

## Thanks for cribs, baby items, and school supplies

It truly was Christmas in July when St. Mary's parishioners in Menomonee Falls bought cribs, diapers, infant clothing and baby items for HOPE Network. Money was also donated, enough to buy 10 cribs for babies who have no safe place to sleep.

Thanks, also, to Good Shepherd parish for their ongoing support, and the school supplies which were given to needy families at the

August Trading Post.

We're grateful to all in the Falls area who have been donating used clothing and baby equipment to our Trading Post at Holy Cross Church on Pilgrim. You can drop off your items Mon.-Wed. until 7 pm in the vestibule in back of the building. The volunteers at Holy Cross devote many hours of service to this important project.

Thanks, everyone!



*Jodi Reesman is shown with just one of the mountains of supplies that were donated by St. Mary's parishioners.*

## Wish List

If your workplace, church, or group would like to organize a supply drive for HOPE Network, here's our wish list:

- Diapers and baby wipes
- Bibs
- Baby bottles and pacifiers
- Teething items

- Baby toiletries, wash cloths, etc.
- Hooded towels
- Receiving blankets
- Diaper bags
- Infant books and infant toys

We also collect used children's books for the Second Saturday gatherings. Call 262-251-7333 if you can help.

## Where to call for food, help

2-1-1 at IMPACT: **24-hour helpline** to find food pantries, shelter, meal sites, family resources, health & social services: **Dial 2-1-1** (at pay phone, dial free: 1-866-211-3380)

**Shelters** for battered women & their children:

- Sojourner Family Peace Center, 24 hrs., 933-2722
- Milw Women's Center Emergency Shelter: 671-6140

**Other shelters** for mothers & children:

- Hope House, 24 hrs., 209 W. Orchard, 645-2122
- Casa Maria, 1131 N. 21, 344-5745
- Joy House, 830 N. 19, 344-3774
- Salvation Army, 1730 N. 7, 265-6360
- Cathedral Center, 845 N. Van Buren, 831-0394

**Shelter for families** (fathers, mothers, children):

- Family Support Center, 3025 W. Mitchell (call 1st, may be full: 385-0854, choose Option #2)

**Parent Helpline, 671-0566**

Free support groups & classes and confidential phone counseling about any parenting issue. Referrals to parent education, support programs, home visiting, and community resources

**Legal information & referral services -- also see page 2:**

Legal Action of WI 278-7722. For MATC students 297-6630 Nonprofit Legal Services of SE WI/Milw & Wauk: 839-8899

**Community Advocates:** need referral from W2 agency or shelter. May help with rent, housing, prescriptions, security

deposits, utility bills. 449-4777.

**Bureau of Milw. Child Welfare**, 24-hr. emergency no. to report child abuse for Milw County: 220-SAFE (7233)

**WIC** supplies food vouchers for pregnant women, mothers with babies under 6 mos., and breastfeeding women of babies up to one year and their children up to age 5. Must meet income guidelines to qualify. 1-800-722-2295

**Central City Churches Outreach**, 9:30-3 M-Th. Resource referrals. See: "Emergency Food" listing on page 22. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3022 W. Wisconsin. 342-1522

**Cudahy and St. Francis**, zip codes 53110/53235 only: Project Concern, food, clothes, household items. 744-0645.

**South Milwaukee**, zip code 53172 only: 1029 Milwaukee Ave., food, clothes, furniture. 764-5340

**Waukesha Co. only:** Hope Center, 502 N. East Ave.; furniture, legal aid, childcare, nurse, clothes (casual & career), household items, 5:30pm meal M-W-F 262-549-8726 Hebron House of Hospitality: families/single women shelter, 812 N East Ave, 262-549-8722. Hebron, Siena & Jeremy Houses, no-interest loans, housing specialist, transitional living apts., expedite SSI/SSDI disability 262-549-8720.

Waukesha Co. Food Pantry: 1301 Sentry Dr. 1-3pm M-F, 6-8pm Th, 9:30-11:30am Sat for Waukesha County only 262-542-5300. 1st Call for Help crisis line: 262-547-3388