

Islanders Host Baby Shower For Military Moms-to-be



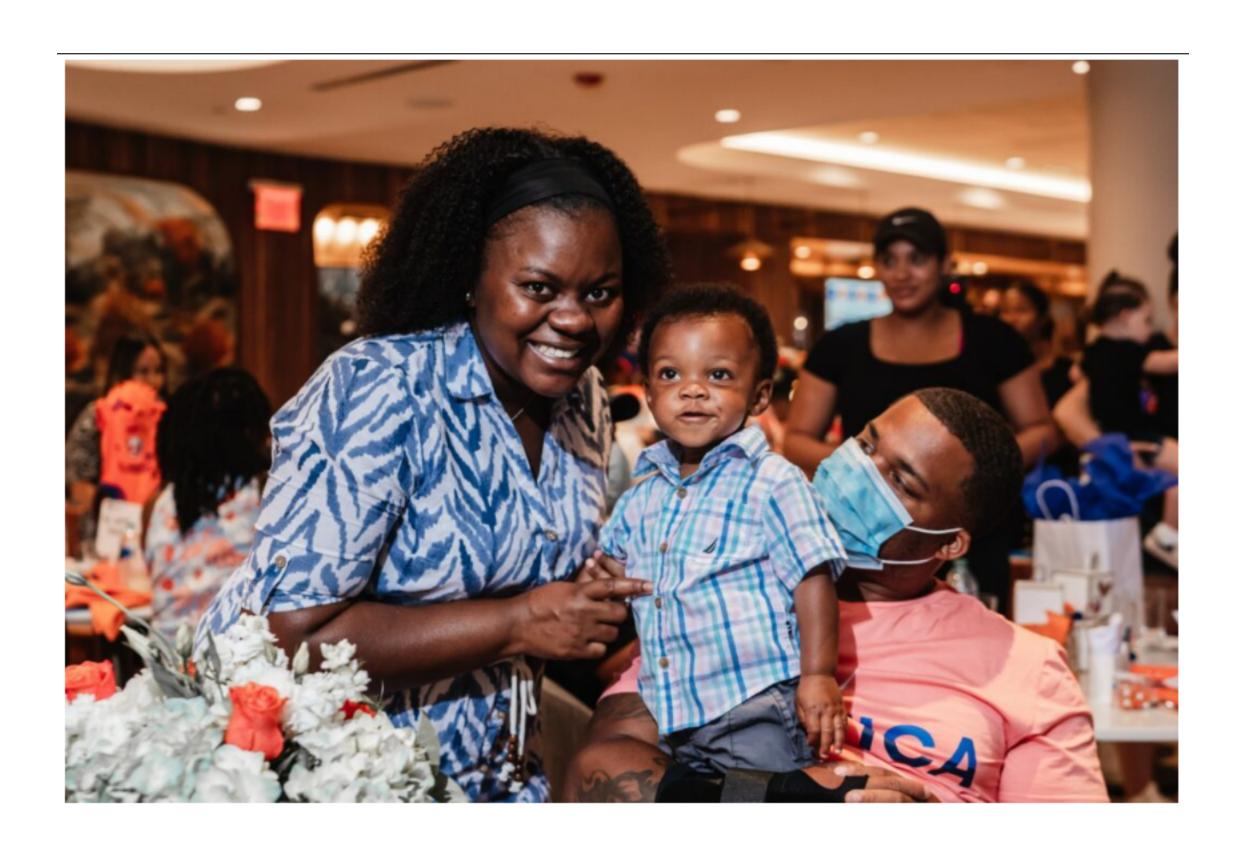
The New York Islanders Children's Foundation and Operation Shower joined forces on July 6 at UBS Arena in Elmont to host a baby shower for 25 military moms-to-be. This is the second time the organizations have collaborated to host this event.

"The Islanders are proud to partner with Operation Shower as we express our appreciation to these courageous military moms-to-be for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country," said Islanders Senior Director of Community Relations Ann Rina. "We are delighted to welcome these new little 'rookies' into the Islanders family."



The hockey-themed baby shower featured a catered lunch, raffle prizes, and the distribution of Operation Shower's signature "Showers in a Box"- gifts of high-quality products for mothers and babies that have been generously donated by companies including Delta Children, Playtex and Skip Hop.

"For women who are expecting a baby and whose spouses are deployed, and especially for expectant moms who are active duty, the impending arrival of a child can be both exciting and stressful," said Operation Shower Founder and Chief Shower Officer LeAnn Morrissey. "Operation Shower was created because typically military moms are the ones who hold it all together at home. These moms deserve our support, our appreciation, and an opportunity to celebrate this wonderful milestone together."



The shower was also supported by Islanders partner Ryan, a tax services and software provider.

All of the expectant moms are active duty service members or the spouses/partners of deployed members of area military bases.

MSG broadcaster Shannon Hogan served as the event's emcee.



Operation Shower is a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating and honoring military families by providing joyful baby showers for military moms-to-be to ease the stress of deployment. Since its inception in 2007, Operation Shower has showered more than 6,800 military moms on military bases and at other locations.

For more information, visit www.operationshower.org.

The Islanders Children's Foundation (ICF) is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the lives of children and families within the community and providing them with opportunities to overcome obstacles that may exist. The foundation is built around the following: health and wellness of children, education and creating the leaders of tomorrow, aspiring for the game of hockey to be inclusive to all, respecting and supporting our first responders and military members as well as taking the time to make memorable experiences for ill and disadvantaged children.



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