



Babies In Need

Serving Needy Newborns in Southwest Washington

November 2023

Given Since 1999

6114 Large Layette Gift Bags
3162 Car Seats
927 Sibling Bags

Needed Every Month

32 Layettes
19 Car Seats

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MESSAGES FROM MOMS

Olena ~ Hello, I'm very glad to find you. I am 32 years old and have been trying for many months to find help for my unborn child. I have an urgent need for clothes and everything necessary for the future of our child, who, if the Lord allows, will be born in two months. Unfortunately, my husband and I do not have the means to buy what is necessary for a newborn, so I am turning to you. Please help us if you can. We have only been in Vancouver for 2 1/2 years. I am very worried about the lack of funds, and the fact that I cannot buy necessities for our family. My husband works and we only have enough for rent and some hygiene items for our four older children. I will be waiting for your answer. Sincerely, Olena
Your generosity enabled us to give Olena a layette full of essentials, a car seat, and extra diapers. She was very grateful for our help!

Melanie ~ We just had our seventh child and our family is being evicted. Money is scarce. Can you help us? ***Their birth center social worker gave them one of our layettes and a car seat. Melanie and her social worker both sent huge thanks to all of us.***

Estrella ~ I have searched for help and found your website. Our newborn twin boys arrived this summer and our relatives live in another state. I am humbly asking if you can please help us with diapers and wipes? ***We gave them two layettes, two car seats, and extra diapers for the twins.***

...Thank you so much for your generous response. :) Words alone can't describe how much my husband and I appreciate your generous goodies today. Its like a miracle that my twins received such cute handmade blankets and clothes from Babies In Need! Thank you, thank you, and thank you for everything. My twins would love to come visit you all later to say thanks, perhaps when they're a bit bigger during the holidays :)

Karol and Mike ~ "This couple has a brand new baby girl. They have been through quite a bit of trauma and both parents have disabilities which impact their ability to provide for the family. I hope that they might be blessed by one of your wonderful layettes. I am happy to meet someone to pick up items. Last year you helped so many of the families I worked with and it was so appreciated. Thank you so much for the beautiful service you provide to the community." - Family Support Specialist
Again, we had the joy of passing on your gifts.

We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love. ~ Mother Teresa

DIAPER BANK CLOSURE

We regret that we did not receive a Diaper Bank Grant this biennium and had to close our diaper bank. Our grantors had many more applicants this year and gave priority to "providers serving or located in marginalized, low-income communities or communities of color; and providers that help support racial equity in Washington State."

We were honored to work with many caring caseworkers and counselors and developed friendships with families of many nationalities and colors that depended on us. We provided 194,151 diapers to 2,883 children, also wipes, baby wash, formula and clothing. We're seeking a volunteer to locate and apply for grants totaling \$40,000+ per year, track demographic data and submit reports so we can reopen our much-needed diaper bank.

NEEDS INCREASE ~ AND SO DOES GENEROSITY

- In the last 5 months we've increased from 24 to 32 layettes and 13 to 19 car seats per month.
- We've equipped 34 children of refugees with car seats and booster seats, triple the number of last year.
- GIVE BIG raised \$10,000+ in May with the help of a matching grant of \$5000 from the *Hatton GIBO Charitable Fund*.
- Kiwanis Giving Trees stimulate generosity and raise awareness at McDonalds and other locations. This is their 17th season!
- Churches, clubs, and individuals are having more baby showers.

NOTES FROM SOCIAL WORKERS & CASEWORKERS

Tell everyone *thank you* from PeaceHealth. Our nurses enjoy giving these to our families in need and the families absolutely love them. You really are a special group of angels on earth. We appreciate you!!

I am so grateful for you at Babies in Need! (Wow, you are fast!) I was able to give a car seat this morning to a first time mother who lives in Lewis County and had to emergently deliver here (baby is in the NICU). She was so grateful and loved the car seat! She loved the color; you made her smile in a very stressful situation. Thank you. I wish you could see her smile. I just ensure moms know it is not coming from me, but the very generous Babies in Need program.

We are seeing some moms who have bought car seats online. Responsible people trying to prepare are being scammed with a car seat that is not appropriate. Very sad. Thank you for all that you do to save babies! What you do SAVES LIVES!!

Once again all of us have no idea what we would do without you! Since COVID (and providing car seats that start down at 4 pounds) you have been servicing Cowlitz, Skamania, Lewis and sometimes Pacific counties in WA; not just Clark! NICU and the Family Birth Center at Legacy Salmon Creek thank you so much!

God continues to bless little ones through Babies in Need. Thank you for your love expressed through sewing, baby showers, sorting, assembling layettes, donations and prayer. Consider yourselves hugged by many new moms.

***With Love and Gratitude,
All of us at Babies in Need***

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Who We Serve

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

Our Layettes

(Premie & Newborn sizes)
Gowns / Pajamas
Fleece sleep sacks
Washcloths / Burp cloths
Receiving blankets
Crib blanket / Quilt
Diapers / Wipes
Baby wash / Diaper cream
Sweater / Hat
Story Book / Crib Toy
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

Layette items up to 6 month size

**No large toys or furniture,
no used car seats.**

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As you have done it unto the least of these...you have done it unto me.

~ Matthew 25:40