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Two more bundles of joy! Julien and Jenaya are born!

Within three days of one another, we welcomed Julien Christian, born three weeks early to his surprised mother Jen, and Jenaya Marlene, born one week late to her expectant mother Melissa.



Julien weighed 7lbs 4oz and was 20 inches long; he was born on October 18th. Jenaya, who was born October 21st, also weighed 7lbs 4oz and was 21 inches long. Since then, Jen and her son have moved on but come to visit often.

Both babies are

healthy and growing quickly.



Jenaya

Julien



17-month-old Devondrick loves the new babies. Whenever he hears one cry or sees a babyseat, he points and says, "Baby?"



Devondrick (and Julien and Jenaya) had fun dressing up and trick-or-treating on Halloween; their moms had fun too, getting candy for having such cute children.

Give a gift with meaning

Take part in our Christmas fundraiser

We are pleased to offer a new and meaningful way to give gifts this Christmas and support Visitation House at the same time.

There are always people on our lists for whom we just cannot think of what to buy, whether they are friends from church, coworkers, distant relatives, people who always give us a gift and to whom we feel obliged to do likewise. Or maybe they are closer relatives or long-time friends, who, when we think about it, really don't need anything.

How about making a gift to Visitation House in their honor?

Enclosed with this newsletter is our Christmas Gifts form. Simply fill in the name of the person for whom you are making the gift, his or her address, the amount of the gift and

whether you would like that amount to be included in our acknowledgement letter to the person for whom you are making the gift; then mail it with your check to the address at the bottom.

We take care of the rest by sending a beautiful Madonna and Child acknowledgement letter to your friend or loved one and sending a tax receipt to you.

Think of the true spirit of Christmas that you will be spreading by giving a gift that both supports a life-giving and Christ-centered ministry and honors your loved ones with a gift of meaning and thoughtfulness.

Much better than something superfluous from Yankee Candle or Bed, Bath and Beyond....

Community support—two groups reach out

During October and November, we were treated to two fun events sponsored by our friends in the community.



The first was a baby shower thrown by the generous and fun-loving ladies who work at the Diocesan Chancery Building in Worcester. After collecting items for babies and expecting mothers for months, they invited us to join them for lunch and a fun hour of fellowship and gift-opening. All of our



and help out around the house. We were happy to put them to work doing some light yard work, painting, and organizing. We are grateful that they donated their time to socialize and help out.

If you are interested in being a part of our ministry, please contact us to discuss how you can be of most help.



Your continued support

Many of you responded favorably and generously to last issue's appeal for increased monetary donations. I would like to echo that request this time around and make a special plea to those of you who have not yet responded. The year is drawing to a close as the new Christian year begins. Advent asks us to wait, quietly, expectantly, for the appearance of the Light of the world when it is coldest and darkest.

Our staff receive many phone calls, many people ask us what we need, "What can I do to help?" Everyone is eager to help, eager to be a part of our ministry.

And we rely on them, on all of these people, because Visitation House, and any pro-life work, comprises many, many lives indeed: some pray, some donate, some volunteer.

Our first request is always that you keep us in your prayers. Our

vocation to share our lives with those in need is not always an easy one, and our subsistence and success is always in God's hands; we thank you for appealing to Him on our behalf.

More than in-kind donations such as baby clothes, furniture, baby items, etc., we are quite truthfully in basic need of financial support. We do appreciate the baby showers and drives that you sponsor, but our immediate needs are those of operating expenses and basic program costs. If you or a group you are involved in wants to support us, please take up a collection or hold a fundraiser for us, to be sure that your gift directly addresses our needs.

All of you, our benefactors, are always in our prayers. May you be blessed this Advent season, and may you truly prepare a place in your hearts "where such a mighty Guest may come."

moms were delighted by these ladies' generous display and gifts of support.

The gifts included homemade blankets, baby clothes, crib sheets and bumpers, bottles, soaps and lotions... Our thanks go out to all who planned and donated to make that day so enjoyable.

Then, one of our local Challenge Clubs brought lunch to the house one Saturday, shared a meal with our moms, played with Devondrick, and then stayed for a few hours to have fun

