



# Babies In Need

*Serving Needy Newborns in Southwest Washington*

## **November 2022**

### **Given Since 1999**

5838 Large Layette Gift Bags  
2997 Car Seats  
916 Sibling Bags

### **Needed Every Month**

24 Layettes  
13 Car Seats  
6 Sibling Bags  
86,000 Diapers

Kitty Ash, Executive Director  
KittyAsh2@msn.com

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

### **Board of Directors**

Jackie Smith, MD, *Chair*  
Marguerite Matusak, LICSW  
*Vice-Chair*

Pat Stephens, *Secretary/Treas.*  
Robert Ash  
Clare Imel  
Gretchen Niemi  
Mona Pocha  
Vicki Setzer  
The Rev. Joe Scheeler, *ex officio*

### **A Ministry of**

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

&

Caring people of Vancouver,  
Western WA, and beyond.

### **Check-writing format**

To: All Saints Episcopal Church  
Memo line: Babies in Need

Non-profit TIN #91-1049465

## **Diaper Bank Launched In January**

Many families come every month and receive about 60 diapers per child.

- ◇ **Baby Joshua** is now ten months old and came in October for the first time. It was a joy to meet this little one we have helped all year.
- ◇ We help 12-year-old **Max** provide for his two siblings. He calls every month with their needs as his mom and dad don't speak English.
- ◇ **Angel** is seven and came the last two months with her mom and aunty. She translates all of the needs of their families. This month I felt that this sweet girl needed a sibling bag of prizes. She loved it, and also "shopped" for a couple of outfits for her dolly.

Our grant from WA State specifies that children be under four years old and residents of WA State. We provide diapers, wipes, diaper cream, baby wash, formula, and clothing up to size 3-T. Families call for appointments so we can ensure that we have the correct formula and diaper size.

In January we served 56 children. In October we served 178 children in 116 families with 14,448 diapers. As of Oct. 31st, we've had 837 family contacts; 1,175 child contacts; provided formula for 109 children, and given 85,929 diapers.

We work with local caseworkers to reach families in need:

- ◇ Vancouver School Dist. FCRC (Family Community Resource Center),
- ◇ EOFCWA (Educational Opportunities for Children & Families)
- ◇ Children's Village Daycare Center
- ◇ Catholic Community Services
- ◇ SeaMar Community Health Centers
- ◇ SELF (Support for Early Learning Families)
- ◇ ESD 112 (Educational Service District)

## **Refugee Car Seat Assistance Began in March**

Ukrainian and Moldovan families often arrive with children who need car seats and booster seats right away. We received our first request in March and have helped 13 children since then. We offer layettes, diapers and formula as well. It is heartwarming to watch our refugee moms and diaper bank moms help each other with English and begin to form friendships.

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

## ***A HEARTFELT REQUEST***

A mother of five requested formula and diapers for her 5-month-old and pull-ups for her 3-year-old. She had a seizure 2 years ago, found out she had a brain tumor, had surgery, and learned she was pregnant.

*“This year has been tough for us as I’m not working. I tried going back to work when I was pregnant but then had complications with my pregnancy and went into pre-term labor. We’ve fallen behind on rent and the phone has been turned off. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please reach back out via email. Thank you so much for your time! Oh, I almost forgot. Do you by chance have a play pen? My baby just started being a lot more active so I don’t want her sleeping in my bed anymore but don’t have room for a crib.”*

Your help enabled us to give her formula, diapers, wipes, baby wash, clothes, and a pack ‘n play. She’s now one of many who come once a month for about 60 diapers/child, clothes, and other help.

## ***NOTE FROM A CASE WORKER***

I just wanted to let you know how grateful we are for all of the help you were able to provide for the new Refugee families. The families are extremely humbled and grateful for car seats and diapers and other things you were able to give them! This is an amazing new start for them and they are just so thankful! Blessings to you and everyone who was able to contribute!

## ***16th ANNUAL KIWANIS CHRISTMAS DRIVE THIS YEAR***

Giving Trees will be at McDonald’s and other venues, and year-round donation boxes at Perfect Look Salons will have a festive touch. Our thanks to steadfast friends in Kiwanis and all the generous hearts in our community.

## ***GIVE MORE 24! JOINS FORCES WITH GIVE BIG***

Thank you for your outpouring of love during *GiveMore24!* We raised \$11,000 with the help of a matching grant of \$5000 from the *Hatton GIBO Charitable Fund*. Lots of car seats and safer babies. Next year it will be in May as part of the WA State *GIVE BIG* campaign.

## ***A GRATEFUL MOM’S GIFT***

Recently we received 31 Sibling Bags from a mom who received a layette and car seat 15 years ago! Each colorful bag contained a new activity book, stickers, crafts, puzzles, crayons, bubbles and a soft toy. She put them together with her teenage children to show them the importance of helping others. She has thought of *Babies in Need* for 15 years, wanting to pass on the love and kindness she received!

***THANK YOU*** for being part of the team. It is a joy to see the relief and delight your gifts bring to our neighbors.

With Love and Gratitude,

*All of us at Babies in Need*

## ***Longview Contacts***

Gretchen Niemi  
CanterburygardensDCR  
@koelschsenior.com  
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church  
1428 22nd Avenue  
Longview, WA 98632  
206-423-5600  
Monday - Thursday, 9-4

## ***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

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

@babiesinneedclarkco

**[www.babiesinneed.org](http://www.babiesinneed.org)**

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

*~ Matthew 25:40*