

Dear Ladies,

I want to let you know how important your layette gifts have become. I have a client who was receiving absolutely no income due to an unfortunate situation where her employer was unwilling to provide maternity leave benefits and she was physically unable to continue working. This mother was truly depressed about the fact that she was not able to provide *anything* for her coming baby – let alone nice or fancy things.

When the parents received their layette shortly before the baby was born, both of them were delighted and relieved. The father went through the entire basket, holding up each item and smiling. The mother marveled at the handmade items, seeming very pleased that she could give her baby something that had been made with individual care.

As a not-for-profit program, we are happy to receive whatever resources we can. Your layettes are wonderful because of that special, personal touch that each one holds. Their value is in much more than the fact that they are donated. There is a kind of magic that lives in each one that is irreplaceable. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to help our parents experience that magic, and for helping us touch their lives in such a simple and essential way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Athena".

Athena  
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