



making a
difference
with diaPERS

WHO WE ARE:

The Detroit Area Diaper Bank, Inc., is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization serving SE Michigan working to meet the need for diapers at partner agencies working with individuals and families in crisis.

WHY WE EXIST:

- **No federal assistance programs pay for or provide diapers**, not WIC, Food Stamps or Medicare. Diapers are an unmet basic need, a huge hole in the “safety net”.
- Parents cannot leave children at daycare 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 home-bound, 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.
- The need for diapers hits the most vulnerable in our community the hardest, especially when they can’t afford them. 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 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 to help are available on our website,
www.detroitareadiaperbank.org!