

## VOICES OF NEED

*"I recently had a baby girl and she is 3 months old now. I also have two other daughters, ages 5 and 9. I raise them on my own and have recently been diagnosed with a seizure disorder. I can only work part-time with light duty. Things have been extremely difficult for the past few months. I really need some extra help with diapers, wipes and clothing until I can get back on my feet."*

*"I am a father of a newborn son. My wife and I both work, but we do not earn much money and struggle to make ends meet. Once we pay our bills, there isn't much left for diapers. We have to make our son's diaper supply last as long as possible and sometimes that means leaving him in a soiled diaper longer. Diapers are really expensive. We have to choose between paying bills, feeding our family or buying diapers."*

*"I am a new mother and just recently returned to work. There are many days when I run out of diapers for my son. Not having diapers means that I can't send my son to daycare since they require a full day's supply. And if he can't go to daycare, I can't go to work to earn money. Food stamps and WIC can't be used to buy diapers. I need to stretch each week's supply, so there are times when I have to reuse a diaper. I know it's not the best idea, but a less than clean diaper is better than no diaper at all."*



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## *Twice As Nice Mother & Child*



*Providing Help and Hope to  
Families in Crisis*

## WHO WE ARE

*T*wice As Nice Mother & Child is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that strives to ensure that mothers and children have their most basic needs met. We provide help and hope to families in crisis by offering assistance free of charge. We offer gently used items (children's clothing/shoes, maternity wear, infant care essentials, children's books) and other basic needs like diapers, wipes and infant formula.

- We are an organization run entirely by volunteers.
- We solicit, collect and maintain an inventory of gently used items. New items are also accepted.
- We are a certified diaper bank and a member of the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN).
- We distribute items through partnerships with social service agencies and direct service.

### OUR VALUES (G.I.V.E.)

**Generosity** - We believe in providing assistance to mothers and children that need it, free of charge.

**Involvement** - Our goal is to be active in the community by serving as a valuable resource for families in need and agencies that serve them.

**Virtue** - We want to be a shining example of moral excellence and righteousness in a world where the less fortunate are often forgotten.

**Empathy** - We strive to understand and identify with the varying needs of mothers and children—and to provide them with items that will improve their quality of life.



## WHAT WE DO

*O*ur organization spends a significant amount of time soliciting and collecting donations from the public. We also seek out and reach out to other organizations that serve families in need. Through our relationships with local social service agencies and nonprofit organizations, we have been able to extend our reach to provide even more families with the help that they need to care for their children safely and with dignity.

We have established partnerships with over 25 social service agencies in Illinois who know mothers and children in genuine need of the items that we can provide to them. We currently serve 150-200 families every month and that number continues to grow. We provide over 100,000 diapers every year that help keep babies clean, dry and healthy. Regardless of the type of assistance that is needed, we help to restore stability and hope to families during challenging times.

We maintain a large inventory of items at our warehouse. While most of the items are gently used, we also accept NEW items. We offer the following to families:

### WOMEN

- Maternity wear (S, M, L, XL)

### CHILDREN (NEWBORN TO SIZE 12)

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Outerwear

### INFANT CARE ESSENTIALS

- Blankets & bedding
- Bouncers, exersaucers & walkers
- Car seats & boosters
- Children's books
- Cribs
- Diapers & wipes
- Diaper bags
- Feeding seats & high chairs
- Infant formula
- Pack 'n plays
- Strollers (No Joggers)

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

*D*onate gently used clothing, shoes and infant care essentials! We invite you to consider donating your “lovingly used” items (free of stains, holes and damage) to us when cleaning out your closets, basement or garage. **We regret that we do not accept undergarments, toys, bottles, sippy cups, utensils, pacifiers or breast pumps.** We accept donations at our office or you can schedule a pick-up at your home. Please contact us for more information. All donations are tax deductible.

**Donate dollars!** Financial donations are always welcomed and appreciated. The funds are used to support our diaper bank, which currently distributes over 100,000 diapers every year to families in crisis. We rely on fundraising, diaper drives and financial support from the general public to fulfill our mission. Monetary donations make it possible for us to continue to provide specific sizes and quantities of diapers that we cannot always count on from diaper drives alone. Please visit our website and click on the “DONATE NOW” button to make a secure donation online. Donations can also be mailed to the address listed on the back of this brochure. All donations are tax deductible.

**Donate diapers!** Diaper need affects 1 in 3 families—and safety net programs like food stamps and WIC do not cover diapers. Diapers are an ongoing and high priority need for many families, but especially for those that are experiencing financial hardship. Those families must often choose between buying diapers, paying bills or getting groceries. Infants need 10-12 diapers per day and toddlers need 7-8 diapers per day. With a cost between \$80 and \$100 per month per child, diapers are an expense that many families struggle to afford. Our diaper bank is able to help those families by providing diapers at no charge so they can keep their children clean, dry and healthy. Changing babies changes lives and with your support we can further our efforts to combat diaper need. All donations are tax deductible.

**Host a diaper drive!** Do you want to make a difference and help babies in the community? Consider organizing or hosting a diaper drive to benefit our diaper bank! We can provide you with a toolkit, donation boxes and other marketing materials—and we will even pick up all of the donations at the end of the drive! Please contact us for more information.

**Volunteer!** We offer a variety of opportunities for people to get involved in our organization. We welcome parents, retirees, children (ages 8 and up) and high school students who may be in need of service hours. We can also host schools, churches, sports teams, youth groups and other organizations that are interested in community service projects. Please contact us for more information.