

## **River Time Civitan Club's "No Child Wet Behind" Diaper Drive**

For the month of August, The River Time Civitan Club is collecting disposable diapers as part of its No Child Wet Behind project to benefit the Pamlico Partnership for Children, Pamlico County Health Department, Pamlico County Sheriff's Department, and Pamlico Community Health Center.

The River Time Civitan Club is a new Pamlico County community organization associated with Civitan International. Civitan International is an organization of volunteer service clubs around the world, dedicated to helping people in their own communities with an emphasis on assisting those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

During this project, River Time Civitan Club is trying to raise the community's awareness of the need for disposable diapers (adult and baby).

Unlike baby formula and food, diapers are not covered by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, known as WIC. That means parents are forced to make hard choices: food or diapers? Food assistance is available from local charities and food banks, but getting free diapers is a harder task. Local organizations that carry diapers run out of them fast, and often don't have a regular donation of diapers.

Lower-income families and especially single parents often struggle to keep their child in diapers. Disposable diapers can cost up to \$100 a month for one baby. On average, a newborn goes through 8 to 10 diapers a day. Often, parents compensate by keeping their child in dirty diapers longer, which can lead to bad rashes or even staph infections, reusing soiled disposable diapers, and even resorting to using plastic bags to serve as diapers.

To make matters worse, parents must provide disposable diapers for their children who attend child care; nurseries and child care centers do not allow cloth diapers to be used.

You can drop off your diaper donations at Pamlico Partnership for Children 702 A Main St. Bayboro, 252.745.7850 8:00-5:00 M-F, Pamlico Pharmacy 11326 NC 55 Hwy E, Grantsboro 252.745.6337 M-F 8:30am-7:00 Sat 8:30am-6:00pm, Oriental United Methodist Church 404 Freemason St. Oriental, and Arapahoe Charter School, Arapahoe M-F 9:00-2:00. For more information about the No Child Wet Behind Diaper Collection contact Pamlico Partnership for Children 252.745.7850 or michelle@partnership.org. For more

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