

MISSION-IN-A-BOX

Bringing the project to you!

We're collecting diapers for
low-income families in Trenton, N.J.
We've got everything you need to
get started here in this toolkit!



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Instructions for Champions and Churches

So you're interested in hosting a Diaper Drive for children and families through the Maker's Place! That's great! Diaper Drives are a lot of fun, and they really do make a difference. So where do you begin?

Each local collection needs at least one (or more) diaper drive "Champion." Maybe that's you! A champion is someone who can organize and promote a diaper drive in their church, workplace, or community. It takes passion, a bit of organizational skills, and the ability to get things done!

We want to make things as easy as possible for you to succeed. That's why we've created this Mission-In-A-Box Toolkit. The toolkit contains downloadable print material and graphics. You can use these to get the word out and keep things organized.

Here's some information that will help you plan for your Diaper Drive!

Planning for Success

Pick your dates - We encourage churches to collect diapers over the course of four Sundays. Of course, you can adjust the collection days to suit the needs of your congregation or community. Maybe you will choose to have the Diaper Drive coincides with the season, like Advent. We think it's a great way to reflect on the significance of the season, for example the birth of Jesus as a newborn baby!

Recruit Volunteers - Find folks who want to help! Who do you know that can help promote your drive on social media, design a creative display for the drop off area in your church, coordinate the bundling event, or deliver what you've collected to a drop-off location? You might want to place diapers around a manger, alter, baby crib, or Christmas tree depending on the season of the diaper drive!

Set Your Goals - People can donate diapers of all sizes. We're especially grateful for sizes 5+, and we'll take wipes too! It also helps to set a goal. How many donations will you collect? Develop a way to track your progress. Make sure you display your diapers prominently, so that people can see the collection grow!



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Spread the Word - Be active before AND during the drive! Announce your diaper drive and bundling event via social media, emails, bulletin inserts, and church website. We've included some graphics to get you started, as well as a Fast Fact Sheet with information on why diapers make a difference!

Share Your Results - Take lots of photos, and post pictures on social media to share your results. We'd suggest using terms like "this week we collected" so that people will understand this is an ongoing project. You can tag us on Facebook or Instagram at @MakersPlaceTrenton, in order to connect what you're doing with drives across New Jersey and beyond.

Deliver Your Diapers - The Maker's Place is a diaper bank in Trenton, New Jersey. It's most helpful if you can deliver your diapers at **Trinity United Methodist Church (1985 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618)** on one of the following days:

- Tuesdays between 10am-4pm
- Thursdays between 10am-4pm

Additional days and times can be arranged upon request!

Don't Forget to Celebrate - Have a celebration over the next time you get together. Your congregation, or community, is making a difference for babies and families living in poverty, and partnering to support mission and ministry in the Trenton area.

Thank you for helping your congregation, or community, experience the joy of giving. We look forward to hearing what God is doing in and through your efforts!

Get Involved: Volunteer with the Maker's Place - We're looking for help during our collection days in December, as well at other times. Interested in volunteering? Go to www.makersplace.org/volunteer or email: hello@makersplace.org

Questions? Contact us! - We'd love to hear from you. Here's how to get in touch:

- Phone: (609) 751-9128
- Email: alyssaruch@makersplace.org; calliecrowder@makersplace.org
- Web: www.makersplace.org
- Mail: The Maker's Place, P.O. Box 54, Trenton NJ, 08601
- Facebook and Instagram: @MakersPlaceTrenton

Thanks for making a change for children and families!



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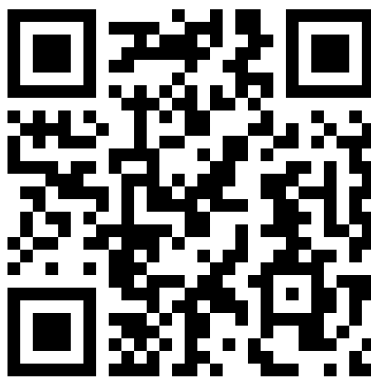
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Diaper Drive and Bundling Instructions

The Maker's Place is a nonprofit diaper bank and resource center in Trenton, NJ. We're inspired by the compassion and generosity that compels so many of you to help your neighbors during this critical time. During this time of social distancing, we greatly appreciate you searching for ways to help. These Leader's Notes will help you put together a volunteering project for individuals, families, or small groups. Volunteers will pack diaper bundles, which we will distribute to struggling families in Mercer and Bucks counties. The volunteering can be done safely at home, or in other COVID-appropriate settings.

Watch our [Diaper Bundling 101](#) video for tips and tricks as you prepare! Scan the QR code to view!



Supplies

- Diapers (sizes 5 and 6 are especially helpful; diapers range in size from Newborn to size 7, and pullups come in sizes T2-3, T3-4, and T4-5.)
- Plastic food bags. Here's what we use: [LINK](#)
- Mailing labels. Here's what we use: [LINK](#). Avery Label number is #5160.
- Mailing label templates. Click here for our template: [LINK](#)
- Diaper Bundling Size Chart. Click here: [LINK](#)
- Bags or boxes for storage and transport. You can use cardboard boxes, plastic bins, or (our personal favorite) zippered blue IKEA bags. The key is to keep the diapers clean and dry.

Note: Please purchase by using your Church/Organization's AmazonSmile account.

[View the FULL Diaper Bundling list here!](#)



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Diaper bundling is really straight-forward. There are three basic steps:

Instructions:

Prepare supplies. Use the supply list above to prepare your bundling supplies as needed. Every individual or group will need all of the above. Print out your mailing labels and the size chart, and gather everything together.

Collect diapers! Hosting a diaper drive is easy. The Maker's Place has created promotional materials for year-round diaper drives, as well as flyers for Christmas. You can view, download, and use all our promotional materials here: [LINK](#) (Look for the folder that says, "General Diaper Drive"). We also accept baby wipes, formula, and other baby items!

Bundle your diapers. Ask participants to wash their hands before getting started. Use the size chart to determine how many diapers to place neatly inside each bag, based on the diaper size. (Babies use less diapers as they grow.) You can mix-and-match diapers by brand (e.g. Huggies and Pampers) in the same bag. Make sure each bag has the same size diaper. Use a mailing label to label the bag by diaper size.

When you're all done, please deliver what you've got to the Maker's Place at **Trinity United Methodist Church (1985 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618)**. Contact Alyssa Ruch at (570)259-5735, or alyssaruch@makersplace.org to schedule a delivery time. And be sure to take pictures of your work, and share them with us!

We're so grateful that you're part of our mission to connect neighbors with neighbors, so that all God's children can experience life in abundant community!

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DIAPER DRIVE

FAST FACTS

Why Diapers?

- Babies require up to 12 diapers per day, toddlers about 8.
- A sufficient supply of diapers are necessary to keep a baby clean, dry and healthy.
- Diapers are essential to a child's well being. Yet, state and national programs do not assist with diapers for low-income families.

The Numbers

- 5.2 million - the number of babies and toddlers in poor or low income families.
- \$70-\$80 - the amount diapers cost per month, per baby.
- 0 - the number of federal programs that cover diapers.

The Diaper Gap

- Households experiencing diaper shortage are on average lacking 50 diapers per month.
- More than a quarter of families who experience diaper shortages need to rely on diaper banks to help fill that gap.

Donations Make a Difference!

- Babies who remain too long in a soiled diaper are exposed to potential health risks. **Your donations make a change for health!**
- Most child care centers, even free or subsidized facilities, require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers. **Your donations make a change for early childhood education and childhood learning!**
- Many parents can't go to work or school if they can't leave their babies at child care. **Your donations make a change for working families, and help families in poverty stretch their limited income further.**

Together, we can make a change!



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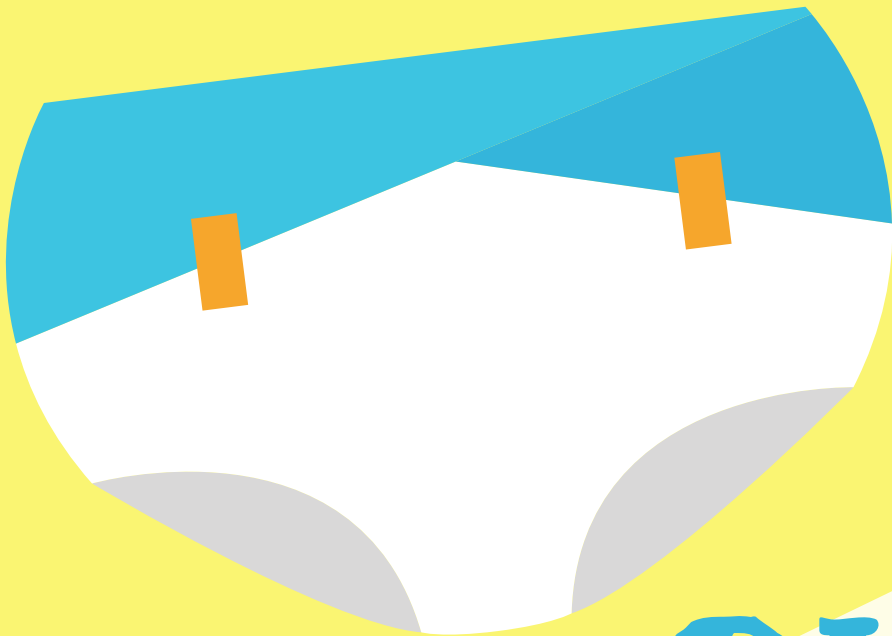
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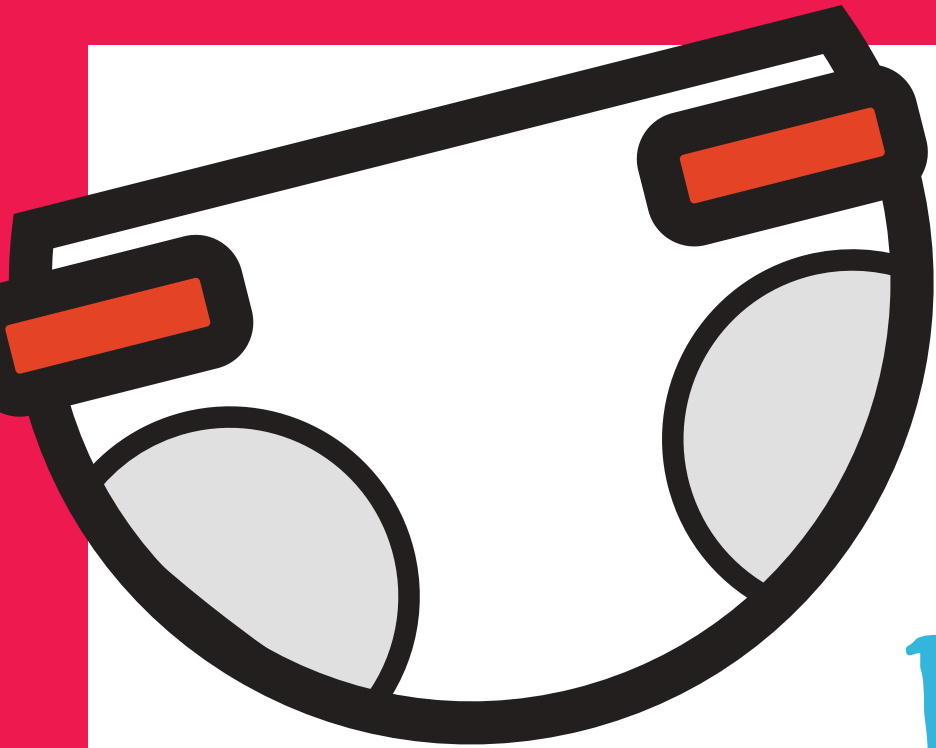
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Donate diapers until _____ to help
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BASICS AREN'T BASIC.*

*They're essential.

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All funds and diapers donated benefit:

[The Maker's Place](#)

Date(s):

Location(s):

Hosted by:



Thank you for helping keep babies clean, dry, and healthy.



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