Children's Home Society

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?

- 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. We (Larry Hershfeld 352-259-5463 and Patty Hochmuth 603-918-0672) are available to speak to your chapter during, or prior to, the Shower if you wish. https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/I D79SLFRXT61/guest-view
- Individual Baby Quilt donations, accepted anytime, sizes vary, 30"x40" (baby), 36"x52" (crib)...contact: ggotvChildrensHome@gmail.com
- 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.
- 5. CHS website <u>www.chsfl.org</u>

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