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# The Baby Bottle Project



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Caring for the nutritional needs  
of infants, small children & families



## A Story About Baby Antonio

*Antonio was born to Maria, a young mother who was sent home with him the day he was born. Only she didn't have a home. She was a single parent with no extended family support. She loved her baby and within the limits of public assistance was able to find a small room to rent. When Antonio was about three months old, Maria called a health clinic to report that her baby was sick. The nurse told Maria to bring him in. Maria said she didn't have transportation. The nurse asked for the baby's symptoms and after hearing Antonio had suffered diarrhea for two days, concluded he had a flu virus and advised Maria to keep the baby hydrated. "Feed the baby liquids every hour. Pedialyte or apple juice is good."*

*Maria went to her refrigerator. She didn't have any Pedialyte or apple juice or even ice. But in her cupboard she did have tomato sauce, so she filled the baby's bottle with it and stayed up all night feeding him every hour on the hour. The sodium content of the tomato sauce accelerated the baby's dehydration, and by morning his tiny body was lifeless.*

Use the Baby Bottle to collect your spare change  
and donations from Sponsors to help feed hungry  
children and their families.

Please help us  
help the children

Please return your filled bottle:

To: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Donations will be distributed to  
infants, children and families in  
need through the Society of St.  
Vincent de Paul Home Visit  
Teams, Village & Food Pantries

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



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Dear Volunteer,

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by a single man, at the age of 20, who felt inspired and called to make a difference, to bring about the Kingdom of God to those around him, especially those in most need. Our patron, St. Vincent de Paul lived in solidarity with the poor, and brought his faith to life when he put into practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

All Vincentians today follow on the footsteps of our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and our Patron, St. Vincent de Paul. You, like all other Vincentians, have been called to actively live your faith, to bring about the Kingdom of God to those you will encounter as you serve, to actively seek God's guidance as He uses you as His instrument.

The Baby Bottle Project is a service program that allows youth and young adults to raise funds for the Children and Maternity programs the Society of St. Vincent de Paul sponsors. The funds will directly help:

- **Food Pantries-** in helping provide food that meets the child's nutritional needs in order to grow strong and healthy
- **Vincent's Stores-** in providing children and families with clothing, furniture, and other goods for the house
- **Baby Grace House-** housing for mothers who have chosen life and need support during their pregnancy and early post-partum stage
- **The Village-** transitional housing for families who are homeless

These are needs that we see daily, needs that unfortunately never go away. As you coordinate the Baby Bottle Project at your school or parish community, you allow everyone in the community to come together and stand in solidarity with the women and the children we serve daily. Ultimately, these funds will help in the alleviation of childhood hunger in our community.

Enclosed you will find information about the program and details on how to implement a successful Baby Bottle Project at your school or parish. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Outreach Coordinator at 713 741 8234 ext 109.

In His Service,

Pura Santangelo  
Outreach Coordinator

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## PROGRAM OUTLINE

### Scripture Mission- 1 John 3: 16-18

The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth.

### Important Information to share with others:

The spare change and donations go directly to feeding the tiniest among us who suffer from childhood hunger and poverty:

- One in every five children in the United States is poor during the first three years of life – the time of greatest brain development.
- From birth to 1 year of age, normal infants triple their weight and increase their length by 50%. Throughout this important first year of life, infant feeding and nutrition influence both physical and psychosocial growth and development.
- Growth and maturation can be compromised by under-nutrition.  
*Nutritional support during the early physical growth and development of an infant provides the foundation for a healthy, productive life.*

### How can I implement the program?

- Send completed Contract to Outreach Coordinator (enclosed)
- Set up date for project with Outreach Coordinator
- Permission from the parish Pastor
- Team of organizers for this drive
- Copies of Flyer (enclosed)
- Someone to make announcements in class to promote project
- Parish Bulletin Insert notifying your community of the Drive
- Contact Outreach Coordinator to set up **drop off** time for bottles and donation
- Send Completion of Service Form to Outreach Coordinator (enclosed)

### Making this fun with the teens:

- Hold a competition between CCE classes – see which group brings in the most
- Have your students bring in pictures of them as babies & try to guess who is who
- Make a “Lullaby” CD or Tape – have your students sing the songs for baby
- Collect maternity clothes for pregnant women and teens in need

### Please return all Baby Bottles with donations to:

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Council**  
**(713) 741-8234 ext. 103**



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## The Baby Bottle Project Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Baby Bottle Project and assume the responsibility of supervising this project while it is in process.

We are scheduled for the Baby Bottle Project:

Beginning Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Concluding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I will need \_\_\_\_\_ baby bottles

The project will take place at \_\_\_\_\_

Upon completion I will contact the Outreach Coordinator to inform the results of the project. I then will schedule a time for the bottles and donation to be delivered at the Central Office.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Position

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMPLETION OF SERVICE PROJECT

Name of Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor for project \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project: (Check One)

◇ Bean Soup                      Quantity of bean bags delivered \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Scavenger Food Hunt              Quantity of Food Baskets delivered \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Christmas Shoebox              Quantity of Shoeboxes delivered \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Bundle of Love                      Quantity of Coats delivered \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Baby Antonio Project              Quantity of Baby Bottles \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Youth who participated: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Service Items were sent to: (Check One)

◇ Food Pantry                      Location: \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Vincent's Store                      Location: \_\_\_\_\_

◇ SVdP Family Village                      Location: \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Project (from beginning to end): \_\_\_\_\_

How were the materials for this project collected? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please add any comments or suggestions you have for this project or future projects on back of this paper. The information you have provided will be added to our quarterly service report sent to the Archbishop.

**Please return this form to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Council  
Attn: Office of Vincentian Services**

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