

Ladies Guild Article for April 29, 2026 LinX

Two more weeks to go to support the Ladies Guild Mother's Day Shower for Basically Babies! Requested items should be new or clean, very gently used.

Basically Babies' purpose is to "outfit newborns in need" by providing a layette – a complete first-year baby wardrobe.



Each gift is gift is beautifully packaged and made specifically for baby boys or baby girls who are living in situations of extreme need. It contains approximately 120 items sized from 0-24 months. The layettes are made up of both new and gently used items. It is a gift intended to communicate worth, value, respect and dignity to each family, while providing for wardrobe and baby supply essentials. Each layette is a beautiful gift that anyone would be thrilled to receive, not just a basket full of used clothing. Key to this program is a commitment to re-using, reducing, recycling and re-purposing baby items!

The baskets provided to families-in-need reach people at a very deep level. The parents who receive them may be working through addiction issues, struggling to get off a life on the streets, escaping abusive situations, trying to cope as refugees and immigrants to Canada, or may still be children themselves. All recipients are referred through partnering agencies which also distribute the layettes.

To view a short video about the work of Basically Babies, please [view here](#). Also included is a list of suggested items for the shower.

There will be a play-pen set-up in the foyer on the next two Sundays May 3 and 10 with samples of some of the items we're collecting and where you can drop off your donations. You may choose to make a financial donation instead through the Ladies Guild (email to ladiesguild@standrewscalgary.ca) or directly to Basically Babies at basicallybabies.org, mentioning the St. Andrew's Ladies Guild Baby Shower.

We sincerely thank you in advance for your support!

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Basically Babies Wish List

Items most needed right now are:

- Snowsuits (0-24 months)
- Boy's shoes (size 0-6 months)
- Infant towels
- Girl's tights (size 0-24 months)
- Socks
- Sleepers
- Pants

Other items they would love to receive:

- Jackets
- Sweaters
- Outfits
- Shirts
- Dresses
- Undershirts
- Hats
- Mittens
- Slippers
- Shoes (Size 0-6)
- Storybooks
- Toys (appropriate for newborns to 24 months)
- Bibs
- Stuffed animals (up to 24")
- Baby shampoo, lotion, and soap
- Baby wipes

We sincerely thank you in advance for your support!

~ Sylvia Shaw, Ladies Guild