

Diaper Drive

September 12 — December 5, 2015

Bring a pack, a stack, a box, or a case to a Civitas event to help families keep their kids clean and healthy.

Larger sizes [4's and 5's] preferred

Why we're doing this

In many low-income households, there's not enough money to buy an adequate supply of diapers.

Babies need an average of 6-10 diapers a day to stay clean, healthy and happy. That's a total of up to 3,650 diapers a year for one child.

1 in 3 mothers struggle to provide the diapers their children need.

Families try hard to extend the use of the disposable diapers they have on hand by changing diapers less often or by trying to clean and reuse them.

But that's a big problem: Babies who go an entire day without a diaper change are uncomfortable; they develop rashes and infections; and, often, they cry more, unnerving their parents, who are already feeling guilty about not being able



to afford the basics for their kids.

Child-care providers even have a phrase— “Monday morning rash” — to describe how babies from low-income families sometimes arrive after a weekend of infrequent diaper changes.

These problems are not evidence of bad parenting but of bad public policy. Unfortunately, some state family assistance programs do not apply to the purchase of diapers.

How you can help

Bring a pack or a box or a case of diapers [all brands are welcome] to the next Civitas event you attend. [Donations are optional, of course.] Tell your friends and family about the Civitas Diaper Drive, and encourage them to give you additional diapers for the drive.

Family assistance groups tell us that the greatest need is for larger sizes—**size 4's and size 5's**.

And then...

As part of our effort to encourage active citizenship, later in the school year we'll take a field trip to drop them off at Circle of Concern, a West St. Louis County, non-profit food bank that will distribute the diapers to their clients.

For more info, please contact Civitas at 314-367-6480 or info@civitas-stl.com.