

## **BEACON AND FLASH ARTICLE – MAY 2017**

The Local Community Needs Committee met to distribute the money you generously give to the “those in need side of the basket”. Babies were our theme this quarter and we donated \$1000 to area baby pantries:

Grand Traverse Baby Pantry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church	\$125.
West Bay Baby Pantry at West Bay Covenant Church	\$125.
Leelanau Baby Pantry via Leelanau Christian Neighbors	\$250.
Antrim Baby Pantry in Mancelona	\$250.
Kalkaska Baby Pantry	\$250.

Most of the baby pantries are staffed completely by volunteers and offer formula, diapers, and wipes; all items are donated and are provided free to clients. Some pantries also offer clothing, small toys and books.

Also, \$500 was given to Food Rescue. They have a matching grant for the month of May so our \$500 gift became \$1000!

We have set aside \$500 for an agency providing services to migrant workers and are still searching to find the right charity. If you have ideas, please contact any member: Jane Fochtman, Shari Cope, Joan Sheard, Liz Bruning and Chris Walter.

Thanks for your donations!

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