

Caring and Sharing

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Pregnancy Helpline Is Now a Diaper Bank

IT IS WITH GREAT JOY WE ANNOUNCE OUR NEW PARTNERSHIP!

The Pregnancy Helpline of Madison has recently partnered with the National Diaper Bank Network to become the first Diaper Bank in Madison.

The National Diaper Bank is also a non-profit group, based out of Washington DC. They are partnered with Huggies Diapers, as a part of their “every little bottom” campaign. Several times a year, Huggies will release a couple million diapers to the NDBN. They in turn pass the diapers along to their partnered diaper banks, which now includes the Pregnancy Helpline of Madison.

To be a part of this program, we simply need to do what we’ve always done—hold diaper drives, write grants for diapers, and give out diapers for free at our Sharing Center to families that need them.

PH volunteers Jen Bartell and Allison Hill-Slavin are in charge of this new program. “As moms ourselves, we are excited about our goal of increasing the diapers we give out to families in need. There is no other place in the Madison area committed to having diapers on hand consistently, and WIC funds do not cover diapers. We hope we can prevent extra stress on families by meeting their diaper need.”

YOU CAN HELP.

- 1) Use the enclosed envelope to make a donation to our diaper bank.
- 2) Host a diaper drive at your school, work, church, or daycare.

Contact Jen for more info!

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Director's Corner

We are continuing to enjoy our new space at the Catholic Multicultural Center. It's also nice to hear CMC staff refer clients to us, and to see our moms enjoying lunch at the CMC after they "shop" at the Sharing Center.

I'm very excited about our new Diaper Bank status. We have already increased (twice!) the number of diapers we are able to give out monthly because of various diaper drives at local churches and schools. Special thanks to Jen and Allison for heading up this program!



Launching our website has also been a big accomplishment. We can reach out to donors, volunteers, and families much better when our information has a fresh, clean look.

Also, my family has grown this summer as well! We've added Declan Matthew, born 6/19/13 to our family of 3 girls.

Please contact me if you'd like me to come speak at your church or group event! I'm happy to share more about what I love!

Alessia Hasker

Client Story

"NOW I AM IN A
POSITION TO
GIVE BACK..."

DONOR,
LAUREN

We received a very sweet card from a woman and her son that I want to share with you.

"I'm so very thankful for all you do. What a blessing you are to new mothers! I was once in a position of the many women you help and God provided to me through the kindness of others. Now I am in

position to give back and it was put on my heart to purchase a gift card and give it to you and you could put it to the best use! Thanks again for all you do. Always, Lauren and Cameron"

Enclosed in her card was a generous gift card that we used to buy several pack-n-plays for our Safe

Sleep Program.

This is a beautiful testament to the fact that help is generously given, and then received, then given back. Thanks so much to Lauren and Cameron!



Volunteer Spotlight



This month we honor Erin Ebersole, our Safe Sleep Coordinator. She began volunteering with Pregnancy Helpline in June 2007, after Judy Scheidegger visited her playgroup and extended a personal invitation to volunteer.

"Being the Safe Sleep Coordinator fits in perfectly with my other job as a stay-at-home mom to three sons. I volunteer with Pregnancy Helpline because it is proactively pro-life. My hope is women will choose life for their unborn babies, and then if they need help after the

babies are born, we can be there to support them.

As I continue to volunteer with PH, I am amazed by the volunteers. There are so many tremendously talented, compassionate people that are an honor to work with."

Thanks Erin!

Updates

New Website

Check us out at : www.pregnancyhelpline.net for our new website, updated info, and pictures.



And “like” us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/PregnancyHelplineMadison More pictures and updates there!

Volunteer Need:

Phone Volunteers!

We are trying to increase our phone volunteers by 10 this Fall. Answer all calls from home. Full training provided, on-going training and support at monthly meetings. Sign up for shifts that fit your schedule.

Contact Alissa Hirscher if interested: pregnancyhelplinedirector@gmail.com.



Special thanks to the Young Adult Group at St. Christopher’s in Verona for their work day at the Sharing Center!

Partners in Caring

4-H Diligent Doers	Diocese of Madison	R Church	St. John the Baptist Parish
Ashley Ecklund	Good Shepherd Parish	Sacred Hearts Parish	St. Maria Goretti
Badger Catholic	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Saint Jude Healthcare	St. Paul’s Grad Group
Blackhawk Church	Josh Lavik and Assoc.	Shopko	St. Peter’s School & Parish
Blessed Sacrament Parish	Kels Irish Band	St. Albert the Great Parish	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Burlington Coat Factory	Knights of Columbus	St. Ambrose Academy	St. Vincent DePaul
Cathedral Parish	Mad. Catholic Women’s Club	St. Bernard Parish, Middleton	Wagner Insurance
Catholic Multicultural Center	Pro-Life Wisconsin	St. Christopher Parish	Wisconsin Right to Life
Christ the King Parish	Queen of Peace Parish	St. Francis Xavier Cross Plains	Women’s Care Center

Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS

- Sharing Center sorters. Come 1-2 times a month for 2-3 hours to sort and size baby clothes.
- Phone volunteers. Answer calls from home. We especially need Spanish speaking phone volunteers.

DONATIONS

We depend entirely on donations of time, material goods, and financial assistance from generous people in the Madison area. Donate online or by check. Checks can be made out to: Pregnancy Helpline, Inc. and mailed to: PO Box 5261 Madison, WI 53705

CONTACT US

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Alissa Hirscher, Pregnancy Helpline Director at 608-222-0008 or email pregnancyhelplinedirector@gmail.com



Donate with PayPal on our website

www.pregnancyhelpline.net



SHARING CENTER HOURS

Saturday 9am-12noon
(closed Holiday weekends)

Catholic Multicultural Center
1862 Beld St. (off Park St.)
Lower Level

Call 608-222-0008



OUR MISSION:

The Mission of Pregnancy Helpline, Inc is to provide life-affirming, compassionate care; giving accurate information, material support, and community referrals to women and their families before, during, and after pregnancy.

Pregnancy Helpline is a non-profit, non-political organization supporting Madison-area families for 30 years. We depend entirely on donations of time, material goods, and financial assistance from generous people in the Madison area. If interested in volunteering, donating, or for more information, please call (608) 222-0008 or email us at pregnancyhelplinedirector@gmail.com.



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