



Serving Needy Newborns in Southwest Washington

NOTES ABOUT OUR BABIES FROM SOCIAL WORKERS

There has been an increase in homelessness in Clark County this year. Permanent shelters are full and our emergency winter overflow shelters expect to be full from November through March again this winter. Imagine having a new baby and no place to go. Your gifts provide immediate help, encouragement and love.

Baby girl Cassie* was discharged with her 17 year old mother, 14 year old uncle and maternal grandmother to her great grandmother's senior living home for the weekend. No housing or motels were available. Social Workers had exhausted all resources. The family was to call daily regarding where they were staying. They were given a car seat and layette gift pack of clothes, blankets, diapers, and extras. What joy! What thanksgiving! What a blessing!

Twins Rick & Ruby* were in the NICU. Their parents were new to the area and had a three- and four year old at home. Both parents came in with their older children, learned all the baby cares and took loving care of their older children while in NICU. Dad participated in everything and was supportive of his wife. He had to take time off without pay, so our layettes were a big help with expenses.

Kendra, Mike* and their newborn son were discharged to a motel that was charging them \$750 a month. Their work with Housing Connections to get into a new apartment had not yet borne fruit. There were no other options. Mike had to quit work to take care of their one year old son and Kendra following her surgery. He was trying hard to support his family. They were given meal cards while in the hospital and received one of our layettes. This gift of many lovely new baby things was a bright spot in their lives.

Savannah's* baby girl in the NICU had respiratory distress. Savannah has MS, is a domestic violence victim and had been living in a car with her husband. He is now in jail because of the abuse. She was coping with grief because of the recent death of her mother and with the court system related to the domestic violence. She is now living with her father and working toward housing with Clark County housing resources. She provided wonderful care to her daughter and was so relieved and thankful to get a layette and car seat.

**Names changed to protect privacy*

November 2015

Given Since 1999

4062 Newborn Layettes
2023 Newborn Car Seats
685 Sibling Gift Bags

Need per Month

22 Layettes
15 Car Seats
7 Sibling Bags

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"Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these...you have done it unto me." - Matthew 25:40

OUR WEBSITE HAS A GREAT NEW LOOK

It's easy to use, has more information for moms and donors and answers the most frequently asked questions of both groups. Check it out and click on the *Our Babies* tab to see some adorable pictures. We now have a PayPal *Donate* button by popular demand. Please refer your friends to the site. Huge thanks go to our generous, talented webmaster, Diana Cruz. She's been a blessing to Babies In Need since 2004!

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CLARK COUNTY QUILTERS DID IT AGAIN

They raised \$5373.25 for Babies In Need with their annual Opportunity Quilt raffle! Many thanks to them and to all of you who sold or bought tickets.

SALMON CREEK SOCCER CLUB PARTNERS WITH BABIES IN NEED

It's a perfect match! 48 teams of four- to seven-year-olds play at All Saints' Soccer Field. Many of the families have baby clothes and equipment their children have outgrown. Our donation bin is right next to the soccer field.

PAC 'N PLAY CRIBS AND STROLLERS

These are especially helpful to moms in transient situations. Please encourage your friends to donate those they no longer need.

SIBLING BAGS

"I love the sibling bags. I gave one to a little boy the other day. He didn't speak English, but his little face lit up with pure joy at getting something for himself. It was lovely. The parents were recent refugees and the family had very little. It was especially nice at this time of year."

MOMS SAY, "THANK YOU!"

Joy: My big gift bag was great! Thank you so much!!! Joey is doing well. I feel mostly alright, a little stressed, but I'll manage. Please keep us in your prayers.

Jessica: I just had my daughter on Monday and was given a gift from Babies in Need. I loved the package. It was stressful the last day at the hospital and my husband and I really enjoyed being able to bring Erica home and go through the goodies we received.

Erica is doing wonderfully and so am I. I love being a mom. It's the best feeling in the world. I can use all the prayers I can get for me, Erica and my husband. Once again, thank you very much for the package. Everything was adorable and I read the spring book about bunnies to Erica last night.

THANK YOU, DEAR READER

Your gifts of love, prayer and concrete help encourage new mothers and families just when they most need it. Whether you sew, shop, write a check, sort, assemble layettes or pray, you are a valued member of this team. Blessings and thanks. You're wonderful!

Kitty Ash, Director

Celebrating Tenth Year!

KIWANIS Clubs to place trees in 12 McDONALDS & IHOPS again for Babies In Need. Do drop in.

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 sacs
Washcloths / Burp cloths
Receiving blankets
Crib blanket / Quilt
Diapers / Wipes
Sweater / Hat
Book, Crib Toy

Greeting from Babies In Need
To the Mother of a New Baby
A Man and a New Baby
Walk into Prayer
Storybook
List of free local resources
Car seat safety sticker

24-Hour Drop Box

2206 NW 99th Street
Vancouver, WA 98665
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*Please, no drop-side cribs
or used car seats.*

Speakers Available

We can provide a 15-minute program for your group.
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We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.

~ Mother Teresa