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NURSING STUDENTS GIVING BACK TO COMMUNITY  
Annual Stork’s Nest Baby Shower Back for Ninth Year

The Ninth Annual Stork’s Nest Baby Shower, hosted by students at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center’s (TTUHSC) Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing, will take place from 12:30 to 3 p.m. April 15 at the International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave.

The public is invited to attend the event, which will include refreshments, along with raffle and auction items.

Prior to the event, donations of new baby items, auction items or money are collected to be used by the Stork’s Nest, a program sponsored by the March of Dimes and designed to increase the number of pregnant women and teens receiving regular prenatal care.

“The Stork's Nest is a very important incentive program to help pregnant women and teens with education about nutrition during pregnancy, parenting, labor, breastfeeding, staying healthy during pregnancy and care for their babies,” said event organizer Linda Brice, R.N., Ph.D., associate professor in the TTUHSC Perry School of Nursing.

Last year Brice and her students, with the help of the Lubbock community, raised more than $74,500 in new baby items and monetary donations last year. The shower has raised more than $253,300.

“We hope to continue to collect as many new baby items as possible,” Brice said, “and someday if we collect enough money, we will be able to expand the Stork’s Nest staff and find a larger meeting space with an attached storage area for the new baby items.”

The Stork’s Nest is a national cooperative project of the March of Dimes and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. The project is now also part of the TTUHSC Larry Combest Community Health and Wellness Center, a nonprofit nurse managed primary health care center operated by the TTUHSC Perry School of Nursing.

First Texas Bank, 6811 Indiana Ave., has signed on as a major co-sponsor for a second year. The bank will host several community events to help collect items for the shower.

Donations of baby items or monetary donations now are being accepted. For more information, contact Brice at (806) 241-3652.

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