

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## ASSISTING BIRTH PARENTS

- Transportation - to doctor appointments, court, grocery shopping
- Purchase **Gift Cards** for Groceries, Gas, Wal-Mart, Restaurant
- Collect Diapers for a **Diaper Drive**, sizes NB thru 5

## CREATIVE TALENTS

- Back Packs for Emergency Foster Care Children
- Knitted, Crochet & Quilted Blankets, fleece afghan, infant to youth sizes
- Make Abstinence/Purity Bracelets & Necklaces
- Make Triad bracelets – 3 identical bracelets
- BUILD WOODEN MEMORY BOXES or make **Gift Baskets** for Birth Moms
- Create “Thank You” Cards or Adoption Day Congratulation Cards
- Women’s Group Projects – Tea or Luncheon, silent auctions, BCS Baby Shower
- Lifebooks/Scrapbooks – Scrap booking supplies, papers, books, stickers, keeping culture & history
- Bake Healthy Snacks or purchase fruit for BCS Educational Workshops, Trainings & info meetings

## TIME FROM YOUR HEART

- **Bethany International Mission Trips** – Viewing or working trips available now
- Host a Bethany “**Stories of Hope**” in Your Home – Sharing the Bethany story
- Staff a BCS Information Booth (Churches, Fairs, Malls, & Special Events)
- “**Champions for Children**” – Be the liaison between your Church & Bethany
- **Education Workshops** - Volunteer for registration table, making snacks, set up & clean up

## SPECIAL EVENTS - MANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- No Regrets Men’s Conference February 7, 2009
- New Resource Library Open House March 19, 2009 - **Everyone welcome**
- Banquet in Waupun April 14, 2009 – Join us for this exciting fulfilled evening
- Birth Mothers Day Luncheon May 9, 2009 Honoring them for choosing life!
- Golf Marathon September 18, 2009 – New location Golf Club at Camelot
- Dr. Karyn Purvis October 10, 2009 – Post adoption research & child therapy specialist
- Celebrate Adoption with Style Fashion Show November 14, 2009 – Raising Funds to support Post Adoption
- World’s Greatest Cookie Sale November 27, 2009

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS – CASH DONATIONS

- **International Sponsorships of a Bethany Child** - \$25/month or \$300/year
- Cash Donation Towards the Purchase of Preventative Abstinence Educational Materials **\$1,325.00**
- Emergency Birth Mother Fund - Provide Food & Rent for one month
- Grocery Store Gift Cards \$25, \$50 & \$100
- Business Sponsorships - Underwrite or Sponsor a Special Event through your business
- Purchase Naming Rights in Multi Cultural Resource Library – donation provides purchase of more resources
- Assists a family with a Special Needs Adoption Placement



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## BIRTH MOTHER IDEAS

When the resources are available, Bethany's pregnancy counselors give birth moms a gift at the hospital, when they've just had the baby or after the court hearing when they have terminated their parental rights and placed their baby for adoption. These are very emotional & difficult times in a birth mothers journey.

### BIRTH MOM CARE PACKAGE, GIFT BAGS OR BASKETS

- Disposable cameras to take pictures of the baby
- Grocery Store Gift Cards \$10 - 25
- Gas Station Gift Cards \$10 - 25
- Gift Cards \$10 - 25 for Wal-mart to develop the pictures

#### Gift Basket/Bag Items

- shampoo
- conditioner
- body lotion
- body wash
- body spray
- lip balm
- journals
- disposable camera
- Bible
- jewelry
- Gift cards
- day planners

#### African American Products

- Let's Jam
- Pink oil- ligh
- Paraffin Wax- clear or black
- Flat irons (like a curling iron- but flattens)
- packages of weave in a variety of colors & textures
- Black soap (it is really black in color)
- Shea butter skin cream
- Cocoa butter skin cream & lip balm
- Skin Lotions
- Baby oil
- Scarves or du-rags

Value Beauty on Fond du Lac & Hampton

**Plan A - Abstinence** program for pregnant or parenting teens has the goal to educate youth to help decrease repeat pregnancies.

#### Abstinence A Care Package

Gum  
Mini candy Bars  
Lotions  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Tea  
Hot Chocolate  
Mc Donalds Coupons

Through out the year Bethany Christian Services calls for donations of gift baskets, gift bags, and necessary items that are given to children, families and birth Moms. Here are some of the different ways Bethany uses these much appreciated donations.

- Gift baskets/bags/items for a birth mom who just delivered & **made an adoption plan**. These items are geared towards her healing and tend to be spiritual item, pampering, and baby memory items.
- Gift baskets/bags/items for a birth mom who **decided to parent her child** and literally have nothing to start with. These items would be a few things for the mom, gift cards, and some things for the new baby, diapers, onesies, . . .
- Gift bags for young women/teens taking Bethany's Plan A for abstinence program. These are teens that have already had a baby, are pregnant or had a pregnancy scare, Plan A teaches them that it's not too late to choose abstinence even now. These items are geared towards the teens and focuses on Metro Milwaukee.
- Gift baskets/bags/items for adoptive families when a child is placed in their home, "**Welcome Home Gifts**". These items would be gifts and information for the family and baby, including some items for older children in the family.
- Back Packs for children placed into emergency foster homes. Bethany partnered with Milwaukee County to provide licensed foster families for short term foster care for children 0-11 years old. The items for the back packs are to provide some basic hygiene items and some comforting things for these children
- Bethany presents a set of three identical bracelets to the triad; one bracelet for birth mom, one for adoptive mom and one for baby, at the adoption placement ceremony, sharing of the three hearts.
- A **treasure/memory box** is used as a keepsake box for birth moms to keep their baby's hospital bracelet, birth certificate, footprint card, letters, pictures of the baby, and should include a disposable camera.