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**IDAHO DIAPER BANK SELECTED
AS RECIPIENT OF NATIONAL *FUNDS FOR CHANGE* GRANT**

\$10,000 Grant to Help Idaho Families in Need

BOISE, Idaho -*The Idaho Diaper Bank*, a community-based not-for-profit organization that distributes diapers to babies living in low-wage families throughout Idaho has been selected as one of 29 national recipients of the inaugural *Funds for Change* grant awarded by the [National Diaper Bank Network](#) (NDBN).

“NDBN’s *Funds for Change* grants help diaper banks reach more families by investing in organizations that we recognize as growing community assets and strengthening that investment with technical support for nonprofit organizations through our national network,” said Susan Van Ness, director of programs at National Diaper Bank Network. “NDBN is very pleased to present the Idaho Diaper Bank with a \$10,000 grant to further its effort to help families throughout Idaho.”

According to Shawna Walz, *founder of the Idaho Diaper Bank*, the grant will be used to create a new model for distributing diapers to rural communities throughout the state.

“A diaper is a need, not a want -- and we are here to assist families in meeting this basic need, so babies stay clean, dry and healthy while parents focus on paying their bills and putting food on the table,” said Walz. “We distribute around 10,000 diapers to Idaho families every month. It is grants like this one that help

make it possible for the Idaho Diaper Bank to make a difference in the lives of babies and Idaho families.”

In total, NDBN awarded more than \$100,000 in grant funding to member diaper banks operating in 21 states. However, the net impact of the Funds for Change exceeds \$200,000, as each NDBN grant is matched dollar-for-dollar at the local level. The 29 grants awarded ranged in size from \$500 to \$10,000 and went to both newly formed and established diaper banks, located in communities throughout the country.

Since the Caldwell Diaper Bank’s first diaper distribution in December 2013 and the subsequent merger with the Idaho Diaper Bank in October 2014, the organization has helped provide more than 150,000 diapers through 25 partner recipient agencies like churches, food pantries, domestic violence shelters, and home visiting nurse programs to thousands of families living in Idaho.

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*By focusing on diaper need, the **Idaho Diaper Bank (IDB)** works to meet the basic needs of children and families. Idaho Diaper Bank was established to provide diapers, diapering supplies and advocacy to families in need through partnership agencies. These agencies serve infants and families including childcare centers, crisis nurseries, domestic violence shelters, food pantries and faith based organizations. Idaho Diaper Bank seeks to engage Idaho communities to recognize that diapers are a basic need, along with food and shelter.*

About the National Diaper Bank Network: The National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN) is a nationwide nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that every child in the U.S. has enough diapers to be clean, dry & healthy. Founded in 2011, the network raises awareness of diaper need (#DiaperNeed) and supports the development and expansion of diaper banks in communities throughout the country. Its active membership includes more than 278 diaper banks, diaper closets and food banks located in 45 states, Guam and the District of Columbia. Huggies® supports NDBN as the founding sponsor, and works to combat diaper need through the [Every Little Bottom](#) campaign by donating more than 20 million diapers per year to families in need. More information on NDBN and diaper need is available at www.nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org, and on [Facebook](#) (facebook.com/NationalDiaperBankNetwork) and [Twitter](#) (@DiaperNetwork).

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