

# Love in Action

## Family Birth Center - Harrison Medical Center

*After being born into this world, constant rocking soothes you in the dark nursery with no stimulation...being held tightly in the arms of a loving nurse who grasps your tiny fingers and feeds you warm milk brings security in those first days and weeks of life... it is your only hope and lifeline to a future...*

Each week, Julie Harpel rocks babies...infants born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome at Harrison Medical Center in Silverdale. Of the 2,100 babies who draw their first breath here each year, enough are born with NAS (withdrawal from narcotics in the womb) that a team of volunteer nurses are needed to provide extra loving care. This Level II Special Care Nursery is the only one serving the Kitsap & Olympic peninsula region. Julie began her nursing career in 1969 and yet now in retirement continues to pour her heart into these newborns. They are given an opportunity to thrive because of her expertise & gift of time, indeed wrapping the arms of God around each one.

Julie's love of children and making a difference is seen in many ways. Since 1992, Julie has been SLC's coordinator of gathering supplies for LWR's Personal Care Kits and School Kits. She faithfully serves on the Altar Guild and prepares for Sunday fellowship time each Friday. Julie also volunteers at Emerald Heights Elementary, working with Denyse Hemmersbach's 4/5 classroom. Thank you, Julie, for doing God's work with your hands!



**Julie Harpel** (left) coordinated the filling of 20 School Kits during the "God's work. Our hands." Fall Servant Day.



Each year **Karen Plank** sews the 100 drawstring backpacks to complete the School Kits. What a gift! Thanks for doing God's work!



In response to natural disasters and conflict-driven emergencies, LWR works hand in hand with vulnerable communities in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. To learn more about this life-giving ministry go to [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

## Lutheran World Relief

Founded by U.S. Lutherans in 1945, LWR continues to be at the forefront of transformational global development, breaking the cycle of poverty so families and communities can thrive.

Through LWR during 2018, Silverdale Lutheran Church shared across the globe...

76 Personal Care Kits (Spring)  
100 School Kits (Fall)  
2 Boxes of Soap (Spring)  
274 Quilts (Sent in Spring & Fall)

**THANK YOU, SLC, FOR LOVING THE WORLD!**



In 2018, these children received their School Kits and Personal Care Kits... what a blessing! They are so excited to be able to stay healthy and attend school!



**God's work. Our hands.**