



To Whom It May Concern:

I am one of many Public Health Nurses in the Valley who work with underprivileged women and children. I started this work in October of 2001. We see endless poverty and need. Very often we arrived in a home because of the birth of a baby, but we soon found that these families had more than one needy child. Then I was introduced to the ladies who ran The Lullaby Connection (TLC), Darla Hayden and Lisa Johnson. They have stood ready to help us do better in our work with their support.

Recently, we have seen the needs of the poor grow even greater when our country and our community suffered a deep recession. The situation for our very needy families was even more dire at that time. The help from The Lullaby Connection did not waiver at that time, even when other resources were reduced; Darla and Lisa were always there to help us. We were able to arrive at each home with a beautiful outfit for a baby girl or a baby boy.

Far from scaling back, the Lullaby Connection started helping us "blow up" Christmas for each child in some of our most disadvantaged families. It was not uncommon for them to help several families, many of whom had as many as 10 children. Each Nurse was allotted a number of families to bring forward to receive this help. This number varied from 2 to 4 per nurse. The nurse could select the neediest families on his/her case load. The nurse working with the mother brought forward a wish list and the TLC and their benefactors made it happen. We Nurses, who had the privilege of playing Santa, saw the joy and wonder on the children's faces. I know in the archives from my clients there are many a heartfelt thank you sent in. Many times the mothers were moved to tears because they could never have provided this on their own.

Besides the steady supply of layettes, on occasion the TLC has given us diapers, gently used clothing, formula, baby supplies and books to help meet our goals to increase literacy among young children.

In more recent years the TLC has also started to provide special outfits for the burial of the little ones who did not make it so the parents can have respectful memories of a child they have lost.

We commend this organization as a great resource and community partner who have helped us in our work with mothers and babies for over a decade.

Sincerely:

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Lorraine Oliver RN CCM CHN II



June 27, 2016

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I want to take this opportunity to express my eternal gratitude and sincere appreciation for the Lullaby Connection.

I met Darla Hayden and Lisa Johnson over 10 years ago. As a Community Health Nurse doing home visits and assessing the needs of the Mothers and Newborns, I was faced with the challenges of finding resources for the needs of this fragile population.

I heard of the Lullaby Connection and met with Darla and Lisa. I shared the conditions that these Moms and Babies were facing. Many babies had nothing to wear when discharged from the hospital. The Mothers had no clothing, formula or diapers. The majority of the Moms had no means to obtain them. Many had nothing, no furniture in their apartment and some had nowhere to go.

The future of these Newborns and families was off to a very bleak start. If it were not for Lullaby Connection and the dedication of these two amazing women many Moms and Babies would have gone without the basic necessities. With their help my job was made a lot easier. I was given the resources to ensure the babies had formula, warm clothes and blankets. Darla and Lisa went above and beyond to provide other items to make their lives better.

This community has benefitted from their generosity and hard work. This organization is so important to the community. Lullaby Connection is the life line for the New Moms and Babies.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

As an Advanced Practice Nurse, I am part of a team of Medical Professionals who care for many pregnant women, in 2 local hospitals, and 2 outpatient clinics. Ever since I was introduced to TLC The Lullaby Connection, I have been able to help my mostly indigent families with layettes. These otherwise marginalized families were able to take their babies home in a beautiful new outfit. By providing these women with a measure of respect I am more enabled to encourage them to work on their prenatal health, and the wellbeing of their babies. Lisa and Darla have also been able to help me with specially made boy and girl burial outfits when sadly we lose a baby from time to time. This gives family a special memory of their lost child to live with.

The help from The Lullaby Connection and their resource partnership has made my work easier and more meaningful. I gladly recommend the TLC as a valuable partner and resource in this community.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Ann Cole', written in a cursive style.

Mary Ann Cole RN BSN APN