



NEWS For Immediate Release

Global Links and Western PA Diaper Bank to Host Free Drive-Up Diaper Distribution on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at McKeesport Area Senior High School

Event supported by the Jefferson Regional Foundation supports families and caregivers experiencing financial hardship

(PITTSBURGH) April x, 2024 -- In support of local families experiencing financial hardship, humanitarian aid organization Global Links and Western PA Diaper Bank (WPDB) with support from the Jefferson Regional Foundation will host a drive-up diaper distribution event on **Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10 a.m. to noon** at **McKeesport Area Senior High School**, 1960 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport.

Families and caregivers of young children are invited to line up by car to receive approximately a one-month supply of children's diapers per household. Parents and caregivers will have the option of choosing up to two different sizes of diapers. Sizes 1-6 will be available.

Cathy Battle, Founder and Executive Director of the Western PA Diaper Bank, states, "It has never been more expensive to raise a child. Diaper costs increased 25% over the last two years. Our distribution to our partners continues to increase and we are giving out close to 200,000 diapers a month in addition to formula, period products, and incontinence supplies.

"According to The National Diaper Bank Network Diaper Check 2023, we have learned that 1 in 2 families nationally are struggling to keep their babies clean, healthy and dry. Not only has diaper need increased but period products and incontinence supplies are also requested more this year. No one should have to choose between buying diapers or buying food.

"Infants use 8-12 diapers per day and a toddler uses 6 to 8 diapers per day. As always, the need is much greater than the supply. Thanks to everyone that has supported the Diaper Bank and the many babies and families we serve. A special thanks to the Global Links team and Jefferson Regional Foundation for collaborating with us to help babies in the Mon Valley."

Kareliz Ramos Aponte, Global Links' Domestic Medical Aid Program Manager, adds, "Baby diapers are not covered by SNAP or other government benefits, and families are struggling to make ends meet. Without clean diapers babies are at risk of infection and families are faced with increased stress. By partnering with the Western PA Diaper Bank we are supporting families in the Mon Valley in an effort to keep their babies dry, healthy, and safe."

WHAT: Free drive- up diaper distribution to families in need

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2024

10 a.m. to noon (rain or shine)

WHERE: McKeesport Area Senior High School

1960 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport 15132

WHO: Global Links and **Western PA Diaper Bank**, with support from the Jefferson Regional Foundation

About Global Links

Global Links is a Pittsburgh-based non-profit dedicated to improving health in communities with need. Global Links collaborates with U.S. healthcare institutions and the community to rescue hundreds of tons of high-quality surplus medical materials every year. These materials are shared with public health facilities around the world and with non-profit organizations in Western Pennsylvania that are providing care for their community's most vulnerable people. For more information, visit www.GlobalLinks.org. Global Links. Sharing Surplus. Saving Lives.

About Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank

Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank is giving hope to families by addressing basic needs. As the region's only basic needs bank, it combats diaper need, period poverty, and incontinence for families in crisis through its advocacy and distribution programs. Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank partners with over 60 social service agencies and community partners in Allegheny, Fayette, and Westmoreland counties to hand out 2.5 million diapers, period products, and incontinence supplies annually. Co-founder and Executive Director Cathy Battle has received recognition for her organizational dedication, including three consecutive Jefferson Awards, one of which she shares with her husband and Diaper Bank Co founder Pastor Phillip Battle.

For additional information, please visit www.wpadiaperbank.org.

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