

Prayer for Volunteers

Father we offer our grateful thanks and praise
for the army of volunteers that quietly yet faithfully
offer their services for the wellbeing and support of others.

We ask Your special blessing on each one,
knowing that they are the unsung heroes
that receive little thanks for their valuable contribution
and who are so often taken for granted
by those that they freely serve.

Provide for the needs of each one
and protect them from those
that might intentionally or unwittingly
exploit their generous nature.

This we ask in Jesus name.

Amen

Dear Diaper Drive Organizer,

You've chosen to donate diapers to Catholic Charities Diaper Bank, serving families throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

THANK YOU! You are helping babies and families in our community in a real and lasting way! Providing a baby with clean diapers creates an immediate, positive impact in the life of that individual infant and the life of that family. The Catholic Charities Diaper Bank believes we can create, through actions large and small, collective and individual, a community in which families have all they need to thrive. Thank you for helping to build that community.

Catholic Charities helps over 200 families each year who can't afford to purchase enough diapers for their children. One in three families struggle to buy diapers.

Low-income families grapple with a multitude of expenses, and often must choose between sufficient diapers and paying rent and utility bills, or buying food.

Many parents cannot go to work or school if they can't leave their babies at child care. Most child care centers, even free and subsidized facilities, require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers. Cloth diapers are not accepted at the vast majority of child care centers. Families living in rental units often cannot use common laundry areas, or laundromats, to wash cloth diapers.

This quick Toolkit contains flyers, facts about the need for diapers, diaper drive ideas and the simple steps to create a successful diaper drive. Also included with this Toolkit is a file to track the diapers you collect. Tracking the items you collect allows you to easily share your success with those who contributed.

Know that we're here to help! If there's anything we can do to make your diaper drive more successful, please let us know. We look forward to getting the diapers you collect to families who desperately need them!

Catholic Charities Diaper Bank Staff

Diaper Drive Checklist

Pick a theme

It can be simple like *Moms Helping Moms*.

Or, be more creative. Here are some themes to get you started:

Baby showers

Birthdays

Mother's Day

Stuff the bus

Office or School Race

Baby Olympics

Dinner parties

Diaper Derby

Other holiday-related themes

Set goals for collection

Develop a way to track your progress.

Select a start and end date

Typically, diaper drives last for a week or a month.

Choose a location

- Pick one or two places that are centrally located and willing to help, like a local library or a business.
- Label the collection bins clearly and colorfully!
- If hosting a diaper drive at your office, consider a friendly competition between departments, groups, or floors.

Find volunteers to help

- Ask your friends, neighbors, or colleagues.
- Think about involving your schools, church, a local community center, your workplace, or local places of business.
- How about getting your family to take on the project in lieu of holiday gifts?

Spread the word

- Announce your diaper drive via social media.
- Post notices within the community, like in your neighborhood association or block, office, local businesses, or libraries. Don't forget children's stores, boutiques, salons, spas, and community play spaces.
- Break out your email address contacts, Facebook friends, Twitter followers, etc., and let everyone know you're hosting a drive. Ask them to let their friends, family and contacts know as appropriate.
- Add to your email signature line.
- Have your partner organization promote.

Make It a Party

If you're already planning a party ask folks to bring a pack of diapers as their "admission fee." What about hosting a:

Baby Shower

Birthday Party

Cocktail Party

Just Because Party

Game Night

Movie Night

Play-date party at your home or a community space

Or simply a diaper donation party

Think outside the [diaper] box

- Provide information on diaper need
- Pass out donation envelopes for those who can donate monetarily
- Take pictures to share in your recap and for future publicity
- Inform local print and news media (you never know!)
- Recruit a volunteer committee to help run the diaper drive
- Host a kickoff event
- Personally thank your donors

Collect and deliver diapers

Rally the volunteers and deliver the donated diapers to Catholic Charities. If you need assistance, we can make arrangements to pick up your donation.

I'm on my way to donate
to the Diaper Drive!



JOIN OUR Diaper Drive!

Sponsored by

Drop-off Location:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Benefiting Organization:

Catholic Charities Diaper Bank

Support Catholic Charities Diaper Bank with a Diaper Drive



NEEDED ITEMS

Diapers—all sizes

Don't forget larger sizes for our toddlers—4, 5, 6

Diaper Wipes

Baby Bath Wash

Wash Cloths

Items can be delivered to

Catholic Charities Bayard House
300 Bayard Avenue
Wilmington DE 19805
302-654-1184



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Diocese of Wilmington

Diaper Collection Form

Use this form to track your diaper donations.

Provide this information to Catholic Charities TCB Diaper Bank.

Got pictures? Send us your photos and we will post them on our website
and in our e-newsletter!

Name _____ Date _____

Community Group: _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Size	Amount
Newborn	
Size 1	
Size 2	
Size 3	
Size 4	
Size 5	
Size 6	
Pullups	
Wipes	
Misc	

The Dirty [Diaper] Facts

One in three families struggle to provide an adequate supply of clean diapers.

A baby needs 10 to 12 diapers a day.

A toddler needs approximately 8 diapers daily.

Costing between \$100 and \$120 a month, diapers are an expense that many families struggle to afford.

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Families living in rental units often cannot use common laundry areas or laundromats to wash cloth diapers.

1 in 20 moms who has had to cut back on other purchases to pay for diapers has reused a disposable diaper.

One in three of parents living in poverty routinely run out of clean diapers for their infants and toddlers

Babies who remain in dirty diapers for prolonged periods experience diaper rash, infections, and other health problems.

