



Lord Mayor's Community Trust

Supporting Brisbane's Charities

Trust supports young mothers

Kedron-based non-profit organization Young Parents Program is to receive a truck load of new child care, BBQ and office equipment through the Lord Mayor's Community Trust.

Trust Deputy Chair and Marchant Ward Councillor Fiona King said Young Parents Program was a support service for first-time pregnant mums aged 19 or under.

Cr King said the Trust would deliver porta cots, baby capsules and outdoor dining furniture among other items, as part of the charity's wish list.

"Imagine if you were a pregnant teenager without the support network of family around you, or worse still, couldn't turn to your family," she said.

"The Trust is proud to support this service, which fulfils an important role for so many young women and their new families."

Trust Chair Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman said it looked for long-term solutions and took a preventative approach to help Brisbane people secure a better future.

"I believe that in a city as great as Brisbane, everyone deserves to be supported, that's why the Trust's focus is on the frontline agencies that provide counselling and health care to people in need," Mrs Newman said.

Young Parents Program was formed about 20 years ago after Royal Women's Hospital workers saw too many young women arrive alone without any support to give birth.

Spokesperson for the organisation Shirley Pepler said pregnancy could be a terrifying time for mothers heading into the unknown of major physical and bodily changes.

"Young Parents Program is here to give young mothers – and their babies – not only the practical support they need at this crucial time, but the respect and dignity to enable happy babies and confident mums," she said.

Young Parents Program currently has 180 young mothers in childbirth education, outreach counselling, peer support groups and creative projects.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

Young mums receive wish list (Cr Fiona King representing LMCT)

Where: Young Parents Program, 119 Stafford Road, Kedron

When: Wed, 8th October

Time: 12:30pm

[Ends]

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