

Ideas to help!

- ask guests you're inviting to a birthday party or baby shower to bring a package of diapers with them
- make a package of diapers the "entrance fee" to an event
- have everyone in your club bring a package of diapers with them to monthly meetings
- have office potlucks for birthdays and holidays and ask coworkers to bring diapers to the events
- having an "over the hill"-type birthday party? ask friends to bring adult incontinence supplies instead of the usual gag gift
- set a goal to collect a certain number by a certain date and recruit everyone you know to help; at work, make it an inter-departmental competition with the winning group earning free lunch or an afternoon off
- Conduct a "Loose Change for a Diaper Change" collection at your school, home, place of worship or work place
- Have a raffle or fundraiser and donate the proceeds
- For your next birthday or holiday, ask friends and family to make a monetary donation to the Diaper Bank in your name
- Pool what you would have spent exchanging gifts at work at the holidays and donate it instead



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Meeting an unmet
need and
***Making a
Difference With
Diapers***
in Metro Detroit

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Who We Are

The
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is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization serving Metro Detroit working to meet the need for diapers at partner agencies working with individuals and families in crisis.

The “safety net” forgot
diapers.
We remembered.

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Why We Exist

- **No federal assistance programs pay for or provide diapers**, not WIC, not Food Stamps, and Medicare only provides them for hospice. Diapers are an unmet basic need, a huge hole in the “safety net”.
- Parents cannot leave children at day-care without disposable diapers. So if a parent can’t afford diapers, he or she can’t go to work or school, and the vicious cycle of poverty continues.
- Seniors who can’t afford incontinence supplies often lose their independence and become homebound, creating pressure on other social services like Meals on Wheels, or end up in a nursing home.
- Some children with disabilities never outgrow the need for diapers and many will need them to go to school and job training.
- A clean change of diapers can cost up to \$100/month—for all ages. A family in Michigan must be more than 44% below the poverty line to receive any kind of cash assistance, and then, a family of 3 will only receive \$492/month.
- Nonprofits working with families and individuals in crisis consistently list diapers as an ongoing and TOP need.

What We Need

Donations! Financial and material (diapers and pull-ups of any brand or size, baby through adult, open packages are fine).

The Diaper Bank also needs community engagement to succeed; groups and individuals willing to run Diaper Drives and fundraisers to support it.

We can provide playpens to collect diapers, tax receipts for donations and we’ll pick up the diapers and donations when your drive or fundraiser is over.

More information and ideas how you can help are available on our website!

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