

Basically Babies Bulletin

- outfitting newborns in need -

VOLUNTEERING— IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

Sometimes, it may seem that volunteering means giving more than receiving... but that isn't so, because doing volunteer work brings greater benefits than you may think. As well as spending time with great people and having a good time, volunteers also develop existing skills, discover new talents, and learn about their communities and the needs around them. Volunteering helps us to look beyond ourselves to the needs around us, and to give unselfishly of ourselves.

As a group, Alberta's volunteers are often the first people to become aware of the social, economic, and cultural issues that need to be addressed. **Volunteers are doers.** As an outward expression of Albertans' values, they tackle what we believe are important topics, and they help shape the quality of our lives and our communities.

So, *once again, we thank our amazing group of committed volunteers.* Working together in 2007, we logged nearly 5,000 volunteer hours. Every hour you can spare helps more than you can imagine!

COUNTDOWN TO GARAGE SALE 2008

We are preparing for Basically Babies' **Second Annual Garage Sale** to be held Saturday, May 31st from 9 to 5 at Tailor Made Insurance

(right behind Superstore on Baseline Road in Sherwood Park)

If you are cleaning and organizing your home, garage, office, or neighborhood,

bring your best junk to our office

1) *any Wednesday between April 23rd and May 28th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm*

or

2) *Wednesday, May 7th between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm*

And, if you can help us to prepare, organize and run this fundraising event, please let us know.

ITEM OF THE WEEK:

"The BIG BALL of CHRISTMAS"

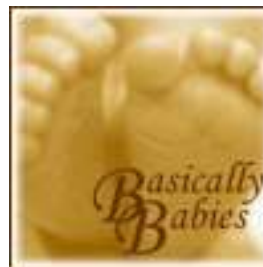
(Must be seen to be believed!)

Thanks, Brenda!

REGULAR IN-OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are **desperately in need** of committed volunteers to help in our office on **Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.** Our weekly office volunteers sort donations, package layettes for washing and ironing, and organize inventory in our warehouse. If you can spare a few hours, please call the office to let us know, so that we can plan tasks for you. Bring your lunch, and join us for a fun and friendly time, helping to meet the needs in our community. We would love to get to know you and have you working with us!

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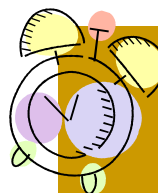


WE NEED YOU!

May 26—Work Night
at our office from 6 - 10 pm.

May 31—Garage Sale
in Sherwood Park from 9 to 5 pm

**Please RSVP to the office
@ 989-0180 or via e-mail to
office @ basicallybabies.org**



THANKS!

"Thank you for the empowering and beautiful work you do!"

Heather,
Catholic Social Services

"Our families have expressed such joy when they have received the beautiful baskets of clothes and toys. When I am able to take them into the home with a new family it really helps to bond our relationship. It helps them to know that we really do care about getting them the extra help that they need. These baskets are so beautifully done up you can tell that they have been made with great love and care. It really does welcome their precious baby into the community."

Ann,
Millwoods Family Resource Centre

NOTICE

re: BPA Alert

Following the recent government ban on baby bottles containing the chemical BPA, we have chosen to stop including bottles in any of our layettes, effective immediately.

Stop by our office to see more thank you cards and letters from the families and agencies we support.

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