

Basically Babies Bulletin

- outfitting newborns in need -

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

As the new calendar year gets underway, there is already plenty happening at Basically Babies...

Over the holidays, there were some mysterious elves at work in our warehouse sorting every last bag and box of donations before we came back in January. **THANK YOU, ELVES!!! (We know who you are!)**

With the enormous supply of donations we now store, we realized it was time for an intensive inventory to be completed. "We'd rather sell it than count it", but we couldn't, so we've just finished counting every item in our warehouse, from rattles to snowsuits, from bibs to blankets. Whew! To keep better track of all that we have, we've put into place some new processes around sorting and storing inventory, so watch for news to follow on that front.

DID YOU CATCH OUR EDMONTON JOURNAL ARTICLE?

- We were very fortunate to be featured in a **front page** newspaper article on December 10th, sharing the wonderful work that **you** are a part of with our community. Stop by our office to see a copy of the story if you missed it!
- As a result of that article, as well as a small fundraising mail-out we completed in November, there has been much interest in and support of our work over the past few months.
- Many, many donations of supplies and cash have come to us because our story touched someone's heart in a meaningful way.
- Cash donations made in honor of others, work and service groups moved to support us financially, and amazing individuals inspired to create blankets, sweaters, and mitts for us, have all been a result of the article and are a testament to our caring community.

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER TO YOU, OUR VOLUNTEERS...

"This afternoon I delivered a basket to a mother from Sudan. Her two year old spotted the stuffed animal on top and it was love at first sight. This family came with almost nothing, there were no toys or books in the home, and without your basket, the baby would have had 2 or 3 sleepers and diapers. Of course the main outcome for your project is that children whose parents are living on low incomes have clothing to wear, but they do so much more. The toys can be used for older children as well, we use the baskets to teach parents how to dress children for the Canadian climate, and we use the books to teach them how to tell stories using pictures. They understand immediately the importance of this activity for their children's future. All mothers like to dress their children in cute things. I find it interesting that even women who have never shopped can spot good quality things. It must be in the genes. The time and attention put into creating your beautiful baskets is obvious and makes them feel welcome. Thank you for your hard work and for the care and attention you take to make such beautiful and creative baskets of baby clothes. We love to deliver them! Our families love to receive them!"

Leeann Currie, Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative

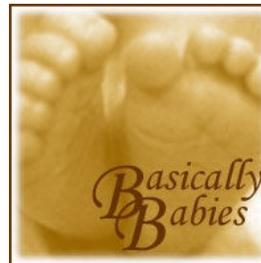
Stop by our office to see more thank you cards and letters from the families and agencies we support.

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JANUARY 2008



WE NEED YOU!

January 21: Work Night
at our office from 6-10 pm. Time will be spent on a number of organizational tasks, as well as the fun job of pulling new winter layettes. **Please RSVP to the office @ 989-0180 or via e-mail to office @ basicallybabies.org**

February 22: SCA School Drive

We need 1 or 2 drivers to pick up donations at Strathcona Christian Academy. **Please RSVP to the office (as above) if you are available to drive for this.**

March 17 - Work Night
at our office from 6 - 10 pm. **Please RSVP to the office as above.**

GARAGE SALE 2008!!

We are beginning to plan Basically Babies' **Second Annual Garage Sale** to be held later this spring. If you are cleaning and organizing this winter, save your stuff!

**One man's garbage
just might be
another man's treasure!**

Are you connected with an organization, company or foundation that we can approach for financial contributions? If so, please let Janet know at:

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