

**NEW YORK STATE SENATOR** 

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## SERINO THANKS COMMUNITY FOR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF 'BABY SHOWER' INITIATIVE

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**Hyde Park, NY**- Senator Sue Serino today is thanking the community for the tremendous response to her first 'Community Baby Shower.'

The unique initiative was a donation drive to benefit new parents, expecting parents and families that are served by the Grace Smith House, Family Services, Inc. and the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center here in our local community.

"Our community continues to come together when our neighbors need it most, and that has held true throughout this pandemic, and our neighbors turned out in a big way to support this important initiative," **said Senator Serino**. "I know just what it feels like to be a single parent struggling to make ends meet and worry about the affordability of diapers, formula, etc. Parents have a lot on their plate right now, and this Community Baby Shower was a way to show our neighbors that we're there to help. I can't thank the countless people who donated and the organizations involved who serve our community enough."

## Items donated included:

- Diapers of all sizes
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Bottles
- Baby Formula
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Homemade baby blankets
- Bath products

The Grace Smith House of Poughkeepsie is a private nonprofit that provides residential and non-residential services to victims of domestic violence and their families, offering shelter, counseling, transitional housing, advocacy, safety planning, preventive education and more to residents of Dutchess County, NY. For more information about this organization or to learn more about donating please visit, <a href="https://www.gracesmithhouse.org/">https://www.gracesmithhouse.org/</a>.

Family Services, Inc. provides support services including Behavioral Health, Victim Services, Family Programs, Youth Services, Community Safety, and Prevention. To learn more about their programs please visit, https://familyservicesny.org/.

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center is committed to ensuring that all community members are safe from any type of violence at home, in the workplace, throughout the community, etc. To find out more about the resources they offer or how to get involved, please visit, <a href="https://www.pnwwrc.org/">https://www.pnwwrc.org/</a>.