



Babies In Need

Serving Needy Children in Southwest Washington

November 2024

Given Since 1999

6453 Large Layette Gift Bags
3408 Car Seats
942 Sibling Bags

Given Since 2022

253,101 Diapers Bank Diapers
102 Car Seats-Refugees/Homeless

Needed Every Month

27 Layettes
21 Car Seats

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Caring people of Vancouver,
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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS of KINDNESS and GENEROSITY

... from YOU, our friends near and far,
... birth center social workers and staff,
... school and community caseworkers,
... volunteers who sort and assemble layettes and work in the diaper bank,
... teens & children who write caring notes to new moms for our layettes,
... and mother to mother at our diaper bank.

This kindness warms us all as it flows around us to neighbors in need.

Glad you are here, BABY! (Fun card with a waving hand and many hearts.)

Birth Center Social Worker ~ You are such a blessing to so many people. Last week we had a mother who bought her own convertible car seat but had no consistent transportation, used Community in Motion to get to appointments and because of her c-section could not lift the car seat. She was able to return the convertible and your infant carry car seat was so much better for her to lift and not rupture her stitches. Thank you so much!

Congratulations! You got this! It won't always be easy, but you can do this. You are a great mom, and your baby will thank you in the future for your great care. God bless you. (From a caring teenager)

School Caseworker ~ A family relocated from Peru, was referred by staff at their daughter's middle school, tried to get to the Diaper Bank but didn't realize that the bus cost money. Babies in Need sent a layette, diapers, clothes to the school. I can't convey in an email how THRILLED the big sister at school was to see all the baby supplies her family is receiving from Babies in Need. She couldn't believe they were all for her little sister. Asked me twice before she could believe it. And the two adorable stuffed animals just sent her over the top. My heartfelt thanks to you for helping make this happen. The family is forever grateful!

Congratulations! You are going through so much right now and the world can become confusing. But, never forget, you are loved and cherished even if it doesn't feel like it at times. We love you. (From another dear teen)

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

OUR DIAPER BANK REOPENED IN JANUARY

We were only closed for a few months and then sprang back to life with your help, a partnership with the Battle Ground Adventist Diaper Bank, a grant from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a benefit Piano Concert by Jordan Nylander of St. Lukes~San Lucas Episcopal Church, and donations from faithful local churches.

1 in 2 U.S. families struggles with diaper need. Babies without clean diapers are exposed to more potential health risks and less likely to be accepted at daycare, leaving parents unable to attend work.

A diaper bank mom ~ Hello! Thank you very much for helping with diapers and wipes! And for clothes! May God bless you and give you strength and health. We love your team!

Two new foster moms ~ One had an emergency placement of a 9-month-old. The other was adopting a special needs infant whose biological mother had just died. Both moms had to gather expensive essentials in a hurry. They were thankful to be able to get both diapers and clothes at our diaper bank. They are “on the front lines” and we’re glad we can help.

Mona, our diaper bank manager ~ I love getting to know our diaper bank families, being able to help them and watching their babies grow. It brings me great joy.

Congrats! Winter, spring or fall, I hope that you know you’re loved through it all. (This teen’s card has fun art depicting each season.)

CAR SEATS FOR HOMELESS AND REFUGEE FAMILIES

Family Promise provides shelter and case management to families in crisis, and stabilization programs once they have secured housing to ensure they remain independent. We provide them with car seats and booster seats. Many of these children have never had a car seat.

Lutheran Community Services Northwest prepares for the arrival of refugee families, meets them at the airport, and over several years equips them with skills, resources and support they need to live fulfilling, productive lives. Babies in Need is honored to have given layettes, diapers, clothing and 102 car seats to refugees from a dozen countries around the globe since 2022.

A Family Support Specialist ~ I am so grateful for the amazing work that you are doing to provide valuable and needed resources in the community. After picking up the car seats and layettes, I delivered to a mom who was so thankful for the generosity that she was in tears.

Dear Mother, It must be very exciting to bring a child into the light of this world. You and your baby are in our hearts as you begin this new chapter as a mother. (From a teenage boy ~ beautiful illustrations!)

***With Love and Gratitude,
Kitty, Mona and all of us at Babies in Need***

Check-writing format

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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; refugees.

Our Layettes

(Premie & Newborn sizes)
Gowns / Pajamas
Swaddles & 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
Layette items up to 6-month size
**Please ~ no used car seats,
large toys or furniture.**

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

~ Matthew 25:40