



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

Hope in the Good Life

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Guardian Angels/Kay Wessel

Caring for His little ones

Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

-Matthew 18:10

The belief that each soul has a personal guardian angel has long been accepted by the Catholic Church. They are given to us by God to provide, console and protect. For instance, St. Raphael's role in the Old Testament story of Tobias shows us how God entrusts to the angels the protection and care of His little ones.

In a very real sense, Kay Wessel is much like a guardian angel.

In 2010, Kay's husband, Jerry, was delivering trailers at various parishes to collect used furniture for Catholic Social Services (CSS). Her pastor at the time told her there was a great need for diapers all across the diocese. Kay was inspired with the idea of holding a

diocesan-wide diaper drive. As Service Commission Chair of the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW), Kay brought the idea of the drive to the group and, as they say, the rest was history.



That first drive in 2010 yielded approximately 49,000 diapers. The 2022 drive brought in 166,000 diapers. All told, in the 13 years of the LDCCW Diaper Drive, 1.3 million diapers have been collected. CSS and other organizations and pregnancy centers across the diocese in such

towns as North Platte, McCook, and Superior then distribute the diapers. Other items such as wipes are also collected and given away. Monetary donations also come in through the drive and throughout the year. Kay uses the funds to purchase diapers in bulk, and as Kay put it, the Fed-Ex man knows her well. She even said to him, "I bet you wonder what I'm doing with all of these diapers. I give them all away!"

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Areas of Focus

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The driver hugged her and said, “Bless you!”

Over the years, Kay has seen many “God incidents” with this project. Once Kay delivered diapers to an organization that had few, if any, diapers at the time. There was a woman in tears as she and her baby were leaving for Chicago that day, she had no diapers, and the organization was out of the diapers she needed. Kay arrived on the scene and provided the woman the needed diapers and wipes. Once again, God’s timing is perfect- Kay happened to be there at the very moment the mother needed those

diapers.

When asked why focus on diapers, Kay answers, “In order to have healthy children, we need to have healthy babies. The Catholic Church supports all life. If we can assist in keeping those babies healthy, they are going to be healthy as adults and young adults and be a benefit to the whole community.”

Thank you Kay, for bringing hope in the good life one diaper at a time!

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