

21,000 th SVCI baby Registered for Immunization

Older Adults participate in reminding new
Mothers their children should be immunized

SCS celebrated a proud day recently when the Seniors and volunteers for Childhood Immunization program (SVCI), registered its 21,000th baby in the immunization reminder program. Born in June, the baby boy, Michael Jones-Diggs received two-month immunizations at Village Pediatrics at All Saints Hospital Cityview. This unique program tracks a newborn's immunization records through the first year of life. Older adults volunteer to prepare and deliver child immunization packets to new mothers and reminder postcards to follow-up. Founded in October 1997 under the direction of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, volunteers visit about 1,000 new mothers a month at four area hospitals to teach them the importance of having their children immunized to prevent childhood diseases. With the parent's permission, each newborn is enrolled in a postcard system that alerts parents to obtain their child's scheduled vaccinations. Tracking a child's immunization records and contacting families when a child falls behind can significantly increase the number of vaccinated children.



Left to right, SCS SVCI Program Assistant Dorothy Buckley, Cheresa Jones-Diggs and son, Michael, SCS Volunteer Services Manager Deborah Evans-Young and Michael's grandmother, Sharon Wray.