

# DIAPERS

If you could only choose one, would you feed or diaper your baby?

1 in 3 American families face this difficult decision every day.



In partnership with B'more for Healthy Babies, the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) is helping families in need by collecting **500,000 diapers by the end of Diaper Need Awareness Week September 23-29, 2019**. We are collecting diapers of all brands and sizes as well as wipes. Premie diapers will go to the families of UMMC NICU patients, and all others will go to families and shelters in Baltimore.

#### WHY THERE IS A CRUCIAL NEED FOR DIAPERS:

- 5.2 million children in the U.S. aged 3 or younger live in poor or low-income families
- Infants require up to 10 diapers per day, costing families between \$70-\$80 per month, per baby
- Diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps
- Some families cut back on basics such as food, utilities, or child care to purchase diapers, while others need to leave their infants in soiled diapers for a longer period of time, leading to potential health risks
- Childcare programs require parents to provide enough diapers per day; if a parent cannot afford them, they cannot leave their child in daycare to attend work or school

*Help keep a baby dry.*

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