



*Serving Needy Newborns in Southwest Washington*

### *Our Families*

**Beau's\*** family traveled from the coast to Vancouver to attend his grandmother's funeral and he arrived eight weeks early during the trip. Beau's dad has been unable to find work since being laid off. The family hadn't brought baby things and were overwhelmed by events. They all expressed thanks for the premie layette gift bag and car seat. What a blessing to be able to help during hard times.

**Layla's\*** mother completely changed her life when she found she was pregnant. She is now clean, safe and in a maternity home. She learned about Babies in Need before delivery and was delighted when her social worker gave her one of our car seats and a big bag of clothes, handmade blankets, sweaters and quilts, diapers, a little board book and other baby things. She couldn't believe how beautiful they were. She dressed Layla for her baby photo with delight, gratitude and joy.

**Baby Callie's\*** mom now has three children under the age of two. Her fiancé had just landed a job but wouldn't be paid for three weeks. She was in denial about her pregnancy, didn't seek prenatal care, has a history of post-partum depression and didn't have anything for Callie. Her two toddlers are boys and she was happy to "actually have *girl* clothes" and all our other gifts for Callie. Thank you for helping her get off to a good start.

**Lucas\*** was a 33-week premature baby whose young mother was homeless. She had finally left her abusive husband and didn't have any clothes for Lucas or money to buy the expensive premie clothes, diapers, supplies and car seat he needed. She was so thankful for our gifts and that they were right there when she needed them. She is now working with housing assistance to get her own apartment and appreciates our help so she can begin to save money for rent.

As last January's BIG snowstorm was arriving, two families were ready to take their babies home but had no car seats. One mom was in tears wanting to leave to get home to her other children. All our car seats had been given away so we made a last-minute run as the first snowflakes were falling. Her social worker was able to find a cab willing to drive her home. The social worker said, "That was a *miracle!*" Thank you! Our moms were so grateful!"

*Thank you for caring, acting and making a difference in many, many lives this year!*

*\*Names changed to protect privacy*

*We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.*

### *November 2017*

#### *Given Since 1999*

4457 Newborn Layettes  
2334 Newborn Car Seats  
781 Sibling Gift Bags

#### *Needed Every Month*

18 Layettes  
12 Car Seats  
7 Sibling Bags

#### *A Ministry of*

All Saints Episcopal Church  
PO Box 65825  
(2206 NW 99th Street)  
Vancouver, WA 98665  
&  
Caring people of Vancouver,  
Western WA, and beyond.

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*~ Mother Teresa*



## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

This is the *twelfth* year of **Kiwanis Christmas Giving Trees** at *twelve* McDonald's restaurants! They now also have trees at 14 Perfect Look Salons, 5 Burger Kings, 2 IHOP's, ReMax and an Umpqua bank. Our thanks to Clark County Kiwanis Clubs, Northstar McDonald's restaurants and the owners, managers and staffs of each business involved. Our hearts are full and our Babies in Need House is too, by the end of the season. Thank you for being part of this outpouring of love.



## NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you for the Pac 'n Play, stroller and diaper bag. Now, I can walk to the store with Billie and be able to carry him and the groceries home in the stroller. It is so nice just to be able to go for a walk with him. Please thank the people who give these things to us. *- Danika*

We have given many **Sibling Bags** this past year. Most are given by NICU staff to young siblings of our little ones in the unit. The staff and families appreciate you thinking about the siblings and giving them their own gifts. They don't feel left out and they have something to do. On behalf of the hospital, our families and babies, we thank you so much for the ongoing support and help. *- Hospital Birth Center Social Worker*



*Awesome!* We are so thankful. We were in need of most everything and you made a huge gift bag that filled so much of that need. *- Hannah*

Hello! My baby was born three weeks ago and I received one of your care packages. Thank you so much. The clothes and diapers are great and the handmade blankets were very thoughtful and so sweet of you guys! Jeremiah and I are doing well. He's growing so fast! Please pray for us and my daughter, Mindy, too. Thank you for that. Again, thank you for all the baby stuff. It is very useful and helpful. Sincerely, *- Krista*

## FROM A DONOR



I started this blanket when my husband had his cancer relapse. I needed to remind myself to think of others - and not just my own worry and fear. Every time I took a stitch during those long hospital waits, I thought of how this simple act could bring hope to a young mother and her child. I know you will find just the right person to give this to - or perhaps it will be a part of a layette - and someone will enjoy this. Sending love. *- A Friend*

## THANK YOU, DEAR READER

Your gifts are so much more than donations. They give much-needed hope and help to new mothers and babies. Thank you for keeping these little ones close to your heart. Together, we're doing a good thing in a good way.



Blessings,  
*Kitty Ash*  
Director

## *Baby Equipment*

*New and used* - strollers, Pac 'n Plays, bouncy seats, bassinets, etc. for our families. (Please, NO drop-side cribs or used car seats.) **86+ items passed along this year!**

## *Who We Serve*

Low-income families of all racial, ethnic, educational, and religious backgrounds; unsupported mothers, homeless women and babies; immigrants; victims of domestic violence or substance abuse; families with medical problems or job loss; premature or special needs babies.

## *Our Layettes*

*(Premie & Newborn sizes)*

Gowns / Pajamas  
Fleece sleeping sacques  
Washcloths / Burp cloths  
Receiving blankets  
Crib blanket / Quilt  
Diapers / Wipes  
Sweater / Hat  
Story Book / Crib Toy

Greeting from Babies In Need  
*To the Mother of a New Baby*  
*A Man and a New Baby*  
*Walk into Prayer*  
List of free local resources

## *24-Hour Drop Box*

2206 NW 99th Street  
Vancouver, WA 98665  
360-573-8106

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## *Speakers Available*

We can present a 15-minute program to your group.  
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*As you have done it unto the least of these...you have done it unto me.*

*~ Matthew 25:40*