

Daventry Area Baby Project Easter Season April Newsletter 2024



Dear Daventry Area Baby Project friends,

The hope of spring is sprouting already within our community. We have pleasure in sharing your responses to our Lent Challenges 2024. The stories you have created together are real and uplifting to read. When we do support those of us in need, we have the potential to nurture hope and can give a new meaning and purpose to daily life.

We met Lent Challenge 1 by making 3 sets of teaching aids for the Milk & You Dad's Area. (Full details are in our March newsletter they are quick and easy to make) Knitted Breasts can also be sent/delivered to **Milk&You Project, Oak House, Daventry NN11 8PQ**) we have already received a thank you note. Our aim is to make 10 sets in total this year.



We met our Lent Challenge 2 being overwhelmed by the new items you made and also receiving the wide range of other treats you donated to fill our baby baths for babies and their families. We have distributed 6 baths for needy Mothers in West Northamptonshire.



As a result of your response we now need handmade items in neutral, boy or girl colours.



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This April we need

Newly made jackets mitts
 Vests
 Baby shampoo
 Top to toe wash
 Baby lotion
 Nappy creams disposable Nappies
 Baby wipes
 Nappy sacks

This month we do not need

hats
 opened disposable nappies

Shampoo for Mum
Bootees
Blankets of all sizes

On a slightly sadder note we received an abundance of disposable nappies, at least 100, unfortunately they were open and therefore for health and safety reasons we cannot pass these on for newborn babies and those up to 6 months old and other age groups.

So going forward, please remember only sealed packs of disposable nappies. Thank you.

We far exceeded our 3rd Far and Wide Challenge, in three ways because of your generosity.

Abbey from Milk&You who is traveling to Vietnam in April, now has a sack of clothes to take out to the Blue Eyes community in **Vietnam**. This non-profit organisation supports poor children from 2 to 8 years old so that they can socially grow in confidence and begin to thrive.

You provided good quality second-hand clothes and blankets, Abbey has had time to collect them and pack them before leaving for Vietnam. We shall donate £100 as an Easter Gift from our small project to help nurture seeds of hope for these children miles away. Abbey has promised to share photos on her return. We wish her a safe journey.



Holly from Big Issue sends you all her thanks as well. She collected another sack of clothes for **Rumanian families in Birmingham** who have babies and older children. She reported that this group of Mums often go on to share remaining items with their extended families. Seeds of compassion are being scattered even wider from this very good soil.

12 handmade blankets were also taken to the Continuity of Care Midwife leader at **Northampton General Hospital** for mothers experiencing the challenges poverty of all kinds.



We shall resume collecting and distributing items on **Monday 8th April using the hospitality of**

The Daventry Methodist Church NN11 4FH telephone number 01327 702343

OR

To arrange delivery text Gilly 07807011205
at 27,Claydon Road Daventry NN11 8AZ

We have a **DABP team stock meeting between 12 and 2 p.m. on 17th of April at Claydon Road.**

BEING BLESSINGS Full of Hope

The news from Russia and of the Princess of Wales, have heightened our awareness of the diverse global needs of babies and young children today. Voluntary communities all over the world have the capacity to speak up on their behalf and then to act with loving kindness and compassion. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the true stories of the children who are mentioned in this newsletter and others like them.



A VERY IMPORTANT HAPPY NOTE The project want to thank Jan Wall who has been part of the team since we began over 10 years ago. She has experienced all the high and lows of planting seeds of hope and never given up. Jan has a great sense of community and so the

Daventry Area Baby Project team recently sent her thank you gifts as she has decided to rest from her role as our Bursar. However we are thrilled that she has agreed to stay as a valued member of the team contributing great ideas and keeping us alert to changes locally. Thank you Jan Wall.

Have a wonderful spring season everyone may we continue to sow seeds of hope and celebrate making a difference to the babies that come our way.

Gilly Beardmore, Jan Wall, Sarah Parry, Hazel Gault, Fran Deeley, Anna Barfield, Jan Krehel

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Daventry Area Baby Project
Sort code 30-99-50
Account Number 22798862

OR

Send a cheque made out to that account to 27,Claydon Road
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