



Serving Needy Newborns in Southwest Washington

NOTES ABOUT "OUR" BABIES FROM SOCIAL WORKERS ~

Tiffani was homeless, had legal issues, and was wary of her social worker. However, when given our layette of clothes, blankets, diapers, and extras, she broke into smiles, gave her social worker a big hug and opened up to start making plans. Knowing that people do care and will help made all the difference for her and her baby.

When **Rafaela & Lucas'** daughter was two months old, Lucas was injured at work and couldn't lift without pain. Rafaela was recovering from a C-section, and unable to lift anything heavier than her daughter. They were unable to leave home except for necessary medical and WIC appointments. Their case worker gave them one of our donated strollers and they were extremely grateful. They got excited talking about how now they can go for walks, shop and take baby to the park in the stroller. This gift really helped.

Olivia used drugs and alcohol during her pregnancy. She is low-income, single, homeless, and had suffered domestic abuse. She was unprepared for having a child and locating resources. Our layette and car seat gave her a ray of hope and a start in the right direction. She began work with an advocate to become clean and sober and build a healthy, happy life for her child.

Mark lost his job just before **Monica** delivered a very low birth-weight baby boy. They both found jobs and scrambled to make ends meet during the baby's three-month stay in NICU. Still, they made time around work and caring for their four-year-old daughter to visit their baby son every day. Finally, he was able to go home; he is on oxygen and Monica stays home to care for him. Mark lost his job about that time, but is submitting job applications daily. So the layette, car seat, diapers and sibling bag were much needed, and these parents are very appreciative of our help.

Heather is seventeen with a baby boy on the way. She lives with her single mother and seven-year-old sister. Her mom has Crohn's Disease and epilepsy and is unable to work. Heather is in school and working on her GED. She was so relieved and happy to learn that we will have a layette and car seat for her when she delivers.

**Names changed to protect privacy*

November 2014

Current Need per Month

20 Layettes
12 Car Seats
4 Sibling Bags

Given Since 1999

3868 Newborn Layettes
1919 Newborn Car Seats
677 Sibling Gift 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

MOMS SAY, "THANK YOU!"



Danita ~ "Today I received a layette and a baby chair and I am so thankful. God bless your ministry!! Babies In Need will always be in my prayers."

Carrie ~ "The layette package was wonderful and so very helpful. I really appreciate the time and effort and heart. My baby has settled into a routine and I feel good. I'm so thankful. Please pray for us."

Tammy ~ "We thank you for all the generosity you provide for families like ours. You lifted a weight from our minds and helped us to relax knowing Elissa had a safe car seat. Please thank everyone who donates the nice clothes and useful things."

PEACEHEALTH SW MEDICAL CENTER has provided all the diapers for our layettes this year, saving us over \$1200! Thank you, PeaceHealth SW, for this generous ongoing gift.



SOCIAL WORKERS & NURSES SEND THANKS ~ A young single mother with a new baby said, "The hospital does that?" when I brought in the bag of clothes and gifts. I shared about the Babies In Need program and everyone in the room was amazed by all that was in the bag and the generosity of so many people. The hospital staff echoes that feeling. Please thank all your donors and workers.



FURNITURE DONATIONS ~ Thank you for Pak 'n Play cribs, baby gyms, bassinets, strollers, changing tables, etc. We share these with local agencies like Sea Mar maternal-child support services, Parent-Child Assistance Program (for mothers who used drugs and/or alcohol during pregnancy), shelters and maternity homes. We're also glad to continue support to the Child Abuse Assessment Team and Legacy Salmon Creek's Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention program.

ST. LUKE ~ SAN LUCAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH prints our *Walk into Prayer* for the moms and babies. Thank you! Thanks also to The Rev. Jaime Case for translating our updated resource information into Spanish.



FROGS, POND & DRAGONFLIES is the Clark County Quilters' 2015 Opportunity Quilt. It is handmade and beautiful. Babies In Need has been selected to receive the proceeds after the April 2015 drawing at their Annual Quilt Show. For a peek at the quilt, go to www.babiesinneed.org. Contact Kitty Ash kittyash2@msn.com if you'd like tickets (\$1.00 each) for yourself or to offer to friends or a group to which you belong.

THANK YOU, DEAR READER, whether you've supported this ministry for years or have discovered us recently. Your gifts given with love, prayer and generosity have encouraged and helped many mothers, babies and families. Whether you sew, knit, quilt, 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

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; and premature or special needs babies.

Fact

500 babies are born in Clark County every month. About 30 need our help.

A Typical Layette

(Preemie & Newborn sizes)

Gowns
Onesies / Pajamas
Fleece sleep sacques
Washcloths / Burp cloths
Receiving blankets
Crib blanket / Quilt
Diapers / Wipes
Sweater / Hat
Book, Crib Toy
Card from *Babies In Need Walk into Prayer*
To the Mother of a New Baby
A Man and a New Baby
Storybook
Car seat safety sticker

Layette Assembly

One afternoon a month.
Phone: 360-573-8299 or
email KittyAsh2@msn.com
to receive monthly notices.

Speakers Available

We can provide a 15-minute program on *Babies In Need* for your church, civic or social group.
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We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.

~ Mother Teresa