

St. John's 14th Annual Mother's Day In-Gathering

For the Mothers and Babies of Alpha House

Sunday, May 11, Following All Three Services

While Mom will get lots of "Luvs" and "Huggies" on her special day, remember that others need to be pampered too! We can all help the Mothers and babies at Alpha House by bringing "Wish List" items on (or before) Mother's Day Sunday, May 11.

Collection bags with wish lists will be distributed following all services on April 27, May 4 and will also be available at the reception desk outside of the parish offices. Cash and very gently used in-kind donations are also appreciated. All donations will be collected in the Garth prior to all three services on Mother's Day or drop off in the parish offices prior to May 11.

*******Volunteers are needed to distribute collection bags following all three services on April 27 and May 4. Volunteers are also needed to receive collection bags prior to all three services on Mother's Day. If you can lend a hand, please call Ruth Giordano at 254-4332 or email tampagio@aol.com.**

Children's Wish List items include: Diapers (all sizes including pull ups), wipes, baby food, bibs, clothing (infant through age 3), baby wash and shampoo, diaper rash cream, sunscreen, Aquaphor products, crib sheets, strollers and car seats (infant and toddler), baby monitors, new undergarments and socks, toys.

Mother's Wish List items include: gift cards (grocery, Wal-Mart, etc.), towels/wash cloths, twin sized bedding/pillows, full size toiletry (alcohol-free/Aveeno oatmeal products), sanitary items, grooming items for nails and hair, perfume, makeup, plastic storage bins, non-disposable plastic dishes and cups, flatware, bus passes, wallets, stationary and stamps, books, Band-Aids, Cetaphil cleanser, antiseptic and hydrocortisone products, lanolin, new undergarments and slippers.

Alpha House is an accredited, not-for-profit, local organization that was founded in 1981. Its mission is "to offer homeless pregnant women and mothers with young children safe housing and the tools they need to become self-sufficient, effective and responsible parents". This mission is accomplished through the provision of "safe housing, education, counseling, parenting and life skills training, vocational assistance, and spiritual support." The women live in the 20-bed maternity home or in the post-birth transitional apartments. The agency serves about 200 pregnant or parenting women and children each year.

Please call Ruth Giordano or email tampagio@aol.com with any questions.