

NATIONAL Diaper Needs Awareness

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What is Diaper Need?

Diaper Need is a lack of sufficient supply of diapers to keep an infant or toddler clean, dry, and healthy.

Diaper Need Awareness Week is an initiative of the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN) created to mobilize efforts to make a difference in the lives of the nearly 5.3 million babies in the U.S. ages three or younger who live in poor or low-income families.

Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation (RMCHF), the parent organization of Mothers' Milk Bank, is proud to distribute diapers to those in need. In 2019, RMCHF gave out 12,194 diapers to 659 babies in need.

Acting together - individuals, diaper banks, faith-based institutions, service providers, businesses, organizations, and elected officials - we can get diapers to all babies in need.

Did you know?

- One in three American families struggle with diaper need and do not have enough diapers for their baby.
- Diaper Need impacts the physical, mental and economic well-being of children and parents.
- 31% of infants and toddlers with at least one parent who works full-time live in low-income families.
- Most childcare centers require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers.
- Diapers can cost \$120 per month; babies need 6-10 diapers per day.
- And most government safety-net programs do not recognize diapers as a basic need.
- Diapers cannot be obtained with food stamps, and are classified with cigarettes, alcohol and pet food as disallowed purchase.
- Without diapers, babies cannot participate in early childhood education programs. Without childcare, parents cannot go to work.

How You Can Help

DONATE
rmchildren.org/give

HOST A DIAPER DRIVE
rmchildren.org/diapers

SPREAD THE WORD
facebook.com/rmchf

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Diaper Drive Collection

Collection boxes can be picked up at the RMCHF office at 5394 Marshall St, Suite 400, Arvada, 80002, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Please reserve in advance by calling 720.507.0905 or chelsea.manley@rmchildren.org. You have the option of using your own bin, box or container for your collection.

We accept cash or check donations in addition to gift items!

Please make checks payable to: Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation or RMCHF.

Please have all in-kind and cash donors log their donations on the in-kind & cash gift roster if they would like to receive an acknowledgment letter from RMCHF.

Diaper Drive Delivery

Groups and individuals can bring donations to the RMCHF office at 5394 Marshall St, Suite 400, Arvada, 80002, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Special drop-off times can be arranged if needed by calling 720.507.0905 or chelsea.manley@rmchildren.org.

Amazon Wishlist

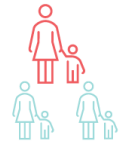
To contribute virtually, please shop our Amazon Wishlist to donate items including diapers, baby wipes, diaper creams, and other baby hygiene products. Access RMCHF's wishlists by going to [rmchildren.org/amazon-wishlist](https://www.rmchildren.org/amazon-wishlist)



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation?

Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation (RMCHF) is a nonprofit organization with the mission to improve the quality of life for families, sick children and infants throughout our communities by providing support when and how they need it most. RMCHF is an avenue for community support and offers a variety of services rooted in four major programs: Patient & Family Assistance, Mothers' Milk Bank, Best Start Program and the Stink Bug Project. For more information about RMCHF, visit <http://www.rmchildren.org>.



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What is the Diaper Need of Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation?

RMCHF purchases diapers and wipes in bulk. Typically, by the case for repackaging into smaller increments. RMCHF also promotes donation of new packages of diapers from members of the public, in the form of Diaper Drives. While these drives allow us to support some of the requests coming in from our partner organizations, there is still a significant gap in resources.



Guilt & Anxiety
are often felt by parents who are not able to provide an adequate supply of diapers for their babies, which results in an increased level of stress.

As our connections and contacts continue to grow, so have the requests for diapers. In 2019, we distributed 12,194 diapers to 659 babies. As of August 2020, we have distributed more than 2,300 diapers to 121 babies. We are hopeful we will be able to provide our goal of 12,000 diapers in 2020 at an average cost of thirty cents a diaper - \$3,600. The need for diapers far exceeds our capacity and with additional funding we will be in a position to stretch our goal.



36%
of those living in poverty run out of clean diapers for their infants & have to choose between keeping their babies healthy & keeping the lights or heat on.

Who receives the diapers and wipes?

RMCHF provides diapers, in all pediatric sizes, to families in need throughout the region. The majority of these diapers are distributed by visiting nurses, to families in the community that do not have the means to purchase diapers (and whose food stamps and WIC benefits do not cover supplies such as diapers). RMCHF also provide small packs of diapers to labor and delivery social workers and case managers in local hospitals, for families discharging from the hospital.



\$120
is the monthly cost of an infant using 8-10 diapers per day. Some families are forced to use one diaper per day for their babies in order to save money.