



# Babies In Need

*Serving Needy Newborns in Southwest Washington*

## **November 2021**

### **Given Since 1999**

5556 Large Layette Gift Bags  
2834 Car Seats  
913 Sibling Gift Bags

### **Needed Every Month**

24 Layettes  
13 Car Seats  
4 Sibling Bags

### **A Ministry of**

All Saints Episcopal Church  
PO Box 1441  
Vancouver, WA 98668-1441  
(Location: 2206 NW 99th St.)

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Caring people of Vancouver,  
Western WA, and beyond.

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## **Dear Friends,**

### **Please note our new mailing address:**

Babies in Need, P.O. Box 1441, Vancouver, WA 98668-1441

### **...and new check-writing format:**

Pay to the order of: **All Saints Episcopal Church**  
Memo Line: **Babies in Need**

## **Our Families Appreciate YOU!**

**My name is Monica\*** I have recently become homeless and jobless, am 20 weeks pregnant, and have an eleven-year-old. We are staying in a shelter right now. I was referred to you by Council for the Homeless and am inquiring about anything that might be available for me and my kids. I have never been this low or needed this much help. I literally have nothing. I'm not sure what resources would be available to me but I was told I could get some basic help through you guys. If so, I'd sincerely appreciate it. Please advise on any next steps I should take. Thank you.

*Because of YOU, we were able to give Monica a car seat, large, colorful, layette gift bag, a Pac 'n Play crib and a stroller.*

**My name is Sophie\*** and I work in the jail re-entry program. I have a participant who is currently incarcerated and is 7-months pregnant. She gets out soon and is in need of an infant car seat. My co-worker referred me to you. Is this something you can help with? She does not have any money. Thank You. [CVAB/Reach Too peer mentors help people seeking recovery from addiction.]

*You helped us provide not only a car seat but a big layette, bassinet and vibrating bouncy seat.*

**Graciela\* is a pregnant teen.** I am working with her in school to help her prepare for the arrival of her baby. She told me that one thing she really needs but doesn't have the resources to purchase is a car seat. After asking a few of the community and young parent support people within the school district, someone recommended Babies in Need. Is this something your group is able to help with? Thanks for any help or suggestions you can provide. [Vancouver School EL Specialist]

*You bet! A car seat and more. The word about Babies in Need continues to spread among mothers and caseworkers.*

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

## *2021- Another Pandemic Year!*

### **15th ANNUAL KIWANIS CHRISTMAS DRIVE**

**Kiwanis, McDonald's & Perfect Look Salons** teamed up for another collection of lovely donations. Covid can't stop this great team or the loving response of our community.

### **LAYETTE MAKING**

Became live again with our team of layette makers after over a year of Covid restrictions on gatherings. For many months, two volunteers had spent a full day each week on separate days to sort donations and assemble layettes. Our regular team is happy to be back together.

### **GIVE MORE 24! - You did it again!**

Our community gave \$9014 to Babies in Need with the stimulation of a matching grant from the **Hatton GIBO Charitable Fund**. Hats off and thanks to you and to Betsy and Greg Hatton. What a combination!

### **DIAPERS ~ DIAPERS ~ DIAPERS**

We've had many requests for diapers over the years and wished that we could supply them. Imagine having an infant but no diapers for the last days of most months! The need is great but the cost is considerable. Your generosity has made it possible for Babies in Need to establish a diaper bank that will soon be in operation. Now when a mom is out of diapers we'll be able to help. Thank you for making this possible. We are excited about taking this next step.

### **NOTES FROM A SOCIAL WORKER**

A young mom with twin daughters in the NICU and a toddler at home had no support. I gave her 2 preemie layettes and 2 full-term layettes and car seats. Having these for her daughters gave her hope for discharge and hope that her daughter who was critically ill will survive. Thank you for touching so many lives in a good way.

Babies in Need delivers supplies to hospital birth centers every week. After making a fast delivery before a discharge, we received this email: *WOW!! You guys are amazing. Excellent service. 10 out of 10.*

**THANK YOU** for your contributions of all sorts that make this 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.

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.

### **Our Layettes**

*(Preemie & 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

### **Like us on Facebook!**

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### **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