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## Diaper Distributions Support Maternal & Infant Health

Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs like SNAP and WIC, and with the rising cost of living, they can become a real financial burden for families. Through a five-year old partnership with the Western PA Diaper Bank, Global Links hosted two large-scale diaper distributions in 2025 in Clairton and McKeesport, two highly diverse, working-class communities in Allegheny County where roughly 31% of residents struggle to meet basic needs. Together, with the help of dedicated volunteers, we distributed over 123,000 diapers to **more than 580 households across 100 zip codes**, helping families meet a basic need and supporting the health and well-being of their babies.

Cathy Battle, Founder and Executive Director of the Western PA Diaper Bank, stated, *"It has never been more expensive to raise a child. Diaper costs increased 25% over the last two years. The National Diaper Bank Network Diaper Check 2024 found that 46.7% of U.S. families with young children struggle to afford diapers, and 1 in 4 parents miss work or school because they can't afford the diapers needed for childcare, leading to financial and professional consequences."*

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