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AOH Baby Shower Event

In celebration of Respect Life month, the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), Msgr. Sheahan Division 1, Dutchess County, NY, and LAOH, held its 5th annual “Baby Shower Event” on Sunday October 29, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Wappingers Falls. The event provides a “Baby Shower” atmosphere for expectant mothers from the “Good Counsel Home.” New born baby items and donations were collected from within the AOH, LAOH, and community at large and presented. Members and family of the AOH and LAOH were on hand to celebrate with the expectant mother’s, the upcoming births of their children. This is a wonderful event that truly shows the Christian Charity of the AOH.

The Good Counsel Home, founded in 1985 by Chris Bell and Fr. Benedict Groeschel, provides residential help for pregnant women with nowhere to turn. Chris and Father Benedict found an abandoned convent in Hoboken, New Jersey and in March 1985, the first home for mothers and children opened its doors. Since 1985, more than 3,500 women and children have received residential help at Good Counsel. In addition to the basics of food, clothing and shelter, single mothers benefit from many "life skill" programs including parenting classes, nutrition, career guidance, chastity teaching, spirituality and budgeting. Daycare is available in each home so that a mother may work or return to school to complete her education.

Today Good Counsel operates five homes in New York: the Bronx, Staten Island, Spring Valley, Poughkeepsie and Harrison.

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