

got compassion?

One day Tom, our Marian House Director was watching people line up in the lunch line when he noticed a young mother with a toddler, and what looked to be a brand new infant.

He approached the family and asked if they would like to come inside to the Marian House family room, where it was warm, to wait for lunch to be served. It was very cold outside and it was obvious that the child was shivering.

Once they were settled, Tom asked the young woman the age of her baby. She told him three days old and they had been released from the hospital just a short time earlier. In fact, the baby was still wearing his hospital bracelet.

After they had eaten, Tom connected her with the Catholic Charities Life Support Center, which helps needy families with basic needs. They got a brand new layette, some winter clothes for both the children and referrals for other support services. We learned the mother and the infant were sleeping together in the same bed because they didn't have a crib. Within the day, our Marian House Community Outreach Manager had delivered a crib complete with all the bedding.

This family is still coming to the Marian House for on-going support with meals, formula and diapers, but they have moved into their own trailer and are getting back on their feet.

This is just one example how the services of Catholic Charities cross departments. We don't just provide a meal, or deliver material goods to people in need.

We make a difference in people's lives.

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