

The Annual Parish Baby Shower to Benefit Birthright will be held on Sunday, February 15th after the 11:00 Mass. Nursery items are needed for babies age newborn to 2 years. Used items in “good” condition are welcome, but new items should be gift wrapped (and identified) as to size and gender).

Gifts may be deposited in the cribs at church entrances.

Cash donations are also welcomed.

The poor box collection for February 14th & 15th will go to Birthright of Annapolis & Prince Frederick.

Call Anne Hemmer (410-867-0098) for more information.

This handsomely handcrafted Lodgepole Pine baby cradle is being raffled off and the proceeds will benefit Birthright of Annapolis.

Tickets are \$2.00 apiece or 3 for \$5.00.

The drawing will be held Sunday, February 15th at 1:00 pm at our Annual Birthright Baby Shower.



BIRTHRIGHT OF PRINCE FREDERICK
100 Armory Road, Prince Frederick, Md 20678
410-257-1402
Hotline: 1-800-550-4900

*T*hanks to the generous gifts and monetary donations *Birthright of Prince Frederick* has made 2,272 assistances this year providing; *Free* pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, baby clothes, diapers, formula, infant hygiene items, and related accessories.

Thank you in advance for your support.

CHURCH SHOWER DATE: February 15, 2009 after 11:00 am Mass

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Diapers (newborns thru size 3)*
- Diaper Bags*
- Baby Wash, Shampoo, Lotion, Wipes, Diaper Ointment*
- Formula Similac Advanced*
- Baby Bottles*
- Babyfood (Stage 1 and 2)*
- Infant Clothes (size 0 - 12 months)*
- Baby Towels, Washcloths, Socks, Bibs*
- Baby Blankets, Receiving Blankets, Crib Sheets*
- Monetary Donations*

Celebrating the impending birth of an infant by holding a baby shower is a timehonored tradition in many cultures around the world. It is a way of welcoming the child with gifts that heralds the gift of life itself. At Birthright of Prince Frederick, we serve many women for whom no one holds a baby shower, perhaps because of family finances, perhaps because she is opposing family wishes in giving birth, or perhaps there just is no support system for her and the unborn child. This is why we look to our church communities to hold the showers for them, to donate gifts purchased in the spirit of a selfless love—for they are selected, bought and given with the knowledge that the recipient will never know the individual who made the generous gesture. All such items are used to fill gaily-decorated boxes which we deliver each time a client gives birth. The layettes have a practical worth for financially needy mothers and the priceless value of connecting them to a wider community of caring. Will your church help us to continue this custom that is so gratefully anticipated by our families? One new dad actually called us from a birthing room to announce that his son had entered the world, and could he have a Birthright layette! If you are willing, can your church at large or a specific church group pick one month per year to commit to holding such an event. In the past, some parishes have made this gala event, such as they would if the honoree were a family member. Members have brought food, decorations and invited a Birthright volunteer to speak about our nonprofit ministry. This year marks our 12th anniversary. Showers can be as simple as, a designated table set-up to leave baby gifts before and/or after church services. If you can pledge your assistance, and/or if you want further information please call Michele Kenlon at (410) 414-2956. Michele will be most willing to meet with you and assist in making arrangements. Thank you and may God continue to bless your church family.

Sincerely,
Michele Kenlon
Birthright Board Member