

Children's Home Society

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Children's Home Society (CHS), started in 1902, is the leading non-profit in Florida dedicated to protecting children and improving their lives. It serves nearly 60,000 children and families annually.

With a cradle to career approach, CHS meets kids and families where they are, delivering the right services at the right time so more families are safe, strong and together, and more kids can realize their full potential.

CHS offers the Healthy Families program in Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties, the three counties comprising The Villages, and has been doing so for the last 20 years.

From July 2021 until January 2022, Healthy Families Lake/Marion/Sumter served 180 families representing 425 participants and their family members.

Healthy Families is a program designed so informed parents raise strong, healthy children thereby preventing child abuse and neglect.

How can we help?

1. Baby Showers - Your Chapter can plan an event, gathering necessary baby items found on the **CHS Wish List**, or the **Baby Items Wish List** below, as well as creating Baby Quilts for these tiny ones. Larry Hershfeld 352-259-5463 is available to speak to your chapter during, or prior to, the Shower if you wish.
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/ID79SLFRXT61/guest-view>
2. Individual Baby Quilt donations- sizes vary; 30"x40" (baby), 36"x52" crib).
3. Pillowcases - Remember, there are often older siblings in these families, with needs as well...no-sew fleece blankets are a favorite of the siblings... Superheroes, Disney Characters, cars, trucks... just think of the tiny humans in your life and what gives them joy!
4. ANY ITEM you choose to create, for an infant or child, is deeply appreciated.

CHS website www.chsfl.org



Baby Items Wish List

Feeding:

Lots of bibs
Breast pumps
Breast pads (disposable or washable)
8 four-ounce baby bottles with nipples
6 eight-ounce baby bottles with nipples
Bottle and nipple brush
Formula
Thermal bottle carrier
Cups with lids

Diapering:

Baby Diaper Genie Changing pad
Baby ointment or other barrier cream to prevent rash
Disposable wipes
Disposable diapers (Sizes: Newborn, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Pull-ups)

Clothing:

Undershirts or Onesies (mix of short sleeve and long-sleeve) Nightgowns
One-piece stretchy sleepers
Pants, tops
Hats
Socks or booties, to wear with nightgowns and outfits
Scratch mittens, to keep baby from scratching his/her face
Cardigans or jackets
Laundry detergent for infants
Outfits for dressing up

Blankets:

Large cotton blankets
Receiving blankets
Quilted / crochet

Bath Time:

Plastic infant tubs
Washcloths
Soft-hooded towels
Bath towels
Baby soap or cleanser
Baby soft-bristled hair brush

Bedtime:

Crib and crib mattress
Fitted crib sheets
Sleep sack

Other Items:

Safety seat for car
Sun shade for car windows
Stroller that reclines so newborn can lie flat
Nail clippers or scissors
Bulb syringe for suctioning mucus
Baby thermometer
Eye dropper or medicine spoon
Changing table
Rocking chair for feeding and swaddling
Pacifiers
Rattles, baby toys, mobiles
Night light
Baby books, children's picture books