

Thanks to the generous supporters of the Valley's Largest Baby Shower; Fargo-Moorhead - you are all stars!

They say that good friends are like stars – you don't always see them but you know they are always there. Such was the case this past month when our community proved itself to be a bright star in its month-long outpouring of love to support the 2011 Valley's Largest Baby Shower.

This fourth annual community event benefited FirstChoice Clinic's prenatal and parenting program. Residents from our area contributed thousands of diapers, baby blankets, infant toys, bibs, clothing...the list goes on. If our charity had purchased these items, it would have cost over \$8,000!

These items will be distributed to new moms and dads enrolled in our Earn While You Learn parenting program, an educational program through which vulnerable moms and dad are taught skills to help them become better parents. The program offers support to them throughout their pregnancy and for a year after their child is born.

We offer a special thank you to KFNW Christian radio. KFNW sponsored and promoted the baby shower and its staff shined in their effort to educate the community about the work of FirstChoice Clinic and the sanctity of human life. Thank you also, to area Hornbacher's stores, which served as drop-off locations for new baby items and whose employees proved most gracious. And finally, thank you to the many volunteers who collected the items and delivered them to FirstChoice during the crazy-weather month of January, our gratitude goes to you as well!

Most importantly, we want to extend our appreciation to the entire community for supporting this event. On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for being a community that shines like a bright star by putting love into action. Because of you, lives are touched and are literally being saved.

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