



Sweet Dream In A Bag
Newsletter

Feb/March 2017

Providing New Bedding, Caring
and Love to Children in Transition

A Mom asked if we could give her son an air mattress. It would help her son sleep more comfortable, her 5 year boy has been sleeping in a crib all these years and now he is getting so tall--it hurts his legs to sleep in the crib, so lately she has let him have her bed (the couch) and she sleeps on the floor! She was so excited and said, "Now I can go back to sleeping on the couch and my son can have his "Big Boy Bedding" and an air mattress to call his own bed!"





Sweet Dream Help

Sweet Dream is so thankful:

- A grant writer has volunteered to mentor & coach Sweet Dream thru the process of larger Grant Writing! Grant writing takes years of experience to learn the process and be

able present your organization in the best way to foundations.

- A young woman is designing Sweet Dream a new Website, it should be up and running soon! The new format will help in the ease of adding articles and keeping it updated.
- Sweet Dream is in need of a new promotional video. A young woman is researching and looking to find someone to film and produce it for Sweet Dream. Please if you have any good contacts let us know and we will pass them on to her.

These new projects and the many volunteer hours these people are putting into each project will help the future of Sweet Dream to expand and bless more children. We are so thankful for the help! These were three areas so important as Sweet Dream grows!

February "Pack & Pray"

There were over 70 people at the February Pack & Pray over 140 Sweet Dream Bags were packed. What a morning we had tables everywhere--it was amazing to see so many people

excited to volunteer and pack such beautiful gifts for these precious children that we serve! We had several people bring sheet sets, twin comforters, baby quilts and monetary donations, it felt like a big party! Many people see what Sweet Dream provides these children and they give the children their time and donations! Sweet Dream has been able to always have enough bedding for every child that is referred to us! It is amazing! In January over 100 children were gifted with new bedding and by the time February is over we will have gifted more than 200 children (approx. \$10,000 worth of bedding gifted just in February)!!!







Sweet Dream at Conferences

It was an honor and pleasure to be invited to the Optimist District Conference and share how several Optimist Clubs are partnering with Sweet Dream both in Denver and Colorado Springs. We had a wonderful time meeting new clubs and asking us to come speak with their members!

The first weekend in March we will be at the Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference. We will be sharing with different clubs the excitement and how their clubs can get involved with touching the lives of the children that Sweet Dream serves. Kiwanis Clubs that are already helping in Lone Tree, Denver, Castle Rock, Arvada-Jefferson County, Ft. Collins, Greeley, Colorado Springs, Monument & Pueblo.

It is always exciting to meet new people and share the vision of Sweet Dream -- there are still so many children that need cozy, warm bedding!

Together we are making a difference!!!





Giftng Event

Warren Village

is coming up --

March 6th, 6:30 pm

1300 Gilpin St., Denver 80218

Each child feels cared about, special and loved by the time and attention each volunteer gives!

Keep checking the Event Calendar on the website:

[www/sweetdreaminabag.org](http://www.sweetdreaminabag.org) -- CLICK ON Event Calendar

An Easy Way To Donate to Sweet Dream

Consider a monthly donation of \$50, that would provide a beautiful Sweet Dream Bag to one child per month---that would be 12 children per year you would be providing for! You can make a monthly reoccurring donation on the Sweet Dream website:

www.sweetdreaminabag.org thru PayPal

This is an easy way to make sure Sweet Dream has enough bedding for each precious child that has so very little. Together we have made a huge impact!!!

SWEET DREAM EVENTS:

Feb. 27, Monday, start 6 pm

"Gifting Event"

Native Americans/Alaskans
West Elementary, 25 N. 20th Street,
Colorado Springs, 80904

March 6, Monday, start 6:30 pm

"Gifting Event"

Warren Village
1300 Gilpin St, Denver 80218

Mar. 18, Saturday Morning, start 9 am

"Pack & Pray Event"

Bethany Church, 6240 S. Broadway,
Littleton 80121
Starts: 9 am – 12:30 pm
A light lunch is served about 11:15 – plan
to stay! (Everyone Welcome!!!)

March 27, Monday, start 6 pm

"Gifting Event"

Native Americans/Alaskans
Colorado Springs
Place for event to be announced

April 6, Thursday, start 5pm

"Gifting Event"

Holly Park Apt./Mercy Housing
5524 E. 60th Ave, Commerce City 80022

April 8, Saturday, start 10 am

"Gifting Event"

VOA Young Families
455 Bannock, Denver

Agencies

Access Housing/Commerce City
Alternatives to Violence/Loveland
Angel House/Loveland
Champa House
Coalition for the Homeless /Ren. at Lowery
Coalition for the Homeless/ West End Flats
Coalition for the Homeless/Renaissance 88
Coalition for the Homeless/Ren. Blue Spruce
Coalition for the Homeless/ Stout Street Flats
Colo. House/Partners in Housing-Colo Springs
Decatur Place Transitional Housing
Denver County Human Resources
Denver Rescue Mission Star Tran. Housing
Family Tree Housing & Family Services
Family Tree Crisis Center
Father Ed Judy's House
Fostering Hope Foundation/Colo. Springs
Gabriel House/All Saints
Gabriel House/Aurora
Gabriel House/Denver
Gabriel House/St. Francis de Sales
Gateway Women's Shelter
Greeley Transitional Housing
Guadalupe Project
Hope Center Pre-School
Hope Communities/California Street
Hope Communities/Hidden Brook
Hope Communities/Thrill
House of Hope/Family Tree
Humbolt Archdiocesan Housing
I Am Academy
Irving Center Archdiocesan
Jefferson Co. Attorney/ Family Violence
Jefferson County Head Start
Jefferson County Human Resources
LaPuente House/Alamosa, CO
Mercy /Springfield Ct. Apt./Ft. Collins
Mercy/Holly Park Apartments
Mt. Loretto Family Housing
Native Americans/Alaskans/Colo.Springs
Open Door Ministries

April 12, Wednesday, start 6:30 pm

"Gifting Event"

Colo. House/Partners in Housing
21 S. Wahsatch, Colo. Springs 80903

April 13, Thursday start 11:30 am

"Gifting Event"

Jefferson County Head Start School
5150 Allison St, Arvada 80002

April 15, Saturday Morning, start 9 am

"Pack & Pray Event"

Bethany Church, 6240 S. Broadway,
Littleton 80121

Starts: 9 am – 12:30 pm

A light lunch is served about 11:15 –plan
to stay! (Everyone Welcome!!!)

April 29, Saturday, start 1 pm

"Gifting Event"

Aurora Gabriel House
13101 E. Mississippi, Bldg. C1020,
Aurora 80012

April 24, Monday, start 6 pm

"Gifting Event"

Native Americans/Alaskans
Colorado Springs
Place for event to be announced

May 20, Saturday Morning, start 9 am

"Pack & Pray Event"

Bethany Church, 6240 S. Broadway,
Littleton 80121

Starts: 9 am – 12:30 pm

Pasoda Family Shelter/Pueblo
Pasoda Rio Sacramento/Pueblo
Raritan Property Archdiocesan
Ruby Hill Residences
Salvation Army Lambeth Center
Streets Hope
VOA- Bright Stars Head Start
VOA DAV Families
VOA Family Housing Program
VOA Young Mothers
Warren Village
Warren Village First Step

As you look at this list you will realize just how
many children need your help and caring to
make their lives a little more cozy and give them
something to call their own!



Plan a Packing Party

Want to share the excitement &
fun of Sweet Dream with friends
and co-workers? You can plan

A light lunch is served about 11:15 –plan to stay! (Everyone Welcome!!!)

May 22, Monday, start 6 pm
"Gifting Event"

Native Americans/Alaskans
Colorado Springs
Place for event to be announced

June 26, Monday, start 6 pm
"Gifting Event"

Native Americans/Alaskans
Colorado Springs
Place for event to be announced

July 11, Tuesday, start 6:30 pm
"Gifting Event"

Colo. House/Partners in Housing
21 S. Wahsatch, Colo. Springs 80903

Sept 21, Thursday start 11:30 am
"Gifting Event"

Jefferson County Head Start School
5150 Allison St, Arvada 80002

Oct. 4, Wednesday, start 6:30 pm
"Gifting Event"

Colo. House/Partners in Housing
21 S. Wahsatch, Colo. Springs 80903

Oct. 19, Thursday, start 5pm
"Gifting Event"

Holly Park Apt./Mercy Housing
5524 E. 60th Ave, Commerce City 80022

Nov. 9, Thursday start 11:30 am

and sponsor a Packing Party. Sweet Dream does all the work to get prepared. We bring all the needed items to pack, [your group just needs to raise half the funds for the event and provide the people to pack.](#) Susie would love to share how you can do this. She will come share about Sweet Dream with your group to get everyone excited about this great opportunity! Susie:303-507-2098



Needed:

"Gifting Event"

Jefferson County Head Start School
5150 Allison St, Arvada 80002

Dec 14, Thursday start 11:30 am

"Gifting Event"

Jefferson County Head Start School
5150 Allison St, Arvada 80002

Reminder: There will be Treasure Time Gifting Events added as agencies set dates, check our website and look at the CALENDAR!

www.sweetdreaminabag.org

Please--- if you can help with any Event call Susie 303-507-2098 or email:

Susie@sweetdreaminabag.org

Updated: 2/27/2017

- Baby Fitted Crib Sheet (Ikea \$5)
- Ribbon at Costco & Sam's 50' (usually around the wrapping paper)
- Girl Twin Disney Comforters(Walmart)
- Starbucks Instant Coffee Packets (for Dad's Mugs)
- Twin Sheet Sets (Big Lots,Ross)



"Let's go home, I want to sleep in my new bed!"



Together we are
making a
difference!



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