

## Store director earns award

The Great Start Parent Coalition has presented Wendy Wight, director of the Priceless Gift Toy Store, with the Family Friendly Zone award for January.

Priceless Gift Toy Store is operated by Together We Can Make A Difference and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The award celebrates the store's commitment to Jackson County families by providing a place to shop for children's Christmas gifts at no cost each year. The store provided gifts to 6,656 children this year.

## Diaper drive

JACKSON — I thank the numerous individuals, families and organizations that contributed to the

success of our first Community Diaper Drive. More than 5,300 diapers were collected at the Belly to Baby Expo, which was sponsored by American 1 Federal Credit Union in November, and an additional 3,300-plus were gathered shortly afterward.

A special note of recognition goes to Acts 4:9 Church and Sam's Club for each contributing 3,300 diapers (\$500). It was a sincere privilege for our families to distribute 8,600+ diapers to AWARE, Birthline, Catholic Charities, Interfaith Shelter and the Salvation Army.

— **Jeanette Lamphere,**  
**parent liaison**  
**Great Start Collaborative**  
**of Jackson County**