

# Baby Bottle Boomerang – 2024

## Bottle Collection Option

### Overview and Instructions

Baby Bottle Boomerang is designed to raise awareness about the ministry of **Safe Harbor Pregnancy Medical Center**, as well as bring in funds to support the center. Specially marked baby bottles are distributed among church members and groups to be filled with loose **change, cash or checks**. The bottles remain in individual homes for approximately a month. After the bottles are collected and the money turned in to the bank, your group will be informed of how much you gave. **Please emphasize to your group the need to return all bottles, even if they are empty, so we can use them again next year.** **Please ask that the bottles not be marked in any way, with extra stickers, names, etc.**

### OUTLINE

#### WEEK 1

Bottles are distributed to your members.

#### WEEKS 2-4

Bottles remain in homes. Continue promoting the program with reminders. Urge your participants to place the bottles in a central location in their home to remind them of the promotion and to pray for the ministry of Safe Harbor.

#### WEEK 4

Bottles are collected at your meeting place. The liaison will see that the bottles are collected, emptied and returned to Safe Harbor (see instructions below). The filled bottles will be heavy, so make sure you have plenty of help to carry them! (Some will forget to return them so just encourage the stragglers to bring them to the liaison as soon as possible **even if they are empty**.)

#### DEPOSITS AND BOTTLE RETURN - NEW INFORMATION, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY & let the participants know.

The First (formerly Gulf Coast Community Bank) has graciously agreed to receive the donations. However, the location on College Blvd is temporarily unable to process the deposits. The downtown office and the Pace office are available.

- ◆ **Empty the bottles into a large container(s) (coffee can, plastic bin, shoe box, ziplock bags, etc.). PLEASE do not take full bottles to the bank. The container you bring in needs to be a weight that you can carry.**
- ◆ Quickly scan the coins as you are emptying into the larger containers. Pull out any odd objects such as foreign coins, buttons, safety pins, game tokens, etc. These items jam the coin counting machine at the bank.
- ◆ You do not need to count the money!
- ◆ Mark the container(s) with the church name.
- ◆ **PLEASE REMOVE ALL CHECKS FROM THE BOTTLES AND MAKE A COPY OF THEM** before taking them to the bank. This allows us to send receipts to the donors.
- ◆ Take the coins, cash, and checks (in the larger containers) to one of the bank branches listed below. Do not take bottles to the bank.
- ◆ If the bank teller asks, the account is listed under Sav-A-Life of Northwest FL., dba Safe Harbor Pregnancy Medical Center.
- ◆ The bank will count the money, prepare a deposit slip, and provide you with a receipt for the coins, currency, and checks.
- ◆ Return this receipt, **the copy of the checks**, and the empty bottles to Safe Harbor.
- ◆ When you drop off the empty bottles, deposit slip, and check copies at Safe Harbor, please make sure the volunteer knows which church you are with.

#### THE FIRST

(formerly Gulf Coast Community Bank)

##### Downtown Branch

39 W. Garden Street  
Pensacola, FL  
850-434-9300

##### Pace Branch

4885 US Highway 90  
Pace, FL  
850-995-9340