

# 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.

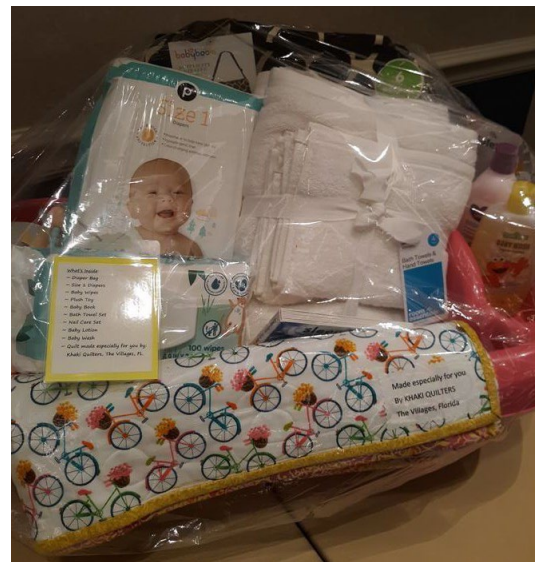
From July 2021 until January 2022, Healthy Families Lake/Marion/Sumter served 180 families representing 425 participants and their family members.

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. 419-261-  
<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](http://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  
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 - 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  
Laundry detergent for infants

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