

The Diaper Pantry

The Community Foundation recently awarded a \$4,000 grant to Christ Child Society's Diaper Pantry Program, which provides diapers for children of families in need twice a month.

The motto of Christ Child Society is "nothing is too much to do for a child." Volunteer membership of the organization aims to provide basic needs to children that may not be fulfilled by other means.

The Pantry gives away a week's worth of diapers to each baby that needs them – approximately 30-50 babies each week that the Diaper Pantry is open. They promote availability through churches, service programs, doctor's offices, and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) offices. A recent partnership with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District also provides incentives in the form of diapers to teen parents who participate in the Alternative Education Program, helping them to complete their high school education.

At right: The Community Foundation's Sara Ward met with Jane Fisher and other area volunteers to learn more about the Diaper Pantry and the children it serves in the area. Jane shared that there are many grandparents raising their grandchildren who utilize the Pantry, in addition to young parents and families.



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