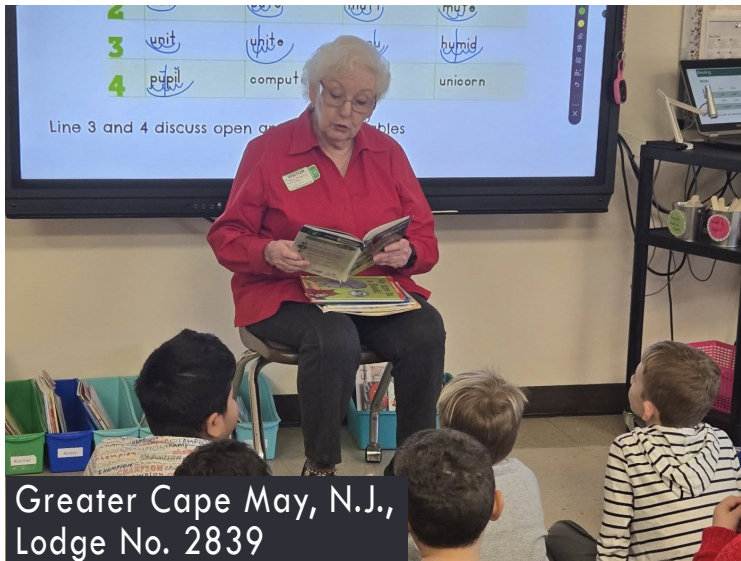


COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Having access to basic supplies, like diapers and wipes, prevents health issues and ensures babies can be enrolled in childcare, which determines their parents' ability to work or attend school. A Community Baby Shower with an early learning initiative establishes the foundation for parents to raise healthy, active readers.



STEP 1 Get Started

Before applying for this project, contact local hospitals, women's shelters, or other organizations that provide services to new parents to invite them to the Community Baby Shower.



STEP 2 Make it a Success

Inform co-workers, friends, family members, and neighbors about the event and encourage them to donate. The most needed items are diapers (all sizes), wipes, formula, blankets, onesies, bottles, and, of course, children's board books.



STEP 3 Make it Your Own

Remember, the Lodge's project must incorporate literacy. Consider partnering with local libraries, schools, or universities that can provide information and resources for parents to help develop literacy skills in young children. If this is a family-friendly baby shower, include literacy activities for older children in attendance.

Consider partnering with local agencies, vendors, or community groups that can provide workshops on topics such as growth and development, healthy foods and nutrition, pre-term labor, safety and play.