One Year Later: Miami Diaper Bank Still Supporting Families Affected By Hurricane Irma

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Hurricane Irma hurled through South Florida in September of last year, causing widespread flooding, scattered debris, and power outages which devastated communities and impacted the lives of families to this day. Miami Diaper Bank committed to supporting families during the aftermath and throughout the recovery process by providing them with free diapers for their children to keep them dry and healthy. Since diapers are <u>not</u> eligible for food stamps or WIC, the cost of diapers puts an enormous financial strain on struggling families and it's nearly impossible to get enough clean diapers for their children without the help of organizations like the Miami Diaper Bank.

When Irma hit, Miami Diaper Bank organized emergency disaster relief efforts and committed 100% of donations received for over 7 weeks to purchasing diapers for families affected by the devastating natural disaster. Thanks to donors nationwide, Miami Diaper Bank is on track to donate close to one million diapers to families affected by Hurricane Irma.

The impact of Miami Diaper Bank's disaster relief campaign has been instrumental in helping families getting back on their feet:

"It may seem like a simple gift but when we were scratching every penny together it was a huge relief to not have to worry about buying diapers too." - Kara, Diaper Recipient

"During Hurricane Irma our home got 1 foot of water, we lost all our furniture, kitchen cabinets, appliances, not to mention the structural damage the house took. We were displaced for months, with a 20 month old and 8 month old [...] we were able to receive diapers every month and save money to put towards rebuilding our house." - Venus, Diaper Recipient

Miami Diaper Bank serves six counties in South Florida and works with community partners to distribute diapers to families who need them most. They are still distributing diapers to families affected by Irma as part of their disaster relief efforts.

About Miami Diaper Bank: Founded in 2013, the Miami Diaper Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to distribute diapers and baby essentials to low-income and homeless families while also raising awareness about diaper need in South Florida. They work with 35+ community partners, including Lotus House, Ronald McDonald House and Chapman Partnership. Miami Diaper Bank has donated over 1,200,000 diapers since established.

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