

Providing Supplies for Mothers at a Local Hospital

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Objective

Our objective in this project was to minister to NICU families at Cone Health. Often times, a NICU stay catches a family by surprise and they don't have what they need.

Methods

- We reached out to Family Services at Cone Health to establish a connection and present our idea of baskets for NICU moms. Cone Health Women's and Children's Center has a level 3 NICU with private rooms to accommodate family staying overnight with their neonate.
- Their coordinator told us while the idea was great; they had a family closet stocked with supplies donated by the community, and they were running low on some items.
- The supplies needed were travel size shampoo and conditioner, bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, gum, and pads of various absorbency.
- We planned a dinner and shopping event for our members, and we had seven members involved in the planning and execution.



Dinner and Fellowship Time

- After getting dinner, we went to Walmart and spent \$182.67 on soap, toothbrushes, shampoo, and conditioner. See Table 1 for cost breakdown.

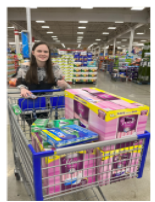


Shopping at Walmart



Checking Out

- After going to Walmart, we went to Sam's club where we purchased the rest of supplies and spent \$326.48. See table 1 for cost breakdown.



Shopping at Sam's Club

Methods Continued

Item	Location	Quantity	Total Cost (pre-tax)
Shampoo	Walmart	9	\$13.23
Conditioner	Walmart	10	\$14.70
Dove shea butter bar soap (8 ct)	Walmart	14	\$69.58
Dove Shea Butter Bar soap (12 ct)	Walmart	5	\$34.85
Toothbrushes	Walmart	15 packs	\$37.29
crest/scope 5 pack	Sam's club	11	\$120.78
Trident bulk (15 packs)	Sam's club	4	\$46.72
Poise postpartum pads ultimate absorbency (132 ct)	Sam's club	2	\$90.36
Poise postpartum pads moderate absorbency (256 ct)	Sam's Club	1	\$47.98

Table 1: Where, how many, and total cost before tax of items purchased

- The grand total spent on this service project was \$509.15.

- Once the supplies had been collected, we coordinated a time to deliver the supplies to Family Services at Cone Health.



Delivering the Supplies

Results

- While we don't have an exact number of lives helped, we do know that the NICU at Cone Health has 45 beds. The coordinator with Family Services was very grateful for our donations as the supply closet had been getting low on several supplies.

Conclusions

- Helping lives even in an indirect way is a great way to serve God.
- We established a connection with a community partner and hope to further serve our community.
- Other schools could do something similar by having a donation drive or fundraiser for their local hospital NICU.

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