



The Big Move!

In January the hunt continued in earnest to find suitable premises before the April deadline. On March 5th we moved out of our outgrown shipping container (left) and into the 'luxury' of a workshop at Stour Valley Business Centre (SVBC) where we enjoy light, heat, racking, shelving and cupboard space, and a bright coffee corner for our brilliant team of volunteers and visitors. These more suitable facilities mean that parents can come along and choose things for themselves if they wish, whilst volunteers have space to store, sort and prepare gifts for delivery.



In the last 6 months we've received 38 requests and distributed:-
 4 STARTER PACKS (Clothing, bedding, towels, muslins, bottles, nappies, toiletries, gifts) --- 6 Moses baskets & bedding---5 stands --- 1 Sterilizer
 2 Cots & bedding --- 2 Travel cots --- 24 Clothing bundles --- 9 prs shoes
 2 Baby changing bags --- 2 Changing mats --- 5 High Chairs and Brentwood
 6 Baby buggies /travel systems --- 2 Double buggies --- 2 Strollers
 2 Stair gates --- 4 Bouncer chairs --- 6 Play mats --- 1 Jumperoo
 2 walkers --- 1 Bumby --- 1 Baby monitor ---2 Nursing cushions
 1 Electric breast pump --- Toys, Nappies, toiletries and more!



Collection Points

We now have our 5th Collection Point at our new home, easily spotted by the baby-sock bunting over the door! We are kept busy by the steady flow of donated clothes and equipment that enables us to respond to virtually every need. Many families also return for the next size and more equipment as their baby grows and often kindly donate outgrown items back to us which is much appreciated.



Drop-In in June

The Sunday afternoon drop-in provided a convenient opportunity for people to pop in to see what we have, find out more about Abi's Footprints and stop for refreshments and a chat

Summer Shine

The Abi's Footprints area at Summer Shine included a ball pool and a mini bouncy castle. But the main attraction proved to be the cloud dough table!



Funding

With the move came the need for additional funding. We are very grateful to individual donors, New Life Church and to Bob Bettis at SVBC for 4 months rent-free accommodation. We are also very thankful for grants from 'Meeting Needs' to cover set-up costs and from Suffolk Community Foundation to cover our first year's rent



DATE for your DIARY! December 9th 4-6pm at TGS



A FREE community event for ALL ages - with donkeys, café, photo booth, NERF competition, multi-sensory nativity, green screen, children's craft activities and more! **Abi's Footprints will be running a special area for under 6's including a mini bouncy castle, ball pool and mouse hunt!**

