Local women hosting Saturday event for Women's Resource Center.

Two Gothenburg women are hosting a baby shower Saturday for babies they don't even know.

Katie Beth Kauffman and Fran Linegar are having an open house to benefit the Women's Resource Center in North Platte.

Gifts will be taken to the WRC and given to babies the staff is helping or has assisted.

Kauffman said she first heard about the WRC on a plane from North Platte to Denver.

She sat next to Pam Tebow, mother of NFL star Tim Tebow, who told Kauffman about the WRC and how forunate the area is to have one.

Although the center is in North Platte, Kauffman said it supports women and families from McCook to Cozad.

Kauffman said God has blessed her and husband, Brandon, with a third baby that's on the way.

"We don't really need anything but we have a neat home in which to host something like a baby shower," she said,

Through prayer and a bible study, Kauffman said she realized she had an opportunity to help.

Linegar joined her and the two have donations of food, flowers and baby items from businesses, organizations, churches and the community for the shower.

Kauffman said it's difficult to be pregnant and a new mother even with a supportive husband.

BABY SHOWER OPEN HOUSE

Katie Beth Kauffman and Fran Linegar are hosting a baby shower open house this Saturday at 1217 Lake Ave.

The event, from 2-4 p.m. is to benefit the Women's Resource Center in North Platte that provides free services including pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, Christ-centered peer counseling and education about unplanned pregnancies in North Platte and surrounding communities including Gothenburg.

Baby gifts and/or gently used baby items (0-2 years) will be accepted.

For more information, call Katie Beth Kauffman at 529-3562 or Fran Linegar at 529-1946.

"I can't imagine going through that without any family support," she said.

While involved supporting a pregnancy center in Denver, CO, with Brandon, Kauffman said they heard of young mothers carrying new babies home from the hospital in towels because they didn't have blankets.

"This is a real opportunity for us to come alongside and love on them," she said.

She and Linegar are hosting the shower to help young women and the WRC as the center assists them through a difficult time.

"They share the message of Jesus' love with women in their time of need," Kauffman said.

WRC director Amy Woods said the center staff is thrilled that Kauffman and Linegar have chosen to support and promote the center's work.

“Promoting the services of the WRC can be difficult on a limited budget,” she said. “We are so thankful when individuals and organizations help spread the word in their communities that we are here and we are ready to help.”

Woods said the baby shower is an excellent way to promote the WRC but also helps provide the baby items necessary to meet the needs of clients.