

# FY2023 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Babies Need Bottoms		
<b>Project Name:</b>	Expanding Diaper Assistance: Supporting Resilience through Basic Needs		
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022)	
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## Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

<b>Quarter 1</b>	<p>In Q1, we distributed 18,223 basic essentials to serve an estimated 767 children, by adding 9 new partners. This includes 17,771 diapers, 386 baby wipes packs, 33 rash cream tubes, and 33 infant formula cans. Amidst incredible increases in cost of goods, gas, and a nationwide formula shortage – it is painfully difficult to afford being a parent to young children. These material supports are making a huge difference in the lives of children and families in Buncombe County.</p> <p>In July we invited 9 Buncombe County organizations from Babies Need Bottoms' Partner Waitlist to join monthly distribution order process and began regular monthly/as-needed diaper distributions. New orgs: Project FIGHT with The Salvation Army/Salvation Army Shelter, Asheville City Schools Family Resource Center, Buncombe Co. Schools Family Resource Center, Buncombe Co. Care Coordination for Children, Weaverville UMC BEAR Closet, MAHEC/Project CARA, Lutheran Services Carolinas, CIMA/Consulta Tu Compa, and Ahope Day Center/Homeward Bound.</p> <p>In September we connected with United Way/211 to update our diaper distribution partners list and initiate discussion/planning for information campaign to increase awareness for diaper assistance.</p>
<b>Quarter 2</b>	<p>In Q2 we distributed 15,879 basic essentials to serve an estimated 663 children. This includes 15,379 diapers, 467 packs of baby wipes, 21 tubes of rash cream, and 12 canisters of infant formula. Increased cost of goods, especially the increased cost of groceries, is presenting an ongoing financial strain on families' household budgets. We have exceeded our goals for diaper and wipes distribution, as well as the number of new partners we are regularly serving. Partners are incredibly appreciative to be able to provide these basic essentials to their families; one partner at Weaverville BEAR Closet shared, "We cannot adequately express how blessed we are to partner with your team. This enables us to use our funds for some other essential items as other needs continue to be enormous." Another partner who serves families who are unhoused, shared with us that once the homeless community began to find out that they could access diapers through Ahope Day Center, she has seen a great increase in the number of diaper requests, mentioning that some families are attempting to potty-train while living in cars and have a need for potty-training supplies.</p>

<b>Quarter 3</b>	<p>In Q3 we distributed 17,804 basic essentials to serve an estimated 720 children. This includes 17,393 diapers, 396 packs of baby wipes, and 15 tubes of rash cream. This grant is helping Buncombe County families meet basic health needs at a time when it is increasingly more expensive to afford the cost of living and raising a family. One partner, Project Cara, recently shared the following, "Receiving diapers from Babies Need Bottoms diaper bank is so beneficial to our patients. As is true for so many during these difficult times, our patients have been hit very hard. We serve a number of patients who are homeless or on the verge of being homeless. Often our patients don't have enough resources to cover their basic needs. Not only do the items Babies Need Bottoms provides help them financially but it makes them feel they have people "in their corner"...that they have people who are supporting them both in their recovery and their parenting." Increased cost of goods, and decreased SNAP benefits are hitting families and we are starting to see a spike in requests. We continue to leverage our National Network partners to bring in donations of diapers, wipes and rash cream to meet rising needs as best we can. We greatly appreciate the support of Buncombe County to do this work.</p>
<b>Quarter 4</b>	<p>In Q4 we distributed 19,624 basic essentials to serve an estimated 855 children. This includes 19,086 diapers, 447 packs of baby wipes, 76 tubes of rash cream, 15 bottles of baby wash. This grant enabled us to reach more Buncombe families through increasing the number of partners we served at a pivotal time when the ending of pandemic Federal relief programs coincided with significantly increased cost of goods. We estimate that we served an additional 250 babies every month with diapers and diapering supplies due to this grant support. We could not be supporting so many families in Buncombe County without this partnership, and are deeply grateful.</p>

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## Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Number of diapers distributed to partners	20,000	17,771	15,379	17,393	19,086	69,629
Number of packs of wipes distributed to partners	150	386	467	396	447	1696
Number of new partners integrated as monthly distribution partners	6	9				9

### Comments:

We continue to see tremendous diaper need. Our initial grant application projected lower need by the named partners, but as is evident by our reporting - we have exceeded our annual goals in the first 6 months. We have successfully leveraged in-kind donations to bridge the gap and continue serving these partners with their higher than expected monthly requests. Increased cost of goods, and decreased SNAP benefits are hitting families and we saw a spike in requests.

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## Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 1,930.04	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,503.51	\$ 1,566.43	\$ 0.02
Training						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,438.23	\$ 500.90	\$ 400.63		\$ (539.76)
Meetings						\$ -
Equipment/Furniture						\$ -
Printing/Marketing						\$ -
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 50.00					\$ 50.00
Client Support						\$ -
Contracts						\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 400.00	\$ 394.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ (94.00)
Insurance and Bonds	\$ 200.00		\$ 68.26	\$ 132.00		\$ (0.26)
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 1,350.00	\$ 766.00	\$ 584.00
List other cost						\$ -
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<b>Total</b>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 4,812.27	\$ 2,419.16	\$ 3,436.14	\$ 2,332.43	\$ -

**Comments:**