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diapers for families in need



October 2024 Quarterly Update

HappyBottoms is changing lives one diaper at a time. One diaper can arrive at our warehouse neatly wrapped in a zip lock bag from one of HappyBottoms drop site locations, or one diaper can arrive in a box donated by one of the many generous Kansas Citians who stop by our warehouse from time to time.

Parents find out about HappyBottoms through our partnerships with hospitals and social service agencies who provide the initial and monthly supply of 75 diapers. Another way that mothers and fathers learn about HappyBottoms is through Happy Packs, a bundle of 5 diapers wrapped with an information card about how to enroll in the Monthly Diaper Program. HappyBottoms gives Happy Packs, in all diaper and pull-up sizes, to organizations who see parents in a moment of unexpected crisis or when they are seeking resources. Reconciliation Services is one such organization that keeps a supply of Happy Packs on hand for parents in the **REVEAL (Restore-Engage-Value-Encourage-Act-Lead) Program**, which offers a comprehensive approach to individual and community healing through essential social services, case management, and therapeutic services. Connecting mothers or fathers to diaper assistance not only helps their children, but also provides the REVEAL Care Coordinators one less resource to find.



*LeToia Johnson
REVEAL Care Coordinator*

There is no season for diaper need; HappyBottoms provided a supply of 75 diapers to 6,655 children in September, a 31% increase over the same period last year. As a backbone agency to 80 social service and 6 hospital partners, thank you for having our backs through your volunteer hours, advocacy and generous donations.

Give a diaper, change a life.

Quarter 3 Impact

Q3 IMPACT

1,518,335
diapers
provided

6,394
average monthly
children served

+

80
distribution
sites

1,278
volunteers

+

2,711
hours

15,235
happy pack diapers
distributed

+

177
potty kits
distributed

Partner Agencies Added in Q3

Baby Grace Buckner

Happy Pack Outreach Partners Added in Q3

Hanthorn Early Education Center/Independence School District | Johnson County Sheriff's Office | NKC Adult Education Center | Overland Park Regional Medical Center | Parkville Women's Clinic | Paseo Montessori School

Thank you for helping Deborah's family!

Deborah's daughter, Ivana, is six months old. She loves taking her daughter to the park so that she can look at the beautiful flowers. When her child was 3 months old, she learned about HappyBottoms from a partner agency. Recently, she said **"Thanks to you, in times of need I was able to complete the payment for my electricity bill, which was about to be cut off."**

what a difference a
diaper makes!



donate to make a
difference



Upcoming Events

Save the Date

For every \$2 you give to
HappyBottoms on **December 3rd**
Thrivent will match with \$1 to help
provide diapers to families in need



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heroes



HappyBottoms is incredibly fortunate to have the ongoing support of Keen Wealth Advisors throughout the year. Led by Carissa and Bill Keen, their generous partnership has already made a lasting impact. From volunteering and leading the charge in our Diaper Madness Diaper Drive to serving as honorary chairs for Diaper Bowl 2024, their commitment to our mission has touched thousands of families in need.



*Carissa & Bill Keen
Keen Wealth Advisors*

Carissa feels a special connection to HappyBottoms mission, “I became a mother at the too young age of 17. One weekend when my daughter was about 6 months old I found myself out of money and running low on the size 2 diapers she had grown into. By this time I was 18 years old and starting my first adult job in data entry the following Monday. The only problem was my baby’s new daycare said I’d have to provide her formula and diapers. I received formula through the WIC program but constantly purchasing diapers was a struggle.

I’m no longer struggling. But when I was struggling the best advice I ever received was to use your resources. **I wish that an organization like HappyBottoms would have been there for my young family.** Now that my circumstances have changed, it’s a privilege to ensure the most vulnerable in our community, babies, receive the basic need of diapers.”

Thank you for helping us provide an essential resource that is creating lasting change!

Volunteer Highlights and Opportunities

Meet Edee!

Edee Sweeney is among our most dedicated volunteers, having served regularly since 2016 with more than 60 hours of time given in just the past 12 months. Not only does she bring incredible energy and expertise to every single Community Shift, she also regularly brings others including her family, friends, and her friends' families. We appreciate that Edee has perfected having fun while getting diapers ready for local families.



Community volunteer shifts give individuals (age 12+) the opportunity to participate in group projects such as wrapping diapers and filling monthly orders. Each shift has its own personality and delightful combination of new volunteers mixed with those who have many years and hours of experience volunteering at HappyBottoms. Check out our calendar below to make a reservation.

Unique Volunteer Opportunities

- Already thinking about your next visit to HappyBottoms? Make sure you plan sooner rather than later! We encourage groups and individuals to sign up 2- 3 months ahead of when they want to come in.
- Can't make it to HappyBottoms? We can bring the volunteer experience to your group of adults! Our Mobile Wrap can be brought to almost any location. We can cater to your group no matter the size. Contact volunteer@happybottoms.org if you would like to know more about the program, including the requested donation or if you'd like to schedule a date.

[click here for
volunteer opportunities](#)

THANK YOU! Q3 Volunteer Groups

BlueKC | Burns and McDonnell | Centurions | Community America Credit Union | Country Club Bank | Divine Diapers | Ernst & Young | Exceptional Humans | Farmer's Insurance | GEHA - Government Employees Health Association | HopeBuilders | H&R Block | Huntington Farms Homes Association | Junior League of KCMO | Johnson County Children and Family Services | Journey Church | KC Athenaeum | KCNSC/Honeywell | KCYM | Keen Wealth Advisors | Keystone Church | KPMG | KUMC - HERO | Lake Winnebago Lions Club | Lathrop GPM | Leawood Rotary | Lenexa Rotary Club | Lockton | Maranatha Christian Academy volleyball teams | Mizzou Alumni | National Charity League | NCL - 2027 Ticktockers | National Trust Advisors | Netsmart | PEO Chapter AV | Pi Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi | QTS | Redcoaters | Sigma Gamma Rho | The Dependables | Total Rewards KC Board | UMB | UMKC School of Medicine | United Way CommUNITY Fest | University of Kansas Health System - Leadership Team | US Bank | Veritiv | Visit KC | YMSL - Young Men's Service League

Q3 Mobile Wraps

Hayhow Family and Friends "Be Day" | VML Foundation Day



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