

SEWING FOR BABIES, INC. OMAHA

We started up in 2003. Now we serve 14 agencies: Bergan Mercy, Olson Center, Children's at Methodist, Immanuel Hospital, Lakeside, Offutt, Ne. Med Center, Methodist Women's, EPS, Heartland, and Lutheran Family Services, in Omaha, Council Bluffs and Fremont.

Our mission is to serve those in need, premature babies and long-term care infants. Lots of our women have nothing, no insurance, some no residence, some just got here from other countries, plus, we cannot forget all those in our area that were victims of the flooding. There is such a strong need for help right here in Omaha. Huge, huge need!

We here have been blessed with great volunteers. The best! Some are here a few months of the year. Lots are regulars. We all have different talents or things that we like to sew on... That can be helpful. We even have a few outside volunteers, these gals come in once a month or so and pick up quilt kits or burps, bibs, or gowns to sew together for us. God Bless them! It really helps so very much. We've even had Cottonwood donate monthly or so to us for a couple years.

Black Friday, we spend over \$4500 for flannels and fleece for the little ones... With the flannels, we do receiving blankets, burps and bibs and some flannel quilts, with the left overs. We are really good stewards of the money donated to SFB.

We have a High Tea and Boutique in October to raise funds for the "babies". We have been tweaking it each year. This event takes a lot of effort and time, and we all try to donate items for the boutique or get donations from businesses. We probably give over 35 thank you gifts back to those in attendance. But the gals in attendance LOVE that! Oh, and you can wear a hat and gloves if you like and dress up. Officially, you can NOT make a reservation for it until September 1st, Yep, for real. The church fellowship hall is NOT that large, so we have to stop at 110 reservations. And believe me those calls start coming in at 7:30 in the morning. Some gals do NOT want the tea but prefer to come just for the boutique.

It is truly an honor and a blessing that so many are willing to share their love to help so many families here in Omaha. Cannot forget, we are also with Omaha Gives in May, so please don't forget us then.

Last year, we donated over 13,000 items, we did 526 tote bags full of goodies! I guess I should tell you, a tote bag consists of 1 quilt or fleece blanket, 2 receiving blankets, 2 sleepers, 1 gown, 3 onesies, 1 pants, 2 hats, 3 burps, 2 bibs, 2 socks, 3 wash cloths. In addition, each month we give out an average of 40 to 50 receiving blankets and extra burps and bibs. With all of this, another great blessing is that the social workers that we work with let us buy sleepers, onesies and pants from Big Wheels to Butterflies. That is BIG. We could never be able to give out what we do without that help. It is just too costly. So, in case you do NOT know, Big Wheels is gently used items. They have 5 locations in Omaha. There we slowly go over the gowns, sleepers and onesies to make sure they look really new. NO stains. It is truly worth the effort. We have gotten some wonderful thank you letters from "our" mothers, thanking us for all we give them.

So with all this in mind, we thank you from our hearts for coming on board and helping these babies start out with these nice new and near new items. What an honor for us that you will help "love" our babies. We are overwhelmed with your kindness.

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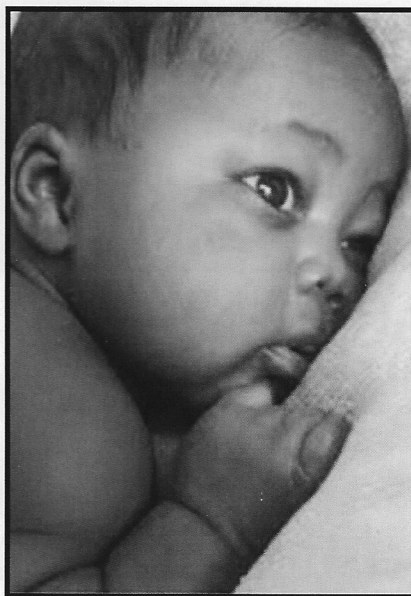
Since 2003 the Omaha group of Sewing for Babies, Inc has donated over 4,351 layettes and more than 96,968 baby items.

The Omaha group delivers an average of 45 layettes a month to area hospitals and social service agencies.



Our layettes include:

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| 1 pocketed tote bag | 1 quilt or fleece blanket |
| 2 receiving blankets | 2 pairs of socks |
| 1 two piece outfit | 2 onesie, |
| 2 gowns | 3 washcloths |
| 2 hats, | 2 bibs |
| 3 burp cloths | |



Providing warm blankets and clothing for premature and newborn babies in need.



All volunteer organization How can YOU help ?

- *Join our Sewing for Babies group !
- *Give a cash donation
- *Give a JoAnn's, Hobby Lobby, or Walmart gift card
- *Donate through United Way at your workplace
- *Provide support through Omaha Gives
- *Consider us for a community service project
- *Ask for a SFB program for your club or group
- *Help us apply for a grant
- *Make a baby quilt, bib, burp cloth, or tote bag
- *Purchase socks or onsies (0-3 months)
- *Donate cotton fabric suitable for babies, thread, and sewing supplies.
- *Attend the annual SFB fall benefit
A HIGH TEA and BOUTIQUE held
at St Matthew Lutheran Church/Omaha

When does SFB meet?

The Sewing for Babies Omaha Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church
1725 South 60th Street
Omaha, NE 68106 (North of Center)
Use the North parking lot and enter by Bell Tower Door. Meet in Art Room & room 5

We meet at 9 am. Bring a sack lunch if you can work into the afternoon. Feel free to work at home and drop off completed projects at a meeting.

On the 1st Tuesdays we cut out and sew baby items, bring back items we worked on at home and pick up things to sew for the next meeting time.

On the 3rd Tuesdays we pack and deliver layettes to hospitals and social service agencies and assess needs for the next month.

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