

Fall 2023

Baby Basics of Troy Ministry providing diapers
to low-income working families



Baby Basics News

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National Diaper Bank Network sees increase in diaper need

The US is seeing an increase in diaper need. Pre-pandemic it was estimated that 1 out of every 3 families was in diaper need. That number has since risen. According the NDB diaper check survey for 2023, 1 out of 2 families or 47% of all US families with small infants cannot afford to keep their baby in clean and dry diapers. Without clean diapers babies are exposed to potential health risks and toxic stress. 1 in 4 parents miss work or school due to not having diapers and unable to access child care, which require a daily supply of diapers. But the problems don't end there as 28% of parents say they have skipped meals and 19% cut back on utilities to afford diapers. Diaper need makes food insecurity worse.

(<https://nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/the-need/> June 15, 2023)

How do we celebrate new clients? With a cuddly new blanket!

Board members make sure our newest clients are welcomed personally at their first distribution. But thanks to our generous and talented donors we also gift each new family with a homemade blanket. Troy First Presbyterian Woman's Association and donors from St Stephen's Episcopal Church bring us these wonderful additions for our new additions! Some are quilted, some knitted, and they come in a variety of sizes and patterns. What they all have in common is made with love. We are so grateful to these talented folk so thank you!



Distribution Dates in fall 2023

September 6 and 20

October 4 and 18

November 1 and 15*

December 6 and 20

* there is a 5th Wed in these months and so the second

distribution will be 3 weeks worth

Policies and FAQs

When is distribution?

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month for families accepted into our program.

Can I send a friend to pick up diapers if I cannot?

Yes. It is helpful to call us at **248-644-5920** and leave a message to let us know so we know who to expect.

What if no one can make it?

If you miss 2 pickups in a row, or multiple times without calling **248-644-5920** to let us know the reason, we will need to drop you from the program.

I know someone who needs Baby Basics. What should I do? We are always taking names for our waiting list. To apply call, email or go onto our website noted at the top of this page to learn if you qualify. One parent must live or work in Troy, Clawson, Royal Oak, or

Birmingham but not be receiving government cash assistance. Only two children per family can go through the program and diapers cannot be shared or sold.



This year we have already received donations of over \$12,600 which is why we can replace all the babies who have aged out this year!!

Diaper and wipe donations this summer:

St Stephen's Episcopal Church
J Morgan



Brrr! The fall weather is here and we can help "grow" our little pumpkins healthy by keeping them dry. You are helping to make sure no mom has to worry about diapering her baby through your donations!

Thanks to our generous diaper donors!

We had many diapers donated this year and are always accepting larger sizes, especially 6's and 7's, if you are considering a diaper drive. We often need smaller quantity packages to ensure we reach the National Diaper Bank recommended numbers so unopened packages of any number are welcome.



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If you would like to volunteer buying or distributing or being on our board- please contact us!

This is what it feels like for family to not have diapers!

