Our Wish List...

- Diaper sizes 4, 5 & 6
- Hand truck or flatbed dolly
- Warehouse shelving
- Laser and inkjet printer paper
- Copier paper
- 6-foot and/or 8-foot folding table(s)
- Gift cards (Office Depot, CostCo, etc.)
- HP Printer Cartridges (#22, #27)
- Stamps
- And, of course, diapers!

$5,000 Donation from Core Source!

Kirsten Grabo accepts a much needed $5,000 donation from Core Source. This will buy 25,000 diapers for people in real need.

Thanks for helping to Cover Our Butts Core Source!

DON’T FORGET WE NEED ADULT SIZES TOO!

E-Newsletter Saves Paper And MONEY!

Let’s save our planet by reducing the number of newsletters we print on paper each year, (and save our bank account by reducing the printing and mailing cost). Subscribe to our E-newsletter in place of this paper version. Less material used (and trashed) and less cost means more resources can go to - what else? - DIAPERS!

To make the change, send an email to: info@diaperbank.org, put “Go Green” in the subject, and indicate in the body of your message the name and address you want removed from the print newsletter mailing list.

Our Bottom Line

The Nation’s First Diaper Bank!

Our Mission
Diapers for children and adults through community partners.

Our Vision
A community that believes every child and adult has the right to a clean, dry diaper.

Our Motto
Dignity through diapers.

Board of Directors
Lynda Hanna, Board President
Charles “Punch” Woods, Board Vice President
Georgene Foust, Secretary
Jennifer Lohse, Treasurer
Don Livingstone
Carolyn Monjoi
Sharon Roffman
Michael Serres

Did you know?

- About 40 babies are born each day in Pima County and each baby will typically use an average of 5000 disposable diapers before s/he is toilet trained.
- More than 100 million disposable diapers plus millions more adult incontinent supplies (adult diapers) go to land fill each year in Pima County.
- Two years ago, 2.1% of Pima County discards to land fills were disposable diapers compared to 4.4% were clothing and footwear.
- It is estimated that disposable diapers have a decomposition rate of 550 years.
- Disposables take about half as much energy as cloth diapers, using one-fourth as much water, generate half as much pollution and produce one-seventh the water pollution?

I’m not making this up! See; Pima County Health department, Alaska Science Forum, 1-9-91, www.realmama.org, and City of Tucson Environmental Services.

A few years ago the small upscale town of Santa Clarita in northern Los Angeles County attempted to recycle disposable diapers. Knowaste LLC failed in this attempt, but they have been successful in other parts of the world. Knowaste describes themselves as the pioneers of the world’s first cost effective and environmentally friendly solution to meet the world challenge of nappy and adult incontinence product waste.

There are choices; disposable diapers, liners and/or training pants, most made from paper-like fiber with plastic liner and backing. There are even biodegradable and flushable diapers. Most reusable diapers are made of cotton cloth. And there are additional special features and wetness barriers, etc. But regardless of the choice, all carry an ecological consequence.

Obviously we don’t have a solution but we do have the question. What Diaper(s) should we provide and recommend? Can you help us with some answers? Email us your ideas at info@diaperbank.com

Diapers... Reusable or Disposable - A Messy Dilemma

By Punch Woods, Board Member

We are as anxious about our environment as we are concerned that all babies and adults have the clean diapers they need. What do we do? There seems to be no easy answer.

By Punch Woods, Board Member

About 40 babies are born each day in Pima County and each baby will typically use an average of 5000 disposable diapers before s/he is toilet trained.

More than 100 million disposable diapers plus millions more adult incontinent supplies (adult diapers) go to landfill each year in Pima County.

Two years ago, 2.1% of Pima County discards to landfill were disposable diapers compared to 4.4% were clothing and footwear.

It is estimated that disposable diapers have a decomposition rate of 550 years.

Disposables take about half as much energy as cloth diapers, using one-fourth as much water, generate half as much pollution and produce one-seventh the water pollution.

I’m not making this up! See; Pima County Health department, Alaska Science Forum, 1-9-91, www.realmama.org, and City of Tucson Environmental Services.

A few years ago the small upscale town of Santa Clarita in northern Los Angeles County attempted to recycle disposable diapers. Knowaste LLC failed in this attempt, but they have been successful in other parts of the world. Knowaste describes themselves as the pioneers of the world’s first cost effective and environmentally friendly solution to meet the world challenge of nappy and adult incontinence product waste.

There are choices; disposable diapers, liners and/or training pants, most made from paper-like fiber with plastic liner and backing. There are even biodegradable and flushable diapers. Most reusable diapers are made of cotton cloth. And there are additional special features and wetness barriers, etc. But regardless of the choice, all carry an ecological consequence.

Obviously we don’t have a solution but we do have the question. What Diaper(s) should we provide and recommend? Can you help us with some answers? Email us your ideas at info@diaperbank.com

To make the change, send an email to: info@diaperbank.org, put “Go Green” in the subject, and indicate in the body of your message the name and address you want removed from the print newsletter mailing list.
DANCING WITH OUR STARS A SMASH HIT!

This year’s second annual gala fundraising event at Loew’s Ventana Canyon Resort - Dancing With Our Stars - was a smashing success for the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona thanks to so many in our community who contributed their time, talent and treasure! Bobby Rich, from MIX-FM handled the M.C. duties and Allen Kath was our fast-talking auctioneer.

Our event sponsors - the Jim Click Automotive Team, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona and KVOI - deserve a big thank you as well. And kudos to all our local celebrity dancers who put their best foot forward for a good cause. You’re ALL winners on our dance card: Steve Alley, Slivy Edmonds Cotton, Faria Dretler, Jayne Henninger, Roxanne Housley, Richard Luebke, Doug Martin, Carolyn Russo, Eric Schindler and Sue Sherrick.

A HUGE hug goes to our Dance Studio Partners: Arizona Ballroom Company, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Shall We Dance and Studio West Dance Studio and to our stel- lar judges: Artie Stone, Melissa Lowe and Douglas Nielsen. Diana Madaras and Barbara LaWall served as honorary co-chairs of the event. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all who came out to support the dancers and the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona. The proceeds from this benefit event will help so many people in need.

Winners in the Waltz category, Faria Dretler and dance partner Bob Blake.

19th Annual MIX-FM Baby Fair Aids New Parents, Builds Awareness

Does your child’s school hold a diaper drive? If so, great! If not, consider talking to teachers, administrators and parent groups about doing one during this next school year. Donations can be in diapers or money (Dollars for Diapers?) A school diaper drive can be fun, competitive and educational! Teachers can incorporate current curriculum using diapers for everything from math (how much does a million diapers weigh compared to a whale?) to social studies (discussions of poverty, cost of diapers, budgets, etc.). The most important lesson learned will be that every single child can make a difference in someone’s life in our community.

There are tons of ideas on our Web site to get you started: www.diaperbank.org/SchoolDrives.aspx

You can always call the Diaper Bank for further assistance in planning a school diaper drive. Remember, for a successful drive, keep it … F.U.G. Fun, Upbeat and Goofy!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Online Auction!

Starting - September 1, 2008, the Southern Arizona Community Diaper Bank will be auctioning off a number of fun and unique items to raise money for our organization - and the more items we have the more money we can raise, so we’re asking for your help.

Show your support by clicking on the “Donate Items” button to contribute to our online auction item catalog. You can also become a Sponsor. Place your company’s logo on our site with a link back to your own web page. (What a great way to attract new business!) We can track how often your logo is viewed and clicked to see just how many people are accessing your site.

Give a little and get a lot in return.

Whether you have one item or 100 to contribute, your participation is an invaluable part of our fundraising efforts. By donating an item or service directly online, you’ll be helping to raise money for our organization, and you’ll receive a mention on our site that can link back to your own web page.

Holiday Shopping

With the holidays right around the corner, use this opportunity to get your shopping done early! Check out our website starting on September 1st and good luck!

To access our online auction: diaperbank.cmarcket.com

Or link from our website: www.diaperbank.org

SCHOOLS DONATE THOUSANDS OF DIAPERS EACH YEAR.

We’d like to thank everyone who came out to the TCC for the MIX-FM Baby Fair on August 16th and took the time to visit our booth. Special thanks go to Bobby Rich, Mrs. Grant and the rest of the MIX-FM gang for their support of the Diaper Bank (naming us as the event’s “official beneficiary.”)

The Baby Fair is an exciting day-long event and a great resource for new and expecting parents, with vendors sharing goodies and information, providing resources and generally helping those with a new bundle of joy start off on the right foot.

And congratulations to the winners of our Daddy Diapering Olympics! See you again next year!