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

Grant to Help Idaho Diaper Bank

Boise, November 18, 2014—The Idaho Diaper Bank, the community-based not-for-profit organization that distributes diapers to babies living in low-wage families in Idaho, has been selected as one of 61 national recipients of the inaugural *Funds for Change* grant awarded by the [National Diaper Bank Network](#) (NDBN).

“The *Funds for Change* grants are designed to enhance the sustainability or capacity of individual diaper banks to address diaper need in their respective communities,” said Alison Weir, director of programs at National Diaper Bank Network. “NDBN is very pleased to present the Idaho Diaper Bank with a \$1900 grant to further its effort to help babies in the Treasure Valley.”

According to Shawna Walz, Founder and Executive Director of the Idaho Diaper Bank, the grant will be used to help raise awareness in the community about the silent crisis known as Diaper Need.

“We are pleased to be awarded this *Funds for Change* grant and a matching grant from Consurco, Inc. to help us raise awareness about the desperate situation many mothers in Idaho are facing when it comes to providing clean, dry diapers for their babies,” said Walz.

In total, NDBN awarded more than \$100,000 in grant funding to member diaper banks operating in 30 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 61 grants awarded ranged in size from \$800 to \$2,000 and went to both newly formed and established diaper banks, located in communities throughout the country.

Since its first diaper distribution last November, via the Caldwell Diaper Bank, the Idaho Diaper Bank has helped provide more than 20,000 diapers to families in Canyon County, through partnerships with three Caldwell nonprofit agencies. These include a partnership between St. David's Episcopal Church and St. Clare's Food bank, the Caldwell Seventh Day Adventist Community Center, and the Salvation Army of Caldwell/BabyHaven program. All three sites recently became the first Idaho Diaper Bank partner recipient agencies upon the merger of Caldwell Diaper Bank into the Idaho Diaper Bank. In addition, partner recipient agencies in Boise include The Cathedral of the Rockies Boise First United Methodist Church, Giraffe Laugh Early Learning Centers, and BabySteps: A Ministry of St. Michael's Episcopal Cathedral, A Program of Family Advocates in Boise (and opening in Caldwell Spring of 2015). In Nampa, diapers are provided to the Nampa Family Justice Center.

About Idaho Diaper Bank: IDB exists to provide diapers, diapering supplies, and advocacy to families in need via third party, collaborative partner agencies. These agencies serve infants and families and can include childcare centers, crisis nurseries, domestic violence shelters, food pantries, and faith-based organizations. By being intermediaries, IDB limits duplication of services, reduces administrative expenses and works collaboratively to solve a basic human need at the community level.

The IDB is a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity and a member in good standing with Cribs for Kids® and a member of the National Diaper Bank Network. The vision is to procure and distribute over 1 million diapers annually throughout Idaho to ensure that the 35,000 babies living in poverty and/ or low-income families remain clean, dry, healthy and happy.

More information on the Idaho Diaper Bank and diaper need is available at www.idahodiaperbank.org, and on Facebook (facebook.com/IdahoDiaperBank) and Twitter (@walz_s).

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 230 diaper banks, diaper closets and food banks located in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Huggies® supports NDNB 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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