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Full Term First Birthday Agencies Team Up to Offer Community Baby Shower

Akron, Ohio – May 21, 2025: Summit County Public Health, in partnership with the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, City of Akron, and the Full Term First Birthday Collaborative, invites expectant and new families to a community celebration of the first year of life. “As we work with our partners to coordinate infant vitality efforts in our community, we are excited to once again support this Community Baby Shower. It is a meaningful opportunity to celebrate and support expectant families while also raising awareness about the importance of maternal and infant health” said the City of Akron Mayor Shammas Malik.

Full Term First Birthday (FTFB) was created in response to high infant deaths in Summit County and to address the racial health disparity in the Black/African American infant mortality rate. The overall intent of the event is to provide families with access to essential baby items and to help alleviate diaper insecurity in our community. “My office is proud to once again partner with Summit County Public Health to offer a Community Baby Shower for Summit County’s parents-to-be and new parents. By providing critical items like diapers, pajamas, sleep sacks, bottles and more, we are helping to ensure our youngest residents are safe and healthy and hopefully giving parents a few less things to worry about during a hectic time.” said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro.

“In collaboration with our partners, Summit County Public Health is excited to provide this much needed service to our community. The resources and education provided through the Community Baby Shower are important to families and provides participants the opportunity to focus on the joy of becoming a new parent.” said Summit County Health Commissioner Christopher Barker. The upcoming event is intended to provide local families with access to important health and safety resources, with the goal of alleviating some of the difficulties they may face.

In order to attend, you must be Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible, live in Summit County, and be pregnant or have a child under the age of one. Apply before June 30, 2025 at <https://tinyurl.com/FTFB2025>. For more information about the baby shower or Full Term First Birthday, please call Summit County Public Health at 330-926-5700 or visit the Full Term First Birthday webpage at: www.fulltermfirstbirthday.org.

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