



The Diaper Gap

- Without transportation, buying diapers at a convenience store rather than a large discount store can double or triple the monthly cost.
- For sanitary reasons, coin-operated laundromats often don't allow customers to wash cloth diapers.
- Cloth diapers are not accepted at the vast majority of childcare centers.
- Infants require up to 12 diapers per day, toddlers about eight.
- You can buy candy with food stamps — but, diapers are classified with cigarettes, alcohol and pet food as disallowed purchases.
- Babies born into poor or low-income families can spend a day or longer in one diaper.



A dry baby is a happy baby. Help keep babies dry!



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What is Diaper Need?

Diapers are expensive—they can cost \$100 or more a month—and they can't be bought with food stamps or WIC. As a result, parents try to make do without or by stretching their supply by leaving babies in dirty diapers longer or by reusing diapers. Diapers are a small thing but they can impact big things.

- Not having diapers means parents can't leave their children with a childcare provider, most of which require parents to provide disposable diapers for their children. So parents can't go to work to earn money.
- Not having diapers means a longer time between changes, which can lead to severe diaper rash and other health problems.
- Not having diapers means that babies who cry because their diaper is dirty will cry that much longer, increasing stress for parents struggling to make ends meet, and increasing the possibility of abuse.
- And not having diapers can adversely affect a mother's feeling of self-worth as a mother, negatively impacting the mother-child bond.



What SWADDLE Does

Our Vision

To provide diapers to needy families in Chicago's Southland.

Our Mission

Our mission is to ensure that our partner social service agencies have an adequate supply of diapers for the families they serve and to raise community awareness of the diaper need in our area.

Our Partner Agencies

We have partnered with several local social service agencies who work with the needy families in our community:

- Catholic Charities of Chicago, Southwest Region— provides comprehensive services to the needy and disadvantaged.
- COURAGE—volunteer organization built on compassion and Christian values, advocating for pregnant young women and their families
- Pro Labore Dei Chicago—Helping the neediest in Chicagoland on lower Wacker Drive and in Robbins
- Respond Now—serves 22 south suburban Chicago communities.
- Together We Cope, Tinley Park— provides food and clothing as well as financial assistance for rent, mortgage, and utilities.



How You Can Help

Host a Diaper Drive

- Pick a date and place, advertise the event, collect diapers and/or money
- Ask for a Diaper Drive Toolkit

Parties/Events

- In lieu of gifts, ask for disposable diapers
- Raise awareness of diaper need

Virtual Drive

- Use Amazon Wish List to raise money

Fund Raising

- Collect money to support SWADDLE – donations are tax deductible

Volunteer

- We always need help packing diapers, doing inventory, assisting with diaper drives

Spread the Word

- Tell your family, friends, and coworkers about the need for diapers and ask them to help

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