

Baby shower will help out military moms

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Shower

Kathi Krieg (left), shower chairwoman Pamela Rodgers, Ted Schelenski, Laura Colbert and Eileen Sykora display some of the items headed for young families. Schelenski brought a \$500 from the Quail Creek Veterans Golf Association.

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members of the National Guard.

One dad-to-be, a member of the Wounded Warriors program, will attend with his wife. McGee said husbands and significant others are included in the event though many are unable to attend.

More than the Women of Quail Creek sewing, knitting, crafting and buying baby items, the greater Green Valley

community is invited to donate, too.

What could they use? Diapers, wipes, burp clothes, clothing in sizes three months to 24 months, receiving blankets and practical items including pacifiers, nail clippers and nasal syringes.

Substantial items including high chairs, playpens, strollers and cribs are also needed and may be used if clean and in good condition.

McGee said the Women of Quail Creek are asking for new car seats because there have been many recalls.

"The theme is Noah's Ark, so anything with an animal motif would be great," she said. "We are pretty well set with hats, booties and blankets, but if we get them they will be used."

The first year's theme was the circus, followed by Teddy Bear's Picnic. Last year's theme of Noah's Ark is being repeated because the ark made by the member Ann Nease's husband, Tom, was such a hit.

Checks may be made payable to TWoQC Charity Account. Cash donations will be

used to buy diapers and wipes. "A new mom can never have enough diapers," McGee said, adding at last year's baby shower the moms-to-be were overwhelmed with the laundry basket filled to the brim with practical baby items.

New donated items and checks may be brought to donation boxes at Quail Creek's Madera Clubhouse, Anza Fitness Center or to Pam Rodger's home at 2640 E. Sawyer Road.

Delivery by April 12 is appreciated so the women can shop to balance the items in each basket.

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Four years ago, when the charity-minded Women of Quail Creek collected baby shower items for military wives and active military moms-to-be, the event was so graciously welcomed that they've continued the event every year since.

This year, the event has been moved from August to April 18 so winter visitors can participate.

Idea originator and 30-year Army retiree Peggy McGee said the first event was held at the Army National Guard in Tucson with successive showers at the Air National Guard with the Army invited.

For this shower, 28 moms-to-be are expecting 29 babies, and 13 are active

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