



Nestlings provides free diapers to low income families through partnerships with 42 local social service agencies, who distribute them to their clients.

Diaper Need is real over 300 diaper banks nationally distribute 35 million diapers annually to nearly 3.5 million low income babies age 3 or younger.

Nestlings started ten years ago, is a 100% all volunteer organization and has distributed over 100,000,000 diapers, assisting over 25,000 families in our community.

Currently Nestlings distributes over 20,000 diapers monthly, along with baby wipes and cloth diapers.

Diaper need almost goes unrecognized but 1 in 3 babies suffer in dirty diapers with no government programs providing them. Food, shelter and utilities are the only items covered by assistance.

Diapers are expensive and many families make tough choices between paying rent, utilities or buying diapers.

Research shows that 48% delay changing and 32% report re-using them, with some babies wearing dirty diapers for hours and days to make the supply last.

Babies cry to signal they need a diaper change, not being changed causes crying that can lead to physical abuse from a caregiver to silence baby.

Parents don't discuss diaper need due to fear of the circumstances but it is more distressing to them than not having enough food and is the 2nd highest un-met need.

80% of a babies brain has grown by age 3, making age Zero to 3 is a crucial time. Negative early experiences on a baby, causes undue stress that affect development and learning.

Diapers can equal diplomas since early intervention programs such as diapers allow a head start toward a baby's success.

A package of free diapers can be a great tool to get a visiting nurse through a front door to check on a child's well being.

The cost of diapers is less than the impact mental health problems and disabilities cost a community in identifying, repairing, re-teaching and re-integrating a child with such issues in its future.

Babies don't choose their circumstances or income level. They are the innocents and the futures of our communities.

Please help and support during Diaper Need Awareness Week, September 27th through October 3rd and all year long, since new babies are born every day.

Nestlings accepts donations, including open diapers, wipes and cloth diaper supplies. With sizes 4, 5 and 6 being our most needed and requested sizes.

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