



Serving Needy Newborns in Southwest Washington

Our Families

Chloe has twin boys six months old. They'd been living in a car, the boys had outgrown their clothes and all three were sick. They needed "everything", but they had no place to keep it. They were admitted to an overnight shelter while awaiting a permanent shelter space. Babies in Need went to work and gave a bag of clothes for each child, a bag of blankets, thermometer, powdered formula and baby Tylenol. One of our volunteers made a Get-Well-Mommy-Bag with Kleenex, Dayquil, lip balm, hand sanitizer and chocolates. Chloe had been very subdued, but when she pulled out the clothes she broke into a big smile and said, *Oh, these are perfect! ...They're beautiful! ...How darling! We need all these things. I didn't know what I was going to do. Now we're all set for another six months.* When she gave our colorful, handmade balls to the babies, they reached up, smiled and played with them. Her eyes softened when she saw her own bag. Our help gave her relief, encouragement and joy.

Justin and Olivia receive disability benefits, are homeless and don't have much support. Our layette gift bag allowed them to clothe their baby while in the Birth Center until CPS made a decision for placement. They were happy and thankful to have things for their baby.

Destiny gave excellent care to her preemie in NICU 24/7. She wondered about giving plasma in order to buy clothes and baby things. She received our car seat and layette gift bags with tears of joy.

Martina and Santiago's daughter was admitted to NICU for IV antibiotics. They were homeless and stayed for 10 days with two-year-old Carlos in the small NICU room. Martina breastfed her baby and cared for Carlos the whole time. Carlos loved our sibling bag. Santiago was working and right before they left the NICU they were able to get into their own apartment! The clothes, diapers and supplies helped them immediately and later on. They thanked us profusely.

Love, prayer and action are a powerful combination. Thank you!

**Names are changed to ensure privacy.*

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

November 2018

Given Since 1999

4713 Newborn Layettes
2434 Newborn Car Seats
816 Sibling Gift Bags

Needed Every Month

22 Layettes
12 Car Seats
5 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.

Board of Directors

Jackie Smith, MD, *Chair*
Marguerite Matusak, LICSW
Vice-Chair
Patricia Stephens, *Secretary*
Verna Crawford, *Treasurer*
Robert Ash
Clare Imel
Ramona Pocha
Vicki Setzer
The Rev. Joe Scheeler, *ex officio*

Kitty Ash, Executive Director
KittyAsh2@msn.com
360-573-8299

Mona Pocha, Associate Director
MonaPocha@gmail.com
406-439-6694

www.babiesinneed.org



BABY EQUIPMENT – WOW!

In 2017 you donated 86 items of used equipment. **In 2018 you donated 1194 items with a value of \$10,692!** We pass along your used equipment to babies who wouldn't otherwise have it. Strollers, Pac 'n Plays, bassinets, bouncy seats, swings, high chairs, humidifiers, baby back packs, safety gates, etc. (*everything but used car seats*).



Lifeline CONNECTIONS

A home for pre- and post-natal moms and babies with mental health and substance abuse problems opened in Vancouver this year. We were happy to contribute Pac 'n Play's, sheets, high chairs, safety gates, strollers, baby clothes, blankets and quilts to help furnish the rooms.

HAPPY BABIES of SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

This large group of moms shares baby things and supports each other in many ways. We provide baby equipment and larger clothing as we are able.



GIVE MORE 24!

This is an annual one-day campaign of the Community Foundation of SW WA for non-profits. We were blessed by a matching grant from the **Hatton GIBO Charitable Fund** and raised \$5415.05 in 24 hours! That will buy many car seats and enables us to add both Baby Wash and diaper rash ointment to every layette. (We learned that many babies don't have either one.)

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

This is the *thirteenth* year of **Kiwanis Christmas Giving Trees - now in 28 locations:** McDonald's, Burger Kings, IHOP's, ReMax, Umpqua bank, WalMart, Van Mall Retirement Center and Perfect Look Salons. A big thank you to Kiwanis members, owners, managers and staffs at each location.



NOTES OF THANKS

I *love* the pretty outfits and warm pajamas and all the things you gave my baby. We didn't have anything and now we do. Please pray for us. - *Justine*

My husband left and says he is going to help me, but he doesn't. Thank you! Thank you! For the car seat and all these things. - *Madison*

There would be HUGE discharge delays if we did not have your help for our newborns. Please extend my thanks to all the donors. I wish they could see the faces of our moms. They are full of disbelief, joy and thanks. This is such a concrete and helpful gift you give. - *Birth Center Social Worker*

THANK YOU for sewing, shopping, sorting, giving, working, praying and sharing your love with moms and babies in need. The help and hope you give are precious gifts. It is an honor and joy to serve with you.



Blessings, *Kitty Ash*

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

(*Preemie & 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

Like us on Facebook!

Speakers Available

We can present a 15-minute program to your group.
Email: KittyAsh2@msn.com

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

~ *Matthew 25:40*