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A baby shower for young moms who never had one

Our Family invites the public to share our joy in honoring a special group of formerly homeless young mothers making new lives for themselves and their children in our CommonUnity program.

These 18- to 21-year-olds came to us with little more than their children and the clothes on their backs. Now they have a home, a network of support, and a hopeful future.

The Community Baby Shower will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Hilton Tucson East, 7600 E. Broadway. Admission is one \$50 ticket, a baby gift, and a package of diapers.

With food, fun, fashion show, raffle and silent auction, the Community Baby Shower promises to be more than a social event. It's a chance to learn about poverty and homelessness in our community, and about a program that makes a difference.

CommonUnity is a 24-unit supervised apartment complex in north central Tucson for pregnant and parenting single young people ages 18-21 and their young children. Residents stay up to two years, holding down jobs, going to school, paying rent, and learning how to be good parents, neighbors and employees. Their children grow up safe and secure, with a network of support around them. Life skills classes are given each week on topics ranging from parenting to nutrition to financial management and budgeting. Individual case-management helps residents set goals for themselves and connects them with resources to accomplish them.

Our Family makes our community a better place to live, to grow up, and to grow older with a continuum of services to people in every stage of life. Last year, more than 29,000 at-risk children, youth, families, seniors and disabled adults used our services, which include counseling, education, housing, mediation and help for people in crisis. For more information, please visit our website at www.ourfamilyservices.org or call (520) 323-1708.

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