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Helping Katrina's babies

LOMBARD RESIDENTS BECKY, ELIZABETH AND ROLF Snobeck have reached out to help the babies from Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi by coordinating efforts to bring baby food, baby formula and Pedialyte to the stricken areas. On Tuesday, the first truck was loaded to transport 44 cases of baby food, 31 pounds of formula mix, 61 quarts of ready-to-use formula and 120 quarts of Pedialyte. The items will be sent with a nursing unit from Lutheran Church Charities, which Becky said is being mobilized to set up a nursery to care for babies in the hurricane area. Additional trucks will be picking up items at the Snobeck residence for transport. In addition, Elizabeth (pictured above), who attends Montini Catholic High School, is collecting items at the Lombard-high school. "It's a humanitarian project," said Becky, who decided to do something specifically for the babies after seeing television newsclips and said, "Baby, what can we do for you?"

Although the Snobecks originally thought they would be sending a trunk load of ite the stricken area, the project has grown as people learned about the collection efforts. said one of the biggest problems she has encountered was being able to buy the baby in volume. After learning that the original shipping method was not going to work out, said she called Lutheran Charities and learned that "they were interested in what we Becky (above right photo, right) is pictured with (l. to r.) Don Leschman, voluntee Lutheran Church Charities, and Marvin Carr, a family friend who helped load the van is the perfect distribution level to have the medical teams distribute it," Becky said, that one team was scheduled to leave at 6 a.m. today, Sept. 7, and another team was to make the trip later this week. Donations of formula, baby food, Pedialyte and diaper be dropped off at the Snobeck's house, 336 W. Harding, Lombard; Trinity Lutheran C Roosevelt and Meyers roads, Lombard; Mr. Z's, 401 S. Main St., Lombard, where a col box will be emptied by Montini students; the *Lombardian* office, 116 S. Main St., Lor and the York Center Park District, 1609 S. Luther, Lombard.