

# Chagrin Falls English Nanny & Governess School celebrates Royal Baby's birth with fundraiser

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Lillian Steman, 4, of Auburn Township takes her place in the baby stroller race. The race was an activity at the English Nanny and Governess School's celebration of England's Prince George's recent birth. The party took place July 30.

GEOFF POWERS

CHAGRIN FALLS - In honor of the birth of the Royal Baby, Prince George Alexander Louis, last month, the English Nanny & Governess School held a fundraising Royal Shower July 30 for children of the community to attend.

Mostly girls, adorned in dresses and tiaras, celebrated in style at the United Methodist Church in Chagrin Falls. They participated in several activities including musical chairs, Royal Baby stroller races and a parade. They also sipped tea, danced and created their own crowns.

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Children, their caregivers and students of the English Nanny & Governess School join in on a small parade outside the United Methodist Church in Chagrin Falls.

school's current class of 12 students, dressed in costumes that were donated for the event by the Chagrin Valley Little Theater, handled the party arrangements and games as part of a project for their three-month school program.

"We love doing these projects for our students and the kids," said Founder and Executive Director Sheilagh Roth, who has an affinity to the Royal Family, as she was born in England and still has family living there. "By doing this they (the students) know they can do it as nannies with other children."

The school attempts to do as many community parties for children as they can. They have previously held a Dr. Seuss theme party and of course, a Royal Wedding party.

United Methodist Church donates the space for the fundraisers and this particular one had a cake donated by the local Giant Eagle. Guests are asked to bring donations of diapers, formula and school supplies, which are given to the Family Promise Shelter – a homeless shelter that remains private.



Hostess and Director of the English Nanny & Governess School in Chagrin Falls, Sheilagh Roth serves up sandwiches cut in the shape of a crown. The sandwiches were part of the birthday celebration for Britain's Prince George held at United Methodist Church.

Carrie Kaczmarek, a 2011 graduate of the school, was in attendance at the Royal Shower with Charlie Howley, a two-year-old Gates Mills boy she now cares for as a nanny. She was especially pleased with the event and said participating as a student in the Royal Wedding fundraiser definitely helped her develop the skills needed as a nanny.

"You learn how to plan and run a party for kids and it's helpful because I recently helped plan Charlie's birthday party which had about 30 kids and their parents."

The non-profit English Nanny & Governess School has operated out of a location just south of the church on South Franklin St since 1993. It was started by Roth in 1984 and first housed out of Case Western Reserve University. It is state-regulated

and just one of three schools in the country on the American Council of Nanny Schools. Events, such as the Royal Shower, are designed to educate the students and raise money for charities.

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Two-year-old Charles Howley, of Gates Mills, selects a party favor decoration from those offered by his nanny, Carrie Kaczmarek, a product of the Chagrin Falls English Nanny & Governess School. The school celebrated the birth of England's Prince George