



Annual Louisiana State Convention Charitable Campaign – May 2 – 4, 2014 Baby Shower Collection Drive to Benefit Access Pregnancy & Referral Centers



The Annual Charitable Campaign will be held this year in conjunction with our State Convention which is May 2 – 4, 2014. The Campaign will be a Baby Shower Collection Drive to benefit Access Pregnancy & Referral Centers, a Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Charities.

If you wish to join us in our effort to assist “Access”, the area crisis pregnancy centers, please sponsor a baby shower in your church parish or Council. A church drive is simple, just place an announcement in the church bulletin the week before and collect items the following weekend. For a Council drive announce the drive in your monthly newsletter and collect items at your next meeting. Individuals may participate also, just bring a baby or maternity item with you to the State Convention and drop them off at the Culture of Life table when you register. Just about any item, large or small will be accepted, but a list of suggested items is included below for your reference and to include in any announcements if you sponsor a collection drive.

Some of the larger items that you might consider donating: (1) Baby Furniture (baby beds, bassinets, toddler beds, high chairs), (2) Bouncers & Walkers, (3) Strollers, (4) Car Seats & (5) Pack-n-Play (portable) Playpens.

Some of the smaller, more affordable items that you might consider donating: (1) Children’s Clothing of all sizes from infant to as big as children’s size 5, (2) Diapers and “Pull-ups”- preemie to size 6 (especially the smallest sizes), (3) Wipes for sensitive skin, (4) cloth diapers, (5) baby towels, (6) receiving blankets & baby blankets, (7) baby monitors, (8) health kits (kits include thermometer, ball syringe, medicine dropper, baby nail clippers, etc.), (9) baby wash (“baby magic”), & (10) small baby toys, pacifiers, & teething in sealed packages.

Monetary Donations are also accepted & would be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to: Access Pregnancy & Referral Centers.

The Centers are located throughout the New Orleans area and the ministry now has a mobile unit to expand their outreach. The initial outlay to purchase the mobile unit this past year was substantial and while the costs to operate the mobile unit may not be as high as running a full pregnancy resource center, they do add up. For this reason, we are asking those Councils that cannot sponsor a baby shower collection drive in their church parish or in their Councils, to please consider making a donation from Council funds if possible. A donation of \$100 - \$500 would have a huge impact on this very important ministry and will help cover the cost of purchasing & operating the new mobile unit.

With Planned Parenthood opening up the largest abortion facility in the South in New Orleans in the very near future, we must invest in our future and help the Archdiocese in “Building a Culture of Life”.

For more information or if you have any questions please contact the Louisiana State Culture of Life Chair Couple, Peter & Edna Mae Sahuc at pfsahuc@lusfiber.net or (337) 233-1484.