

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WELTON BABY PROJECT NEWSLETTER May 2023

John 13 v 44

Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.



Being family to the babies who come into our lives today.

This Ohana message was found on a T-shirt that a supporter donated this past month; it expresses the kind of family life that the Native Hawaiian culture aspires to.

How do we play our **P.A. R. T.**, as members of our own families and the different kinds of family that exist in our neighbourhoods today? Lets explore using the word **P A R T** to help us.

P

is for Presence

We are a group that has its place largely online and are not usually seen by the many who receive support from us.

For example we are still searching for a family who may love to receive a treasured donated Christening gown. It is now safely stored, until we find it a home. This month we received a request from a clergy contact asking for a baby bath filled to be filled with items you have generously donated. Many of you have unknowingly contributed to this delightful present that now has a practical 'presence' in the home of a new baby. The bath is pictured above.

A

is for attunement

This is our capacity to emotionally connect with the vulnerable situations that many young families with babies face today. It is more than just being close. It allows us understand what it is like to be them. By our acting together with small gestures of kindness they can experience the love and inclusion with other folk who care. This is often remembered in families for years to come; indeed today we know that of some of these babies who are now of school age and their families still, appreciate the support we gave them at the very start of life.

This Baby project community are not only in harmony with each other like this, but we have generated a better understanding of the needs of babies from other agencies. Individuals, clergy, Milk & You and now Big Issue staff express them in their requests to us.

This month, using our one off grants, we have supplied a month's supply of disposable nappies and tissues to 2 Ukrainian families. Both are waiting for accommodation here after experiencing the trauma of leaving a war zone. Their stories bring that reality straight to our front doors.

Big Issue let us know recently, that Ramona especially needed clothes for her twin son and so we have sent hats, a Dalmatian logo top and trousers set and soft cuddly blanket. **We usually receive more items for girls than we do boys and are currently experiencing a shortage of things for boys.** We pray that in these early summer months this donated T-Shirt and another message will prove that providing items for boys from our tiny project.....



Can you help?

We also sent 4 school cardigans and 2 school tops and a selection of clothes and shoes for Ramona's older children. Another large assorted bag of clothing was dispatched to other Big Issues families. This month we received, a most welcome larger range, of donations from local villages, Daventry Methodist Church and individuals. All show just how thoughtful you are.

We have sent out second hand clothes, shoes coats **for toddlers and older children. Items for Mums** included a nursing top, toothpaste and brush maternity pads 2 knitted scarves **.For babies** a crochet play ball 2 blankets 4 new cardigans to help fill the baby bath ,3 muslin squares ,changing mat ,cotton wool balls ,biodegradable wet wipes ,nappy creams and a lovely good quality picture book .

a few of our
favorite things



As volunteers we enjoy singing out in a clear distinctive song about what is most needed. With this in mind, we now keep a record of the donations you supply, as we send them out. It reveals patterns of need as they change throughout the seasons.

R

is for Resonance

Resonant action can often bring to mind all that is good in the world; it uplifts us all just to be involved and can echo in us positive family feelings of connection, laughter, love and smiles, even in hard times. In fact one of you asked a timely question that resonated this month; it was about where you can now take larger good quality items to recycle and to share forward. This happened just as we were sorting out our arrangements for collection this year.

Larger items can now be taken directly to Milk&You at Square Feet between 9 and 6 on a Wednesday.



Square feet NN11 8PQ drop off 9-6 on Wednesdays The Daventry

Methodist Church collection point is open most days .It is easier to park in

the early afternoon. Thanks go to Sarah, a team member, who now collects and helps sort donations as quickly as possible. This went really well this month because all items were collected and distributed within a week. You can still **deliver directly** by arrangement to Gilly or Sue (see contact details below)

T

is for trust



Trust provides places for us all where we feel seen, safe and secure; places where everyone is included and encouraged and genuinely loved within a family.....and yes, can also be totally human and learn from their mistakes. This is a fun place to be, a place not just for ourselves but also the families of the babies we serve.

Thank you all for the **PART** you all play as members of this Project, in voluntary service to babies in need. It is a great to feel part of this unique and special family.

Gilly Jan, Sue and Sarah

THIS IS HOW TO CONTACT US A donation can still be made by cheque to Welton PCC Please **label it, for the Baby Project, on the back.**

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