has contributed many quilts, sweaters, and her famous bear hats. We will all miss her so much and can't imagine her not being a part of Every Child Counts.

Gail, we still expect to receive a monthly box of your creations!

Best of luck, Gail, from all of us! We love you!

