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# **Bend's Community Center**

## **Bend's Community Diaper Bank**

**Want to make a difference for a family or person living in crisis? Do it with Diapers!**

For those who need them, diapers are not a luxury. They are a necessity that only affects vulnerable populations who cannot help themselves - the disabled, the elderly and babies. The impact of not having diapers is interwoven with all the other issues surrounding life in poverty and crisis.

### **The Facts:**

- A healthy change of diapers costs \$100/month or more .... for all ages
- Full time work at minimum wage grosses ~\$825/month
- Average social security benefits are ~\$875/month
- Safety Net programs (e.g. Food Stamps, WIC, Medicare) do not cover diapers



### **The Impacts:**

- Many disabled babies never outgrow the need for diapers - not when they are 8, or 12 or an adult
- Adding diaper costs to uncovered medical expenses can devastate families earning an otherwise adequate income
- For school, job training or work, many disabled children and adults need incontinence supplies.
- 15-20% of all adults over age 65 suffer some degree of incontinence
- Healthy, but incontinent seniors often become homebound if they can't afford supplies. This impacts loneliness and depression and increases the need for assistance programs
- Incontinence is among the most common reasons for the elderly to be placed in nursing homes
- Parents who can't afford \$100/month to leave disposable diapers at child care often leave the workforce until their children are out of diapers. Child care costs are often subsidized, but there are no subsidies for diapers
- A normal infant uses up to 12 diapers/day; a normal toddler 8/day. But, in low income households, a baby may be in a single diaper all day or longer, increasing the risk of serious health problems
- A baby crying from being in a soiled diaper for a prolonged time is more likely to be abused



### **Mission/Vision:**

Our long term vision is a community where every person has his/her basic needs met. The mission of Bend's Community Diaper Bank is to provide diapers and incontinence supplies to organizations that assist families in need; and to raise public consciousness of the issues facing our community's most vulnerable - our disabled, elderly and babies.



### **How it Works/How You Can Help:**

The Diaper Bank does not give out diapers to individuals, but instead deals directly with many local agencies that work with infants and seniors - Grandma's House, Mountain Star Family Relief Nursery, DHS, etc.

Bend's Community Diaper Bank accepts donations of diapers and funds to purchase diapers and cover program expenses (dropoff location is 350 SW Industrial Way). Call 312-2069 for more information or call 323-2303 if you want to place an order.



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