

# MOMS CLUB OF WR WORKS TO HELP RAINBOW HOUSE



Members of MOMS Club of WR and supporters work together to make Christmas brighter for area children and families.

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In MOMS Club, "MOMS" is an acronym for Moms Offering Moms Support, and even in a year that has been plagued by COVID-19, the MOMS Club of Warner Robins has been doing just that. The pandemic has certainly altered the way in which they carry out many of their programs, but MOMS Club of Warner Robins has been busy at work, doing what they can to help mothers and children throughout the city. The organization aims to provide support as well as participate in various community service projects throughout the year. During this holiday season, the members have set their sights on the Rainbow House.

"The Rainbow House helps children who are dealing with the trauma of child abuse," Misty Reynolds, treasurer of MOMS Club of Warner Robins told Houston Home Journal. "They do initial interviews to assess whether or not there has been abuse, they do therapy with them and they help them transition into foster care or state homes. They do a lot of different things including offering education to help prevent child abuse."

The agenda of the Rainbow House is largely why MOMS Club of Warner Robins selected them to be the focus of their holiday project this year. Selecting them was Reynolds' idea. In addition to being an active member of MOMS Club, she is also a part of the home school community and a group called the Community Helpers Club.

"Last year, they (Community Helpers Club) did a project for Rainbow House where we sponsored a family and got Christmas presents for them," Reynolds shared. "So, we, as a board for the MOMS Club were discussing what we could do during this holiday season, and I brought the idea of the Rainbow House up, and they all like it. With this, we'll be able to help multiple kids at a time and not just one single family. MOMS Club's last project with Rainbow House focused on one boy that had cancer, and that turned out amazing. This season, we wanted to help as many as we could."

The project included collecting donations of school supplies, hygiene items, snacks, drinks and Christmas gifts for all of the kids that Rainbow House had on the list they provided to MOMS Club. In total, there were 35 children in need: 26 girls, ages two to 14 and nine boys, ages three to 14.

"We've gotten a decent amount of school supplies, hygiene items and snacks and drinks; so now, what we're focusing on are the Christmas gifts more than anything else," reported Reynolds.

In doing so, MOMS Club of Warner Robins will be hosting a toy drive drop-off event Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Tractor Supply on Watson Boulevard in Warner Robins. However, the opportunity for the community to give doesn't stop there. The final day for collecting donations is December 15. The public can donate by way of the Walmart registry that has been created just for this project at: [www.walmart.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=8b5a276a-3359-46cc-81b7-a6286cb787a1](http://www.walmart.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=8b5a276a-3359-46cc-81b7-a6286cb787a1).

"With COVID going on and some people not wanting to be out shopping, we figured it might be easiest to make a registry for them to buy the items," Reynold said. "The items will ship directly to me, and the purchased items will get to the families at the Rainbow House. People can also give monetary donations by way of our club's PayPal account by sending to: [momsclubga@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubga@yahoo.com). We did that so that we can buy hygiene kits for the Rainbow House."

In addition to Tractor Supply, both Baja Fresh and Smallcakes in Warner Robins have partnered with MOMS Club in this holiday effort. Each of these eateries have drop-off boxes inside where donations can be left until they can be picked up by Reynolds and her team for distribution to the Rainbow House.

"We are so grateful for all of them," Reynolds said of their sponsors. "We are amazing, and couldn't have done this without their help."

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# **MOMS Club of Warner Robins helps families through community pantry project**

Anyone can donate or take something from the pantry on Highway 96.



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WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — A group of moms in Warner Robins wants to help neighbors get food and supplies they need.

MOMS Club of Warner Robins is a support group primarily for stay-at-home mothers in the area. They wanted to find a way to help people who may need some extra food or supplies for their families.

So, they created the Community Pantry in December as a place where people can both give and receive.



Kaitlyn Schwoob says the pantry has been filled with all kinds of non-perishable foods ever since, but she's also seen people donate things like jackets in the winter months and other necessities.



"For example, right now, school supplies," she says. "Last week, we had a big donation of hand soaps and toothpaste, and stuff like that,. That's really helpful to a lot of families."

She says people can donate or take an item at any time and she hopes it gives people in need a sense of support.

The pantry is located outside of Between Friends Coffee Shop on Highway 96.

LOCAL NEWS

## MOMS Club of Warner Robins collects Christmas gifts for kids

These Warner Robins mothers are making this holiday season special for kids at The Rainbow House Children's Resource Center



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WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — Thanksgiving is almost here and a group of mothers in Warner Robins are already spreading the holiday spirit of giving in their community.

Through November and December, the MOMS Club of Warner Robins will be collecting Christmas gift donations for The Rainbow House Children's Resource Center.

The center is dedicated to assist children and teens recovering from domestic abuse and neglect.

Right now the club is trying to help Rainbow House provide an extra special holiday season for 35 kids between the ages of 2 and 14.

"It's something to bring everybody together and help them to focus on people who are genuinely in need and children especially," says club treasurer Misty Reynolds. "This may be the only presents that they get for Christmas."

Reynolds says that they're looking for donations for unwrapped Christmas gifts, hygiene products, drinks, and snacks.

MOMS Club is also accepting money donations to help purchase more of these items.

Giving back to the community is one of the reasons Reynolds wanted to join the Warner Robins band of mothers.

"Not only just to have mom friends to hang out with, but the fact that they do help in the community is something I always wanted to be involved in," says Reynolds.

The MOMS Club of Warner Robins will hold a drop off event this Saturday afternoon, November 14 at Harvest Church from 12:30 to 1:30.

You can also send donations via PayPal with the email [momsclubga@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubga@yahoo.com) or check out [the groups Walmart wishlist](#).

For more information on how to donate, email Reynolds at [momsclubtreasurerwr@gmail.com](mailto:momsclubtreasurerwr@gmail.com).

## **MOMS CLUB OF WR HELPS MIDDLE GA PREEMIES**





Misty Reynolds, treasurer (left) and Amanda Cross, AVP prepare for the Friday and Saturday sale

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The "MOMS" in MOMS Club is an acronym for Moms Offering Moms Support, and internationally, the group is known for its ongoing efforts to be a community backing—a village, of sorts—for mothers across the globe. Locally, MOMS Club of Warner Robins has been in existence since 2003, and in just a few days, its members will be doing its part to help those who, perhaps, need help the most. Premature infants.

"We actually have two goals this year," said Kristin Gandy, who serves as the local group's current president. "We offer a 'come and go' food pantry at Lake Joy and 96 in front of Between Friends Coffee



House. So, we have a two-fold project that we're trying to hit this year. The first is to try and build another community pantry somewhere in the mall area, or somewhere on that side of town."

The mall that Gandy referenced is Houston County Galleria in the Centerville area.

"Watson Boulevard is our target," injected Misty Reynolds, treasurer. "Tractor Supply, the Houston Galleria mall—anywhere from Carl Vincent to [Highway] 41 on Watson is our objective."

"We're looking for a location that will be willing to host the new pantry for us on that side of town," Gandy expounded. "We specifically want it to be a local business because we would like to be able to support them as well. The only thing that we would need from them is just the permission to use their location—outside their doors—for the pantry."

The way they intend to raise the \$500 that it would take to build a custom pantry and get it set up is the second goal of MOMS Club of Warner Robins. On Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, the organization will host a sale wherein all proceeds, beyond the \$500 pantry funds, will go the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in Macon, Georgia.

According to Gandy, most parents don't pre-plan for the possibility of having a premature baby, so they're unprepared when they find themselves in need of NICU services.

"Several moms in our club have been through the NICU experience," she shared. "One of the moms we spoke to said that when she was there, she was fortunate enough to really get to know some of the nurses. She told us that the nurses used their own money to buy things like car seats for families and to help with preemie clothes. Since our goals are to always help mothers, we really felt called to that particular place to help in their situation."

Amanda Cross is the AVP of MOMS Club of Warner Robins, and she explained why the NICU in Bibb County was selected over one in Houston County.

"The reason why is because the Houston Medical Center has a small NICU for babies that aren't really in a danger situation," Cross said. "They might have low blood sugar or something like that, but it's not a serious life-threatening medical condition. But if babies go to Navicent in Macon and the Beverly [Knight] Olson Children's Hospital, that's a more serious NICU where—sometimes for weeks and months—preemies that are born have to stay."

Reynolds added, "One of the big things, too, is this. We wanted to do more than support the moms; we wanted to support the nurses that support the moms. That's the difference with Navicent as well. We know that the nurses there are paying out-of-pocket for a lot of these things, so what we're doing is helping them to help the moms."

With the proceeds that are collected from the two-day sale, the members of MOMS Club will purchase preemie car seats, soothers that go in the babies' cribs, preemie clothing, and any other needs.

"I was a preemie myself," Gandy revealed. "I was born nine weeks early, and I was in the hospital for probably 18 weeks. I've heard firsthand from my parents how scary that experience can be, so we want to support people who are supporting the parents who are going through this. We just felt really called to help this particular group.

The sale will take place at Christ Chapel located at 3328 Moody Road in Warner Robins this Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and on Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Though rain is in the forecast, the event will take place rain or shine.

"If it's raining, we will be inside that first building when you pull into the parking lot," Gandy mentioned. "If it's sunny, we will be outside in the parking lot."

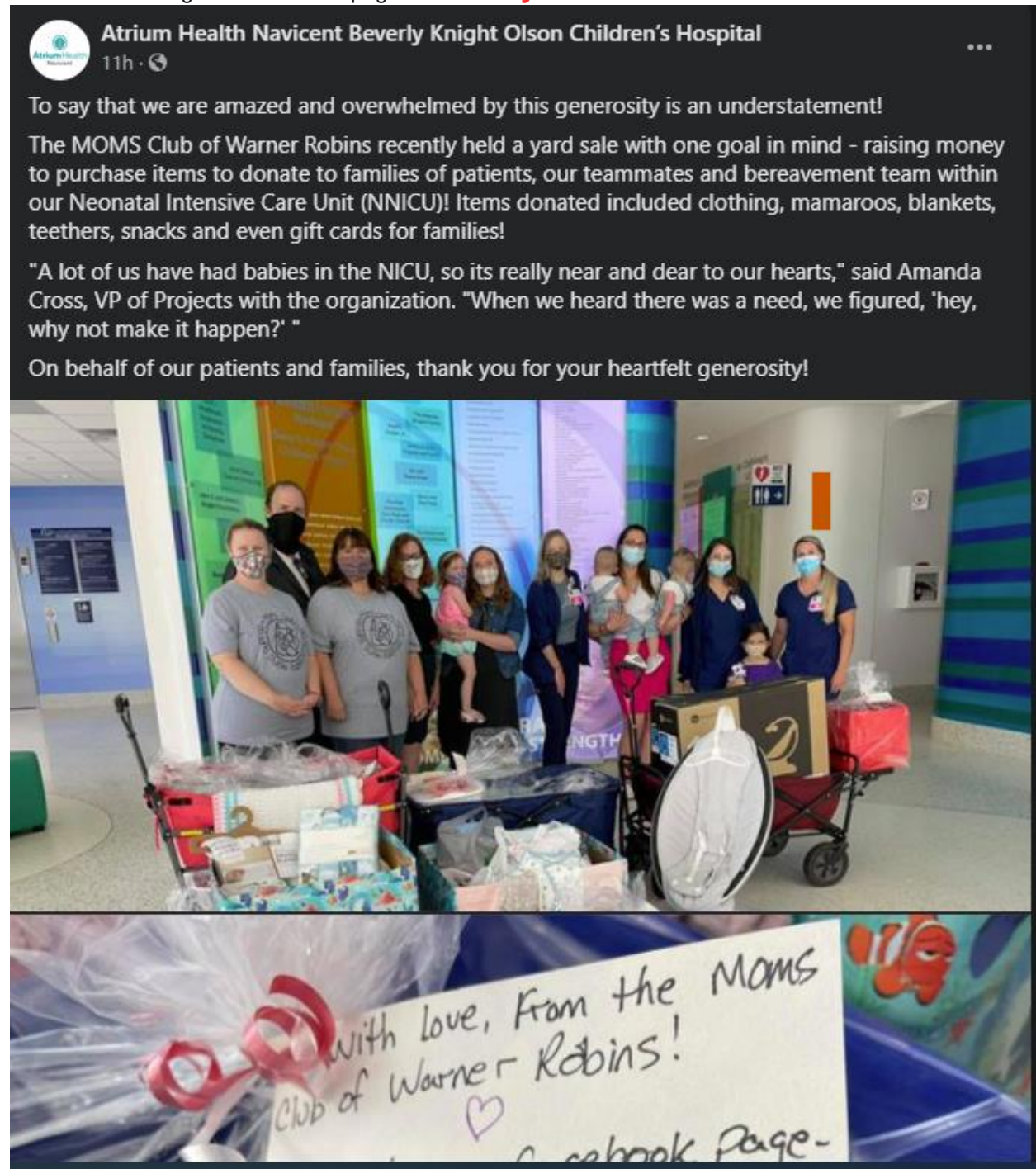
There are still opportunities for those who wish to volunteer. On Thursday, a great deal of effort will be going toward hauling items to the location, and the women of MOMS Club can use all the hands and help that they can get.

"We've got a lot of great stuff," said Gandy. "We've had members of the community donate some racecar beds, couches, baby gear, toys, frames, artwork, houseware, Tupperware, clothing—we have a club member that's moving into a tiny house, and she made her husband donate all of his cool stuff," she added with a laugh.

Donations for the sale will be received through Thursday evening, but what the women said they need most, at this point, are buyers who will come out and help them reach their goal.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer or donate to the cause may visit the group's public Facebook page at MOMS Club of Warner Robins Georgia. Membership is open as well, and information regarding that can

be obtained through the Facebook page as well. - [HHJ News](#)



LOCAL NEWS

# MOMS Club of Warner Robins to donate to help premature Central Georgia babies

The group spent their Tuesday preparing for a yard sale. Some of the funds will be used to buy items like blankets, preemie clothes and car seats.



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HOUSTON COUNTY, Ga. — MOMS Club of Warner Robins is hosting a fundraiser to benefit premature babies at the Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital.

When you're expecting a baby, there's a lot of excitement. Picking a name, buying clothes, and more, but some parents might not be able to take their baby home immediately.

Morgan Miller, a nurse at Atrium Health Navicent, says babies can stay in the hospital for months.

"NICU stands for the neonatal intensive care unit. We get any babies that are born premature, as well as some term babies that may have a reason to come over here and get care from us," said Miller.

MOMS Club of Warner Robins came up with an idea to help Navicent's NICU.

The group spent their Tuesday preparing for a yard sale. Some of the funds will be used to buy items like blankets, preemie clothes, and car seats.

Both Amanda Cross and Marion Dwyer had premature babies so they saw the need firsthand.

"Were just trying to help those parents, because we've seen some of them they can't even afford the basic items that the babies need and the nurses they spend lots of their own money for those families for their patients, and I think it's something that just needs to be more supported," said Dwyer.

Miller says this means a lot -- their unit stays at capacity.

"We do have a great need for these items. We are mostly always full. We are so thankful for the moms group for putting this yard sale together and helping us out," said Miller.

Kristin Gandy and Sara Fowler say \$500 raised from their yard sale will go toward opening a new community pantry.

"So many of us are so focused on caring for other people, that we just feel like, 'Hey, I can make an impact in the community at large,'" said Gandy.

The group is still looking for a location for its second community pantry -- they're looking for permission from a local business to use the outside of their building.

The yard sale will take place at Christ Chapel located at 3328 Moody Road in Warner Robins this Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. If it rains, the event will take place inside.

You can connect with MOMS Club of Warner Robins via [Facebook](#).

#### LOCAL NEWS

# Warner Robins moms group hosting yard sale to benefit boy battling cancer

The MOMS Club of Warner Robins hosts this fundraiser every year to help a local family



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WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — The MOMS Club of Warner Robins wants to turn some of their unused items into a little treasure for a young boy battling cancer.

Moms in the group did some spring cleaning recently so they could put all of their unused items into a giant yard sale.

They have everything from kids clothes and toys, to furniture and holiday decorations.

All the money raised during this weekend's yard sale will go to help an 11-year-old boy battling cancer. The boy's family did not want to be named, but told the group they are so thankful for the extra help.

The MOMS Club hosts a yard sale every year, and in the past, they've been able to collect roughly \$1,000 each year for a different family in need.

President Kristin Gandy says this is what their group is all about.

"In our MOMS Club stuff, our individual stuff, we just try to give moms what they need to be moms, and I think the same thing in the community. We just really want to leave it better than we found it," she said.

The yard sale kicked off Friday morning and will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug 15. It is located at 125 Hatchbend Court in Warner Robins.

The group is requesting people wear masks when they come to shop.