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Miami Diaper Bank – Diaper Awareness Week September 26 – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

1 in 3 low-income families don't have diapers needed to keep babies clean, dry and healthy.

Miami Diaper Bank partners with the community for Diaper Need Awareness Week.

**MIAMI, FLORIDA, September 2016 –** Many people are unaware that government assistance programs—such as food stamps and WIC—do not provide funding for diapers, a basic necessity for babies. There are currently 5.3 million infants and toddlers living in low-income families, many of whom face a daily struggle to secure a necessary supply of diapers. Miami Diaper Bank is a nonprofit organization that collects, stores, and distributes free diapers to homeless shelters, pantries, family services agencies and faith-based organizations and for the "X" year in a row we are taking part in the National Diaper Need Awareness Week.

Diaper Need Awareness Week is intended to draw attention to issues and prompt individuals, businesses and organizations to take action and help the community. This year we are happy to announce our partnerships with:

Aventura Arts & Cultural Center with <u>special ticket prices</u>, Nova Alvin Sherman Library, as a drop off location.

We encourage you to go out and participate by joining the Miami Diaper Bank and its partners to raise awareness and much needed diapers for all of South Florida, both Dade and Broward County. But don't forget you can also participate by hosting your own diaper drive, fundraiser, meet-and-greet, use #DiaperNeed and #MDBCares in social media or make a monetary donation.

**About Miami Diaper Bank**: Founded in 2013, the Miami Diaper Bank is a 501©3 non-profit organization and first established diaper bank in Miami. The Miami Diaper Bank's mission is to collect and distribute diaper s and other diaper related products to low-income families and their children, while also raising awareness about the need for diaper donations in the South Florida area. Our current community partners are Lotus House, Chapman Partnership, His Caring Place, Florida WIC Program, Kristi House, and Cope Center North. Miami Diaper Bank has raised over 159,000 diapers since it was established.

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