

# Fun Ideas to Engage People in Your Diaper Drive

Get Some Help! Create a committee to share ideas and have some fun planning your Diaper Drive.

Offer a breakfast buffet to those donors who bring diapers during the first two hours of your Diaper Drive kick-off event.

A little friendly competition between departments, classes, neighborhoods can be fun. Maybe free sandwiches for the group that collects the most diapers.

Get your neighboring businesses involved too. If you share an office with other businesses, invite them to participate in your Diaper Drive or to hold one at the same time with their staff.

Company matching dollars. We can easily calculate the value of the collected diapers, so if your company will provide a corporate matching gift, we are happy to buy the diapers---at wholesale cost.

Place a cash/change dollars for diapers jar in the break room or lobby of your business, school, or congregation. Old water cooler jugs work just great! Those pennies, dimes, and dollars add up fast.

If someone is having a birthday party for their child, bring diapers instead of gifts.

**Remember, that diapers of all sizes are needed, not just for the infants!**

## Want To Get Involved?

Host a Diaper Drive at your workplace, congregation, or organization. **We are in great need of sizes 4, 5 and 6 diapers.** Collect **unopened** diapers at an upcoming party or family event. Donate Dollars for Diapers by making a check payable to Child & Family Resources or host a fundraising event for the Diaper Bank at Child & Family Resources. For more information, please contact **Charlene O'Brien** at

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# DIAPER BANK



Who needs a change?



We do, we do.

A baby crying in a soiled diaper for long periods is more likely to be abused by their parent or care giver.  
In Greater Morris alone, nearly 2,000 babies need help.  
**Donate diapers or dollars.**



“Caring for Today’s Families & Tomorrow’s Future”  
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## Did You Know...?

- A healthy change of diapers costs \$112/month for children and \$312/month for adults.
- Full-time work at minimum wage grosses ± \$1,160/per month and at \$10/hour grosses ± \$1,600. Average rent for 1 bedroom apartment is \$1,045 per month, leaving only \$115-\$5 in disposable income for all other expenses, including taxes, food, transportation, clothes, **and** diapers.
- In 2007 Morris County had 1,316 children under 5 living in poverty according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Safety net programs do NOT cover diapers---not Food Stamps, not WIC, not Medicare (except hospice).
- Cloth diapers are not an option for homeless families. Child care programs require disposable diapers for sanitary reasons. In addition, cloth diapers are not readily available for adults.
- Diaper manufacturers do not donate diapers unless you have quadruplets or more and can provide a PR opportunity.

## And...

A typical infant uses up to 12 diapers/day; a toddler uses up to 8 diapers/day. In low-income households, a child may be in a single diaper all day or longer, increasing risk of health problems from skin diseases to hepatitis.

A baby crying non-stop from being in a soiled diaper for a prolonged period of time is more likely to be abused by their parent or care giver.

Many disabled babies never outgrow the need for diapers—not when they are 8 or 18, or an adult.

Diaper costs are **not** covered as medical necessities and can devastate families.

For child care, school, and job training, many disabled children and adults require incontinence supplies.

**Children under age 3 represent 28% of all abuse and neglect cases.**

## Child & Family Resources Diaper Bank

The development of our Diaper Bank engages everyone in the community to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens receive a healthy daily change of diapers. The Diaper Bank also reflects community collaboration at it's best—children, families, churches, schools and businesses collecting diapers and non-profit organizations distributing diapers to the most vulnerable children and families they currently serve.

For now, the Diaper Bank at Child & Family Resources will be supporting children and families affiliated with Children on the Green, Family Promise of Morris County, Little People's Academy, the Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance, Jersey Battered Women's Services, NORWESCAP Early Head Start Program, Parsippany Child Day Care Center, Catholic Charities Hope House, Birthright, Homeless Solutions and Samaritan Inn Shelter. These organizations request diapers on a monthly basis as needed for their children and families. As we better understand the community interest in holding Diaper Drives and identify the funding for storage and ongoing support, we will expand the distribution opportunities to other non-profit organizations, congregations and others working with low-income, vulnerable families in the greater Morris County Area.