





BABY SUPPLIES FOR APPALACHIA SPRING 2017

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

-Nelson Mandela

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 33 Alice Street Pittsburgh, PA 15205



Why Is There Need?

McDowell County, West Virginia, located in the southeast corner of the state, is the 3rd poorest county in the United States. Devastated by the collapse of the coal industry over the last 50 years, in this region:

- the median household income under \$22,500
- 40% of all children live below the poverty line
- 60% of children under age 5 live in poverty
- 84% of all children qualify for reduced price or free lunches at school
- only 64% of adults have completed high school

You can make a real difference

The majority of infants being born in this area are coming into families with extremely limited income, who struggle to maintain housing and basic food. Baby formula, diapers, wipes and other highvolume consumables are often beyond their reach. Poor nutrition and care in a child's first months can lead to deficits that last a lifetime, and can compound the cycle of poverty.

What We Need

We are collecting **infant and young child care supplies**, a pressing need shared with us by The Highland Educational Project, a primary distributor of aid in an underserved section of McDowell County. They have requested:

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Pull-ups (all sizes)
- Baby formula
- Baby bottles
- Sippy cups
- Baby wipes
- Swaddling blankets
- Onesies
- Pacifiers
- Thermometers
- Diaper rash ointment
- Baby soap/shampoo
- Bibs

Where We Need It

Donations will be accepted at Nativity Episcopal Church, located at 33 Alice Street in Crafton, PA, on Sundays before noon, or at any time by calling 412-921-4103.

Monetary donations to the project can be made via check to Nativity Episcopal Church, with the memo line "Baby Supplies", with all proceeds going toward the purchase and delivery of these supplies.

Deadline for donations is Easter Sunday, April 16.

What better way to share Easter joy that to reach out in generosity and love to those less fortunate than ourselves!

After delivery, the supplies will be distributed to families most in need through the Highland Educational Project, an ecumenical outreach effort of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. Learn more about HEP at :

www.highlandeducationalproject.org

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