

YOUNG CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

MARY ELIZABETH MATERNITY HOME

To refresh your memory, the facility was established in 1997 “to serve unwed mothers between the ages of 10 and 21 with resources and social support to enable them to make life-affirming decisions concerning their future and that of their unborn children.” This is the first of six goals and objectives. You can read further about this facility at their website <http://maryelizabeth.net> . The home is licensed for a maximum of eight mothers and two infants at a time. The girls can stay up to six months after the baby is born if circumstances warrant it. In a year’s time the home provides assistance and guidance to approximately fifteen girls. Because the numbers are so low, this will be a challenging and exciting project to undertake.

Enclosed is the criteria sheet for this year’s project, along with the “wish list” provided by MEMH.

Virginia Higgins, Chair

Young Children: Priority One Committee

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1. Provide one infant car seat from each division (11)
2. Provide one "going home" basket for mother and baby (11)

Purchasing car seats is a major expense for the home. It takes a large portion of their budget that could be used elsewhere. Car seats are only provided to the mothers who have no other means of acquiring one.

The items listed below are suggestions to include in the basket, but not limited to:

- a. Baby manicure set
- b. Comb and brush
- c. Lotion for mothers and babies
- d. Pacifiers
- e. Wipes
- f. 4 oz. bottles with slow nipples

Each division can decide what to put in their basket. There are so many possibilities it will be a challenge to limit the size.

Divisions are not limited to one of each; this is the minimum for the project. In this case, more is better especially in regards to car seats. Another suggestion would be to include some of the items from the wish list given to you at the Mid-Year Conference in Pittsburg. (I've enclosed another copy.)

Money is always welcome. As with any agency, budgets are usually underfunded so extra money helps cover additional expenses.

Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home Wish List

House Supplies

Cleaning Products: Murphy's Oil Soap, sanitizing wipes, dusting spray, dishwasher detergent (powder), cleansers for counters, sinks, showers, toilets, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, large trash bags, liquid hand soap, laundry detergent, Dreft (baby detergent)

Gift Cards to: Hastings, Wal-mart, Dillon's, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Sonic, Wendy's, Dairy Queen, Burger King, Mr. Goodcents, Quizno's, Subway, Applebee's, Montana Mike's, any kind of canned food or non perishable food items

Office Supplies

Avery 5160 mailing labels, Printer cartridges: HP #60 black and HP #60 color, copy paper (white), copy paper (various colors/designs), postage stamps, small and #10 envelopes, 3-ring binders, note pads, sticky notes, calling cards, batteries (A, AA, AAA, C), ink pens

Baby Supplies

Infant car seats (new), baby girl sleepers, onesies, outfits: size 0-6 months, Unisex sleepers, onesies, outfits: size 0-6 months, baby boy sleepers, onesies, outfits: size 0-6 months, baby socks, diapers size newborn, size 1, size 2, baby wipes, Similac formula (powder), 4 oz bottles (slow nipples), bottle brushes, diaper bags, pacifiers, bath towels/washcloths

Resident Supplies

Hair bands, socks, underwear (size 5, 6, 7), sports bras (size 32, 34, 36), sweat pants (size M, L), t-shirts (size M, L, XL), stationary, photo albums, baby books, duffle bags, disposable cameras, Benadryl, Tylenol, Pre-Natal Vitamins