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"ZIP" AND LIVES ARE CHANGED



"Zip" - as in zipper is a new word in the household of the *Mosaic Family, recent immigrants and new clients to MVNA. The Mosaic's children are recipients of new coats from community donors. The MVNA nurse *Annie had to show the children and parents about zippers. This is a new concept for this family who has spent the past 20 years in a refugee camp. With a few giggles and determination by the Mosaic Family, they quickly got the hang (and fun) of zipping and unzipping their jackets.

Recent donations of new coats from Lindquist and Venum PLLP and other individual donors provide an opportunity for many clients to be outdoors in winter--whether it is a snow suit for a baby's first winter or a jacket for a first grader to allow her to play outside at school recess. The kindness of these donors creates a very special type of warmth from the heart that will ease the chill and newness of winter for this family and dozens of MVNA clients.

**Names changed to protect privacy*



Thank you note

ADOPT-A-FAMILY IT'S A WRAP!

Thank you to each of the 2010 Adopt-A-Family donor participants. Your hand joined the hands of about 1,500 donors to embrace over 700 MVNA recipients by touching each household with the kindness of a friend.

Here are their stories:

"The hand that gives is blessed," writes *Toni, MVNA Adopt-A-Family recipient in the thank you note. For clients May and Steve,* Adopt-A-Family was a chance for the family to

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 28, 2011

*April Shower
An Event with Crib Appeal*

Thursday, April 28, 2011

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Regency Hospital

1300 Hidden Lakes Parkway

(on the shores of Hidden Lake)

Golden Valley

Dinner - Silent Auction - Fun - Wine Wall

Be our guest at the Annual April Shower Dinner and Silent Auction Event. Dinner donated by our co-host, Regency Hospital. This is a time to meet other volunteers, donors, MVNA nurses and staff.

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celebrate their baby's first holiday with gifts. And Clara,* didn't think her children would have much of a Christmas because she had to repair her car. She notes, "My children will have Christmas and they will know someone cares". And there is John*, who lives alone, and said his Christmas was not lonely because receiving gifts, including the "perfect scarf" made him feel special.

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Proceeds from the event support the purchase of portable cribs and other items needed by our clients. Admission to the event is a baby gift. Suggested new items are books, baby bath towels, stacking rings, clothing (sizes newborn - 24 months) and other baby items.

Needed: Silent Auction Items - do you have an item, service, or gift certificate you would like to donate to our Silent Auction? Please contact Peggy Custard (custardp@mvna.org) 612-777-8461.

THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF GIVING!

Every year MVNA Club 100: *A Community of Caring* seeks new in-kind donations of new items to respond to over 4,000 requests from our nurses to fulfill clients' needs. Often the request is to fill a gap such as a few days of groceries to make it to the next pay check, or bed sheets for a hospice client.

DONORS' CORNER

New Items \$10 or Less

We have developed a list of new items \$10.00 or less which our nurses frequently request for their clients.

If you would like to receive a copy of this list or donate to our Crib Appeal, please contact us.

Currently, we are in need of the following items:

- Baby bath towels
- Newborn diapers
- Cub Cards (\$10 & \$25)

We would like to thank the following groups and companies for recent grants or donations:

3M Information Technology · Adath Jeshurun Synagogue
Preschool-Gan Shelanu · Altrusa International of St. Paul · Birch Bark Books · Bundles of Love · Catholic Community of Saint Thomas Becket · Children's Health Watch of HCMC · Christ Lutheran Church-Maple Plain · Country Financial · Creative Health Care Management · Eden Prairie Book Group · Edina Realty Foundation · Excelsior Chapter Order of the Eastern Star · G & K Services Corp Office · General Mills · General Mills Gcom Division · Gifts for Seniors · Horizon Milling · Kids in Distressed Situations · Knotty Quilters - Hennepin Ave United Methodist Church · Lindquist & Vennum PLLP · Lutheran Church of the Master · Machine Knitting Guild of MN Textile Center · MAZ Creative, LLC · Minnetonka Super Target · Needlework Guild of The Woman's Club of Minneapolis · New Hope Women of Today · North Metro Midwives · OptumHealth · Prince of Peace Lutheran Church · Ridgepoint Knitters · Rosemount Inc. · St. Joan of Arc Church · Saint Barnabas Lutheran Church · St. Frances Cabrini Church · St. Johns Church of Little Canada · MVNA Team 6 and Team 11 · The Woman's Club of Minneapolis · TLC Toys · West Metro Medical Foundation · Zonta Club of St. Paul ·

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