



Serving Needy Newborns in Southwest Washington

Our Families

Emma was a NICU baby whose mother had heard about Babies in Need and asked if she might please have a layette. She loved the colorful drawstring bag and immediately took everything out, spread it on her bed, decided which ones could be used now and folded them neatly. She was overjoyed at being able to clothe her baby and have all the other supplies, too!

Mia and Brittney were twins born to parents with learning challenges who rely on Social Security. They have an older special needs daughter in the home with complex needs and Child Protective Services involvement. They thanked us repeatedly for the clothes and diapers because of the expenses of the NICU, follow-up appointments and CPS requirements.

Isabella was blessed with a very supportive father who took care of her throughout the hospital stay because her mother had mental health issues and multiple medical concerns. Isabella's father couldn't work during this time and repeatedly thanked us for the big layette bag of clothes, blankets, baby wash, diapers, extras *and* for the brand new car seat.

Sammy was a 31-week premature baby whose mother cleans houses and father works full time; both are hard-working parents. They were essentially homeless. During Sammy's NICU stay, his mother took the bus every day to see him while his father continued to work full time. They were deeply touched by the gift of a car seat, clothes and diapers from Babies in Need.

Noah's parents were thankful to have found space in a shelter before he was born. They didn't have a car but were required to have a car seat. They were relieved to learn that Babies in Need could provide one and that it was right there in the hospital.

Your love and support help families just when they need it.

Thank you!

**Names are changed to ensure privacy.*

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Given Since 1999

5001 Newborn Layettes
2594 Newborn Car Seats
873 Sibling Gift Bags

Needed Every Month

25 Layettes
13 Car Seats
5 Sibling Bags

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



2019 - OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY!



NOW SERVING LONGVIEW AND COWLITZ COUNTY

With the enthusiastic support of staff at PeaceHealth St. John's Birth Center and the people of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, we have extended our ministry to Longview. In the first eight months, families there received 41 gift bags, 26 car seats and 19 sibling bags. Please see the sidebar on the right for *Longview Contact* info.

WORDS FROM OUR MOMS

Oh My Gosh! From the bottom of my heart, you guys are amazing! I've been praying for better times and your gifts are truly sunshine to me and my family. Thank you! *(From a mom in Longview)*

We both want to thank you for giving us all the baby stuff. By giving us the blankets, clothes, bibs and other things, it took a lot of the stress away of wondering how we would be able to afford all the things our daughter will need, especially the car seat. We appreciate all the people in your group for helping us. I would like to show my appreciation by giving back. I love to crochet blankets. I plan to make a couple and bring them to you to give to other families in need. Thank you! *(From a Vancouver mom)*



...AND A BIRTH CENTER SOCIAL WORKER

Thank you for being here for us and our families. They are grateful beyond words. I really don't know what we would do here without your program!

GIVE MORE 24!

We were again blessed by a matching grant from the **Hatton GIBO Charitable Fund** and raised \$5947.45 in this local 24-hour campaign! A big thank you to the Hattons and to each of you who participated.

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

14th Annual. 28 Locations. Lots of clothes, bedding and baby things given. Thank you, Kiwanians, store managers and generous patrons.

PUBLICITY

Thanks to **The Columbian** newspaper for their compelling article, *Layettes of Love*, about the work of Babies in Need and to **Felida Fine Living** for publishing, *What if ...we all volunteered?* It is an honor and joy to be celebrated and supported in this, our 20th year!



THANK YOU for your contributions of all sorts that make this outreach ministry possible. Each of us is a valuable part of the flow of blessings to needy families. Each of us contributes to their feelings of being loved and supported during a challenging time.



Love and Blessings, *Kitty Ash*

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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.

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

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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