

Hannah's Closet - How You Can Help

What is Hannah's Closet?

Hannah's Closet is a support service of LifeCare Pregnancy Services enabling clients who are eligible to receive new and gently used maternity clothes and baby items. Clients may visit Hannah's Closet once a month during their pregnancy and continuing until their child is 1 year old.

LifeCare accepts donations of new and gently used clothing and larger baby items such as cribs, strollers, high chairs, etc. Clients may sign up on a waiting list to be called when these larger items are available.

Donations of new items are appreciated as these are used to reward clients who complete our classes. Upon completion of parenting classes, clients are given a layette packaged in a baby bath tub. When a client completes our childbirth classes, they receive a laundry basket full of baby items.

How to Get Involved

God is constantly providing and blessing the ministry of Hannah's Closet. Recently, monies received through a Baby Bottle Campaign at a local church has enabled LifeCare to begin planning a new storage unit where we can house donations received. Volunteers will be needed to build the unit.

There is a great need for volunteers to help clients in Hannah's Closet. Having more volunteers would allow us to help meet the needs of more clients. Volunteers normally serve a 2 or 3 hour shift once a week serving one client every half hour.

The training required to be a Hannah's Closet volunteer includes LifeCare 101 and LifeCare Pregnancy Services 201. Individuals and church representatives are encouraged to attend in order to learn more about the many ways God is working at Austin LifeCare.

To register for Austin LifeCare 101 or learn more about volunteering opportunities, please call 374-0055 or email info@austinlifecare.com.

A Letter of Thanks

Dear Friends of LifeCare,

LifeCare has a big place in my heart because they were there for me when I needed their help. By the grace of God, I was introduced to the loving people at LifeCare the month I discovered I was pregnant. I soon learned that these people really cared about me and my unborn child. This was especially comforting since I was going to be a single mom. They reminded me of how God really does have an awesome plan for me and my baby.

During my pregnancy, LifeCare provided me with maternity clothing that I otherwise would not have been able to afford. This was awesome! And the childbirth and parenting classes were truly the best I found.



I learned so much in these classes and what a bonus to know that the instructors were followers of Christ Jesus! After my beautiful baby girl, Lillian, was born, they continued to support us with love and care and even provided us with baby clothes, diapers, and toys on a monthly basis. What a blessing! I was constantly amazed at their generosity.

Lillian and I moved to the Houston area after she was about 3 months old so that we could be closer to family. Oh how I miss my friends at LifeCare. I will always cherish my memories.

Lillian sends her thanks, too. May God bless you for all you have done to enable LifeCare to continue to offer hope and help to mothers and their babies.

With Gratitude,
Kerri & Lillian

Hannah's Closet Donations Needed

MATERNITY ITEMS	BABY ITEMS
Clothes	Clothing (0-18 months)
Nightgowns/pajamas	Sleepers (0-18 months)
Bras/Nursing Bras	Onesies (0-18 months)
Underwear	Socks/Shoes
Nursing pads	Caps and mittens
Mother's gifts	Disposable diapers (Size N-4)
Prenatal Vitamins	Pacifiers
	Cribs, strollers, porta-cribs
	Formula

Donations of new and gently used items for both baby and mother are needed to stock Hannah's Closet for regular client visits. New items are requested for class graduation gifts. Larger baby items are also appreciated and distributed to clients on waiting lists for those items.

How Your Church Can Get Involved

Your church can also get involved through special projects. These are just a few of the models used by churches to raise money or collect items for Hannah's Closet.

- **Sponsor a Clothing Drive** focused on maternity clothes and infant/baby clothing (up to 18 months).
- **Organize a Church/Multi-Family Garage Sale** and designate the proceeds to Hannah's Closet.
- **Host a Baby Shower** for Hannah's Closet to provide items needed for layette baskets given to our clients when they complete parenting or childbirth classes. A LifeCare Speaker is available to do a brief presentation.
- **Coordinate a Baby Bottle Campaign** and distribute baby bottles to your congregation to fill with money to provide for the needs of expectant mothers and their babies. Collect these bottles and return them to Austin LifeCare.
- **Host a Christmas Giving Tree** at your church where your congregation can select an item to purchase and donate to Hannah's Closet.

Parenting Class – Baby Bathtubs

NEW ITEMS	
Undershirts—newborn	Rubbing alcohol
Onesies – newborn	Cotton balls and q-tips
Diapers—newborn	Nail clippers and brushes
Towel and washcloth	Pacifiers
Receiving blanket	Baby wash & lotion—9 oz.
Precious Moments gift	Baby shampoo—7 oz.
Baby toys	Desitin—2 oz.
Nursing pads	Vaseline—3.75 oz.
Safety devices—wall socket covers, nightlights, etc.	Non-fragrance wipes—80 count pkg.

Childbirth Class – Laundry Basket

NEW ITEMS	
Outfit—3-6 months	Wipes
Onesies—newborn	Burp pads
Sleepers—newborn	Bottle
Shoes and socks	Receiving blanket
Bib	Crib blanket
Chapstick	Crib sheet
Mother's Gift	Baby toys
Stationary	Diaper bag
Nursing pads—disposable	Diapers—newborn

There are many volunteer opportunities available at Austin LifeCare. For further information on all aspects of LifeCare, including volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at www.austinflifecare.com or call 374-0055.

