



STRONG BABY SANCTUARY

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BLANKET OF LOVE

“Wrapping young women and families in support, from pregnancy through early parenting, to help more babies celebrate their first birthdays.”

Blanket of Love Program provides prenatal and parenting education for young women, their spouses, and friends or families. The program creates a community of support through a welcoming meal, an educational presentation and time for sharing with staff members and other members of the group.

Participants receive education on prenatal care, labor, delivery, and strategies to improve the health of the mother and the baby. Young parents receive information about their baby’s development, nutritional tips, and infant care.

The program connects participants to other resources that can help lower stress, support wellness and eliminate the two most preventable causes of infant death in Milwaukee, premature births and unsafe sleeping environments.

Blanket of Love is supported by the Strong Baby Sanctuary program and planned by Ascension Columbia St. Mary’s Urban Church Wellness Initiative, the City of Milwaukee Health Department, March of Dimes, and the Milwaukee Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families and the University of Wisconsin -- Milwaukee Maternal and Child Health Pipeline Training Program.

Blanket of Love meets once a month at churches in the Milwaukee area. For more information, please contact the program coordinator, Julia Means, BSN, RN at 414-793-0328 or via email at meansju@aol.com.

Means has been supervising Blanket of Love since 2004. Program participants have given birth to 380 babies – all of whom celebrated their first birthdays, – she says.





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Program Locations and Meeting:

Bradford Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church

5 to 6:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday, 4260 N. Teutonia Ave.

Calvary Baptist Church

3 to 5 p.m., 4th Saturday, 2959 N. Teutonia Ave.

Ebenezer Church of God in Christ

5:30 to 7 p.m., 3rd Thursday, 3132 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive

Hephatha Lutheran Church

Noon to 2 p.m., 2nd Saturday, 1720 W. Locust St.

House of Mercy Evangelistic Ministries

Noon to 2 p.m., 2nd Saturday, 4563 N. Hopkins

Lamb of God Missionary Baptist Church

2 to 3:30 p.m., 3rd Saturday, 8415 W. Bradley Rd.

St. Matthew Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

5:30 to 7 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2944 N. 9th St.

True Love Missionary Baptist Church

5:45 to 6:45 p.m., 2nd Wednesday, 210 W. Keefe Ave.

Unity Lutheran Church

5 to 6:30 p.m., 1st Wednesday, 1025 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Village Ministry Inc.

6 to 8 p.m., 2nd Thursday, 2614 W. Center St.

*** New participants should contact Julia Means, BSN, RN at 414-793-0328 or via email at meansju@aol.com to confirm the meeting they wish to attend.**

