



# December Diaper Drive

Changing Diapers Changes Lives!  
Be a Part of the Change this Holiday  
Season!



Check out our toolkit for hosting a diaper drive this holiday season!





This year, The Maker's Place has reached  
**1 MILLION**  
diapers distributed!

That's one million diaper changes that  
happened without worry. When you give  
diapers, you give families the gift of peace!

**One in two families struggle to provide  
enough diapers for their children**

The gift of diapers makes a big difference for  
babies and families!

**YOU can help make a change!**

Collect diapers at your church or during the  
four Sundays of Advent.

Drop off your donations at the Maker's Place:

**Sunday, January 5th: between 1 – 3pm**  
**Wednesday, January 7th between 5 – 7pm**

Trinity UMC  
1985 Pennington Road  
Ewing, NJ 08618

**For registration, more info and a free toolkit  
visit [www.makersplace.org/donate](http://www.makersplace.org/donate)**

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## FAST FACTS

### Why Diapers?

- Babies require up to 12 diapers per day, toddlers about 8.
- A sufficient supply of diapers are necessary to keep a baby clean, dry and healthy.
- Diapers are essential to a child's well being. Yet, state and national programs do not assist with diapers for low-income families.

### The Numbers

- 11 million - the number of children in poor or low income families.
- \$70-\$80 - the amount diapers cost per month, per baby.
- 0 - the number of federal programs that cover diapers.

### The Diaper Gap

- Households experiencing diaper shortage are on average lacking 50 diapers per month.
- More than a quarter of families who experience diaper shortages need to rely on diaper banks to help fill that gap.

### Donations Make a Difference!

- Babies who remain too long in a soiled diaper are exposed to potential health risks. **Your donations make a change for health!**
- Most child care centers, even free or subsidized facilities, require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers. **Your donations make a change for early childhood education and childhood learning!**
- Many parents can't go to work or school if they can't leave their babies at child care. **Your donations make a change for working families, and help families in poverty stretch their limited income further.**

Together, we can make a change!



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## Tips and Tools for Collection

So you're interested in hosting a Diaper Drive for children and families through the Maker's Place! That's great! Diaper Drives are a lot of fun, and they really do make a difference. So where do you begin?

Each local collection needs at least one (or more) diaper drive "Champion." Maybe that's you! A champion is someone who can organize and promote a diaper drive in their church, workplace, or community. It takes passion, a bit of organizational skills, and the ability to get things done!

We want to make things as easy as possible for you to succeed. That's why we've created this Mission-In-A-Box Toolkit. The toolkit contains downloadable print material and graphics. You can use these to get the word out and keep things organized.

Here's some information that will help you plan for your Diaper Drive!

### Planning for Success

**Pick your dates** - We encourage churches to collect diapers over the course of four Sundays. The four Sundays of December would be our recommendation! We think it's a great way to reflect on the significance of the season, for example the birth of Jesus as a newborn baby! The holiday spirit also encourages others to live generously. Of course, you can adjust the collection days to suit the needs of your congregation or community.

**Recruit Volunteers** - Find folks who want to help! Who do you know that can help promote your drive on social media, design a creative display for the drop off area in your church or at work, coordinate the bundling event, or deliver what you've collected to a drop-off location? You might want to place diapers around a manger, alter, baby crib, or Christmas tree depending on the season of the diaper drive!

**Set Your Goals** - People can donate diapers of all sizes. We're especially grateful for sizes 4+, and we'll take wipes too! It also helps to set a goal. How many donations will you collect? Develop a way to track your progress. Make sure you display your diapers prominently, so that people can see the collection grow!



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**Spread the Word** - Be active before AND during the drive! Announce your diaper drive and bundling event via social media, emails, bulletin inserts, and church website. We've included some graphics to get you started, as well as a Fast Fact Sheet with information on why diapers make a difference!

**Share Your Results** - Take lots of photos, and post pictures on social media to share your results. We'd suggest using terms like "this week we collected" so that people will understand this is an ongoing project. You can tag us on Facebook or Instagram at @MakersPlaceTrenton, in order to connect what you're doing with drives across New Jersey and beyond. Feel free to use the hashtag #TMPOneMillionandCounting

**Deliver Your Diapers** - The Maker's Place is a diaper bank in Trenton, New Jersey. It's most helpful if you can deliver your diapers at **Trinity United Methodist Church (1985 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618)** on one of our December Diaper Drive Drop-Off Days

- **Sunday, January 5th between 1 and 3pm**
- **Wednesday, January 7th between 5 and 7pm**

Additional days and times can be arranged upon request!

**Don't Forget to Celebrate** - Have a celebration over the next time you get together. Your congregation, or community, is making a difference for babies and families living in poverty, and partnering to support mission and ministry in the Trenton area.

**Get Involved: Volunteer with the Maker's Place** - We're looking for help during our collection days in December, as well at other times. Interested in volunteering? Go to [www.makersplace.org/volunteer](http://www.makersplace.org/volunteer) or email: [hello@makersplace.org](mailto:hello@makersplace.org)

**Questions? Contact us!** - We'd love to hear from you. Here's how to get in touch:

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**Thank you for helping your congregation, or community, experience the joy of giving. We look forward to hearing what God is doing in and through your efforts!**



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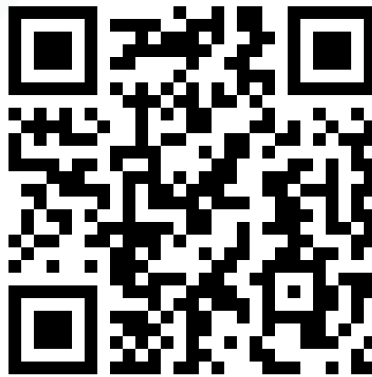
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## Diaper Drive and Bundling Instructions

The Maker's Place is a nonprofit diaper bank and resource center in Trenton, NJ. We're inspired by the compassion and generosity that compels so many of you to help your neighbors and we greatly appreciate you searching for ways to help. These Leader's Notes will help you put together a volunteering project for individuals, families, or small groups. Volunteers will pack diaper bundles, which we will distribute to families struggling with diaper need. The volunteering can be done at home, or other fun gathering place with adequate space.

Watch our [Diaper Bundling 101](#) video for tips and tricks as you prepare! Scan the QR code to view!



### Supplies

- Diapers (sizes 4 through 7 are especially helpful; diapers range in size from Newborn to size 7, and pullups come in sizes T2-3, T3-4, and T4-5.)
- Plastic food bags. Here's what we use: [LINK](#)
- Mailing labels. Here's what we use: [LINK](#). Avery Label number is #5160.
- Mailing label templates. Click here for our template: [LINK](#)
- Diaper Bundling Size Chart. Click here: [LINK](#)
- Bags or boxes for storage and transport. You can use cardboard boxes, plastic bins, or (our personal favorite), zippered blue IKEA bags. The key is to keep the diapers clean and dry.
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**Note:** Please purchase by using your Church/Organization's AmazonSmile account.

[View the FULL Diaper Bundling list here!](#)



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Diaper bundling is really straight-forward. There are three basic steps:

### Instructions:

**Prepare supplies.** Use the supply list above to prepare your bundling supplies as needed. Every individual or group will need all of the above. Print out your mailing labels and the size chart, and gather everything together.

**Collect diapers!** Hosting a diaper drive is easy. The Maker's Place has created promotional materials for year-round diaper drives, as well as flyers for Christmas. You can view, download, and use all our promotional materials here: [LINK](#) (Look for the folder that says, "General Diaper Drive"). We also accept baby wipes, formula, and other baby items!

**Bundle your diapers.** Ask participants to wash their hands before getting started. Use the size chart to determine how many diapers to place neatly inside each bag, based on the diaper size. (Babies use less diapers as they grow.) You can mix-and-match diapers by brand (e.g. Huggies and Pampers) in the same bag. Make sure each bag has the same size diaper. Use a mailing label to label the bag by diaper size.

When you're all done, please deliver what you've got to the Maker's Place at **Trinity United Methodist Church (1985 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618)**. Contact us at [hello@makersplace.org](mailto:hello@makersplace.org) to schedule a delivery time. And be sure to take pictures of your work, and share them with us!

**We're so grateful that you're part of our mission to connect neighbors with neighbors, so that all God's children can experience life in abundant community!**

The Maker's Place Team



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