



## Host a *Bless the Babies* Baby Shower

Often when a family is preparing for a new baby they have a baby shower. Many foster families find out hours or only a few days before a baby arrives at their door. These families come to Hope's Closet and get things like cribs, crib mattresses, blankets, diapers, strollers, clothes and all the other things you need to bring a baby home. By hosting a baby shower to benefit Hope's Closet, you allow us to keep our shelves stocked for foster families and you invite your friends and family to learn a little more about the tiniest people we serve.

### **Tips for Hosting a Great Shower:**

- Mail invitations. There is a PDF attached for your use. Follow up with a Facebook event invite for a reminder.
- Make it a party! Serve food, decorate, have fun with it!
- Create a registry. (See below)
- Remind your guests of the babies their gifts will be going to bless. Please hand out information on Hope's Closet and ways they can serve in the future.
- Invite us! We would love to have a speaker come and talk to your guests about foster care and Hope's Closet.
- All donations can be dropped off to Hope's Closet following your event.



### **Great Registry Items:**

- Contact Hope's Closet for a list of most urgent baby needs.
- Diapers in a variety of sizes/brands.
- Wipes in a variety of brands.
- Items like clothing, pacifiers, bottles, crib sheets, baby monitors, safety gates and strollers are always helpful.
- Amazon gift cards are an excellent gift as well. This allows us the opportunity to replenish our shelves quickly when needs arise.

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