



# Baby Bundle

## Annual Report

### 2018 / 2019



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**PLANT DEWI**

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*Where Families Matter*



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**Background**

Baby Bundle exists to make life a little easier for new or expectant young parents in need. The aim of the project is to provide essential resources and equipment to welcome a new baby into the family home, relieving young parents of the worry and anxiety of how they will be able to afford to provide them.



**Highlights of the Year**

- The continuous support shown to the project by the Mothers union, Parishes, Chapels, Lions Club, our projects, individuals we know and individuals we don't know.
- The quality of the donations.
- Number of packs given.
- Being able to meet all the bespoke requests for Bundles.

## **What's been happening?**

The recognition given and the number of referrals received from professional agencies evidences the need for this project. Referrals are being received on a daily basis.

The Mothers Union have adopted the project and they together with parishes, individuals and the families that we work with have provided an excellent on-going resource of goods.

Presentations, raising awareness of the project, have been made to a vast number of organisations, agencies and groups across the Diocese.

The volunteer representatives in each County continue to offer support by making sure that the resources continue to be donated. The volunteers also promote the value of the project and direct us to others who can help.

The resources are stored in Carmarthen, Pembroke Dock and the Mount Estate, Milford. St Anne's Church in Penparcau has kindly offered a base in Ceredigion.

A request for a Bundle is by referral only. Referrals have come through Plant Dewi staff, Midwives, Health Visitors, Young Parent Project Workers, Women's Refuges, Team Around the Family, Substance Misuse Social Worker, Care Society, Home Start, Schools, Flying Start, Social Workers, Mothers' Union, Youth Service, Family Centres, Domestic Abuse Team, Parishes and Community Sponsorship Groups.

Before a pack is put together, a brief rationale is provided by the requesting agency as to why the pack is needed. The rationale varies but poverty is at the core of all requests. We have had young mums who have been in denial, and have only acknowledged their pregnancy in its later stage. With little in the way of support they have found themselves in financial difficulties. Young mums have been homeless, living with friends or newly rehoused in accommodation and struggling to cope. We have supported families where learning difficulties, anxiety, depression have impacted on their ability to gain employment, and as a result were struggling to pay their rent and buy essentials. We have supported mums to be, who work but are on zero hour contracts and so have no predictable wage. A lack of family support is also a theme that runs through requests with absent fathers and poor relationships within families, mums have found themselves alone and isolated.



### **What the parents tell us:-**

“What a god send this bundle was. I was dreading my little one coming into the world as I didn’t have everything that I needed for him. Having this bundle has lifted my spirits and I’m really looking forward to meeting my little boy. It’s just taken all the stress and worry away”

“Amazing, I cannot thank you enough! There are some very kind people out there

“I can’t tell you how much the pack helped me, my benefits had changed and I didn’t even have enough money for nappies. When Carys delivered the pack I felt like crying, I was so relieved’

### **What Donors tell us:-**

“Donating baby clothes and equipment to the excellent Baby Bundle project is greatly rewarding for us as a Mothers Union branch. We are making tangible contributions in order to support young people locally, often those with limited family assistance’. **G.D - Tenby Mothers Union**



**To the future:-**

- Continue to increase donations.
- Continue to increase and raise awareness.
- Ensure that the project reaches into all communities and benefits all who need it.
- Continue to provide essential resources for families in need.

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