



## **children's home + aid**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Children's Home + Aid Woman's Board Showers the Parents and Families of Englewood

CHICAGO, IL (April 30, 2013) More than 75 attendees gathered on Saturday, April 27 at The Fortnightly of Chicago for a baby shower hosted by the Children's Home + Aid Woman's Board. On this beautiful spring day, the board members and their guests enjoyed afternoon tea and brought donated baby items to stock the Mitzi Freidheim Englewood Child + Family Center's (MFECFC) family necessities pantry.

The pantry, established by the Woman's Board in 2009, provides essential items for families experiencing extraordinary circumstances. This 1st annual baby shower helped stock the shelves and provided items like formula, diapers, laundry items, hygiene products, and clothing, which local food banks or shelters might not always have available.

Speakers at the event included Dr. Melissa A. Simon, associate professor at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and Edward Tucker, manager of family support services and community engagement at MFECFC. Dr. Simon spoke about her research aimed at eliminating health disparities among low income, medically underserved women across their lifespan. Both Dr. Simon and Edward Tucker recognized the efforts of the woman's board and emphasized the value of initiatives like the family necessities pantry and the difference these items can make in the daily lives of Children's Home + Aid's clients. The program was emceed by the Woman's Board President, Michelle McCarthy.

To download high resolution photos from the event, please [click here](#).

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