

ASSEMBLY MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

BABY BANKS

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WHAT IS A BABY  
BANK?



A BABY BANK IS A FOOD BANK  
BUT NOT LIKE THE ONES WE ARE  
ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH. IT IS  
FOR FOOD, CLOTHES, TOYS AND  
EQUIPMENT FOR BABIES AND  
CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF  
FIVE.

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR BABY  
BANKS?

Baby banks expose the hidden crisis of childhood poverty in the UK today.

Thousands of parents are turning to emergency services to support them in looking after their children

Users include women fleeing domestic violence, families affected by Universal Credit, single parents and homeless people.

Even working mums and dads, struggling to make ends meet in austerity Britain, are turning to the charities which operate the same way as food banks.

The growth of baby banks comes as more and more healthcare professionals such as midwives, health visitors and social workers refer hard-up mums to them.



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35,000  
families have  
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help feed and  
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enters  
"desperate  
situation"

Thousands of  
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parents are  
being forced to  
use “baby  
banks” to feed  
and clothe  
their children.



- Since being set up in April 2016 baby banks have supported almost 2000 families in London. It has given out items worth over £1 million, including 753 cots; 604 buggies and 30,000 nappies
- One in two of the families it supports are homeless or in temporary accommodation
- 1 in 3 have no recourse to public funds - they are living on £35 a week
- Almost half of children living in inner city London are living in poverty, which is 20 percent higher than the rest of the country



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The Government says it must make sure you are able to be as healthy as you can be, and that you are able to get healthcare when you need it. You must also be able to get clean water, healthy food and live in a healthy environment. This is not as easy as it sounds for some families.



Some quotes from parents are:

“After 16 years of working I was super scared to use a free service, but staff made me feel so much better about being here.”

“It’s an amazing place to be with so much love, the staff are friendly, lovely and amazing people.”

# SOME STATISTICS WORTH THINKING ABOUT...

- ❑ 1,950 families
- ❑ 2,730 children
- ❑ 127 volunteers
- ❑ 1 million pounds worth of gifts have been donated so far



# WHAT IS LITTLE VILLAGE

An example of a baby bank charity is little Village. **Little Village** is a charity where you donate your lightly used baby clothes to reduce the cost of having a baby. They have 3 different centres, one in Southwark, one in Wandsworth and one here in Camden.

**The Little Village has a motto which is “ A gift from one family to another”**

Little Village Camden  
Somers Town Community Association  
150 Ossulston Street  
NW1 1EE

**Email:** [camden@littlevillagehq.org](mailto:camden@littlevillagehq.org)

Little Village Camden is open for donations every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during term time between 9.30am and 12 noon.



# LITTLE VILLAGE

## A GIFT FROM ONE FAMILY TO ANOTHER

Volunteers from Little Village say “Our parents and carers tell us that we have a direct impact on maternal mental health as well as easing household budgets.

The families we meet tell us we help them feel less lonely through our friendly drop-in and pop-up sessions, and our volunteers tell us we’ve helped them with post-natal depression and the loss of confidence that so often comes with parenthood”



# WHAT YOU CAN DO IN CSG!

As a Christmas gift.  
Please donate in December  
At CSG will aim to support  
the charity so we will  
organise some collections in  
school and deliver them to  
our local baby bank

MAKE SURE TO LISTEN  
OUT FOR BANDA  
NOTICES!

- ❑ New nappies
- ❑ Sterilisers
- ❑ Baby Wipes
- ❑ Baby Clothes
- ❑ Small soft toys
- ❑ Small equipment for bath time

# HOW ELSE CAN I HELP?

You can visit the bank at any time and also donate larger items such as ones on this list:



- Cribs
- Buggies
- Baby monitors
- Slings
- Playmats
- Sterilisers
- Bouncer Chairs

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/sites/communityawards/pages/little-village-aw2017>



A close-up photograph of a baby with dark hair and blue eyes, wearing a light green knitted hat and a matching sweater. The baby is sitting on a light-colored, textured carpet. The text "THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!" is overlaid on the left side of the image in a white, handwritten-style font.

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LISTENING!