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## Baby Shower Blitz Fundraising Time!

Olivia's Place Pregnancy & Early Parenting Support Centre is once again holding its annual fundraising event throughout the month of May.

The 'Baby Shower Blitz' is the community's opportunity to host a baby shower at home, business, church or other community organisation throughout the month of May to demonstrate your support of mums and babies in the Baw Baw Shire, and bring life to the phrase 'it takes a village to raise a family'.

Olivia's Place Centre Coordinator, Mrs Kirsten Finger has said, "Our previous baby shower fundraisers have been hugely successful in previous years, with an average of 28 showers producing 40 baby bundles each year. This year we'd like to reach a goal of 40 baby showers occurring in the Baw Baw Shire, and we have Party Packs available for those interested in hosting a shower to collate a baby bundle for a needy local mum and baby". Olivia's Place party packs provide hosts with invitations, game ideas, a gift list and lots of support.

The Baby Shower Blitz asks people to put gifts together to form a 'Baby Bundle'. "These 'Baby Bundles' are then distributed from the centre through direct client contact, as well as via local services and organisations such as the local maternity ward, general practitioners and maternal and child health services," says Mrs Finger.

Contact Olivia's Place now to register your intent to host a shower by emailing Olivia's Place [admin@oliviasplace.org.au](mailto:admin@oliviasplace.org.au), call on 03 5622 1022 or drop into the centre at 2/7 Barkly St, Warragul during opening hours.

Through April and May, extra-large baby bottles will also be appearing on business counters in towns to be filled with coins, and individuals and workplaces are requesting smaller baby bottles to fill with coins and return to the centre.

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