

# Love in Action

## Eastside Baby Corner



### Current Most Needed Items: (New or Gently Used)

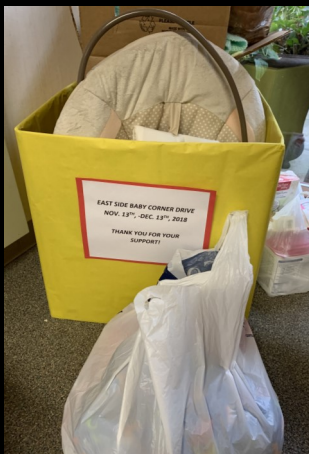
- Diapers (sizes 4 - 6)
- Sunscreen
- Girls & Boy's Swimsuits (up to size 7)
- Boy's Shoes (sizes 8 - 12)
- Boy's Pants (sizes 3 - 5)
- Boy's Summer Hats
- Infant Footed Sleepers (3 - 9 months)
- Onesies (6 - 9 months)
- Baby Monitors
- Baby Proofing Safety Items
- Infant Board Books
- Small Infant Toys
- Highchairs

### *The need in our area...*

*Every day thousands of people in Kitsap & north Pierce County struggle to put food on their table.*

*Nearly 10% of residents receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and 12% of local families with children are living below the poverty line.*

*28% of children under age 5 live below the poverty level.*



**All year SLC** has a collection box in the hall before the entry to the Fellowship Hall.

**Our SLC Preschool** conducts a drive twice a year...before Christmas and in the spring. Their current drive is happening now from April 29 - May 17.

### Vision

*We imagine a world where all children are healthy, safe & prepared to build their own futures.*

### Mission

*Eastside Baby Corner helps kids reach their full potential tomorrow by meeting basic needs today.*

Eastside Baby Corner was founded in 1990 because Karen Ridlon, a local pediatric nurse practitioner, became concerned about the large numbers of babies in her practice that began life without adequate food, clothing, beds or safety equipment. Her commitment to giving these children a stronger start grew from a idea and a few items gathered in her dining room, into an agency that in 2016 filled its 500,000th order of absolute essentials.

Eastside Baby Corner builds relationships with businesses, faith & community organizations, and non-profits who support EBC through sharing knowledge, goods or services. Currently 169 programs within 51 partner agencies form a collaborative network with EBC. EBC serves folks in King, Snohomish, Pierce & Kitsap counties.

For 50 weeks each year, volunteers and staff at Eastside Baby Corner collect community donations, purchase and distribute requested items. Social service providers from agencies - case managers, nurses, teachers - assess the needs of a family, request the items from EBC, pick up and then deliver them to the family. EBC's goal is to be there for the parents trying hard to give their children a better life, for the agencies who wish they could provide more for their clients and for the babies and children who simply need basic supplies. EBC serves families with children who are infants to age 12 at no cost.



A special thank you to all who donate new or gently used items, volunteer or offer financial support to make a difference in the lives of children. Thanks for loving Kitsap!!



**God's work. Our hands.**

Diaper Donations + May 3 - June 7