South Bend Chapter Motherhood Support

Angel Layette Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Year around as needed

**Fiscal Information**

Value of in-kind donations (estimated total): all gowns, hats and blankets are hand made and donated

**Partnerships**

Two Local Hospitals

What role does your partner(s) have in the program? Distribute gowns as needed

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 12

Age range of clients served: newborn parents

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): 20 - 25

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Sew gowns, hats and blankets and deliver to hospitals for them to keep in stock

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: to comfort parents whose baby does not survive birth

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? Preemie Gowns, Crocheted Bonnets, Knitted and Crocheted Blankets

Volunteers continually sew, knit or crochet items so there is an adequate supply of Angel Layettes at each hospital. When parents deliver a stillborn baby or if a baby dies shortly after birth, parents are offered an Angel Layette. Often this is the only item the baby wears, whether for a photograph, a memory, for burial or to take home as a keepsake.

Parents are also given a small book about dealing with the loss of a baby.

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