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HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital

Providing Expectant Mothers With Baby Supplies

The essentials for newborn babies—clothes, diapers, soaps, lotions and more—filled two vans with supplies for expectant mothers during HSHS St. Elizabeth’s Hospital’s 2nd Annual Bundles for Babies Community Shower in September 2017.

Over 100 community members responded to the hospital’s call for baby items for the Pregnancy Care Center located on the hospital’s Belleville campus. St. Elizabeth’s has a long-standing relationship with the center, which is run by volunteers and offers education and information to help women make the best decisions for themselves and their unborn child.

Services include:

- Pregnancy tests;
- Referrals for medical care;
- Information on available resources; and
- Baby clothes and supplies for women with financial need.

Community members who attended the event also had the opportunity to tour the hospital’s maternity unit, the Women and Infants Center, and meet the healthcare professionals who work there. Volunteers from the Pregnancy Care Center were available to provide education about pregnancy and prenatal child development.

“We cannot thank St. Elizabeth’s enough for their years of continued support,” said a centers volunteer. “They not only provide space for us to care for our clients, they also provide the tools we need to help others.”

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