

Basically Babies Bulletin

- outfitting newborns in need -

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

... ONE BABY AT A TIME

After a very busy Summer, we're facing Fall, our busiest season of all! "Why do we always need so many layettes in the Fall?" you ask. Well, as one health care nurse explained to us: "It's really quite simple... September is 9 months after Christmas holidays and New Year's Eve, so do the math!" The requests are pouring in and we are doing our best to keep up. With more and more agencies hearing about the great service we offer to their neediest clients, the demand for our layettes just keeps growing. Since January, we have given away **257** complete first year wardrobes, compared to 284 total in the 2007 year. That means that we are on track to give away close to 400 layettes before the end of the year, and probably 500 in 2009. ***Never think that the part you play in the work of Basically Babies doesn't touch lives—it absolutely does. We are making a difference—one baby at a time!***

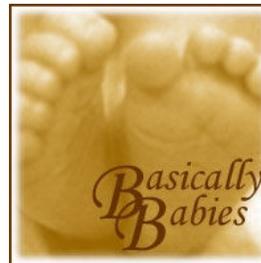
OUR NEW WEBSITE...

It's true!! We have a brand new website full of fascinating details about the history, programs and volunteers of **Basically Babies**. You **MUST** check us out at www.basicallybabies.org to learn all about the vital service we provide in the community. There are fun facts, volunteer profiles, events calendars, and all of the useful information you will need to be completely in the loop on our work. An enormous THANKS goes out to Nicole Klemke & Rod Stewart for the hours & hours (& hours) they have devoted to this great project. Be sure to pass the website address on to your friends & colleagues too!

THE STORIES WE HEAR...

One of our layettes was recently delivered to a **very young teen** girl who just gave birth to a baby. She, her mother and her siblings are **refugees** with very **little education** and almost **no English**. They are completely supported by two low-paying jobs and they have virtually no support systems in place because they are so new to Canada. After the trauma of life in a refugee camp, there are a great many issues for each member of this close-knit family to deal with, and the financial and emotional burden of a new baby cannot make life any easier. Yet, they are hopeful about the future, and striving to learn English and improve their life here. **The first year wardrobe we provided offered relief and support, communicating the love and respect we put into each basket we produce.**

FALL 2008



PENCIL US IN!

November 20—Work Night
at our office from 6 - 10 pm.

December 7—Christmas Party
Watch for Details

January 15—Work Night
at our office from 6-10 pm

March 12—Work Night
at our office from 6-10 pm

or

Join us in the office
any Wednesday from 9:30 - 1:30
to organize inventory
& package layettes

Volunteer Opportunities:

If your child's school requires them to put in volunteer hours for a charity, consider **Basically Babies!** We can provide ideas and projects with flexible hours for individuals as well as groups... They can have fun, complete their hours & the community benefits from their time. **Everybody Wins!**

Does your company have a foundation or community investment program, that we can approach for financial contributions? If so, please let Janet know at:
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