

Myths

1. Government assistance programs cover the cost of diapers
 - They do not
2. Diaper manufacturers donate diapers
 - Only if you have quadruplets or more
3. Cloth diapers are an option
 - Childcare centers require disposable diapers
 - Cloth diapers require easy access to washing facilities—many low income families do not have this luxury.



The Sharing Place is a member of:

Lawrence Hunger Coalition

*Working Together For a
Better Community*



Additional Programs

The Sharing Place offers regular and seasonal programs to serve our community.

Food Pantry: Clients of the food pantry are eligible to receive free food once a month. Food services do not require a referral.

Ready, Set, Learn! is a back to school program that gives two uniforms and school supplies to children in need. This program takes place in August and requires a referral.

Thanksgiving Bag Giveaway offers referred individuals bags of seasonal food, free of charge, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Holiday Store offers referred individuals the opportunity to “shop” at no charge for Christmas gifts for their families.



The Foundation for Lutheran Child and Family Services

The Sharing Place Diaper Bank

Located at First Trinity Lutheran Church
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Diaper Need By the Numbers

- 1 in 3 American moms struggle with diaper need.
- A normal infant uses up to 12 diapers a day.
- A healthy change of diapers costs \$100/month.



What is The Sharing Place Diaper Bank?

The mission of The Sharing Place Diaper Bank is to ensure that families living in poverty have an adequate supply of diapers for their infants and toddlers.

The Sharing Place Diaper Bank provides free diapers to families in need and is mainly staffed by volunteers recruited from the community.



Impact on Babies

1. **Increased disease risk**—diaper rash, staph infections, hepatitis. Because families don't have enough diapers, a baby's diaper might only be changed once a day, or rinsed and reused.
2. **Increased child abuse**, like shaken baby syndrome, because babies cry more when wearing dirty diapers.



Impact on Families

1. Emotional stress—Imagine if you can't soothe your crying baby because you don't have a clean diaper to use.
2. Financial stress—Families cut back on other basics, such as food, heat, and electricity to pay for diapers.
3. Caregivers leave the workforce because disposable diapers can't be purchased for daycare.



How YOU Can Help

- Make a donation today at www.lutheranfamily.org
- Deliver a diaper donation to The Sharing Place
- Host a diaper drive—call or email us for ideas
- Volunteer at The Sharing Place
- Add The Sharing Place to your prayer list

How to Get Diaper Assistance



Clients are eligible to receive free diapers once a month. To receive diapers from The Sharing Place, you must bring the following:

An official referral letter from a Marion County Department of Child Services Family Case Manager, Marion Country Health Department Case Worker, Marion County WIC Clinician, Marion County Probation Officer, or church pastor. Referral letters can be faxed to (317) 322-4095 Attn: Saran Westcott.

ADULTS

- Photo ID for each adult receiving diapers **AND**
- Utility bill with current address for each adult receiving diapers

CHILDREN

- Birth certificate for each child **AND**
- Social security card for each child

The Sharing Place Diaper Bank Hours

Monday: 9:30am-3:30pm
Tuesday: 9:30am-3:30pm and 4:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9:30am-3:30pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10am-2pm
Sunday: Closed



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