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**Idaho Diaper Bank Awarded \$15,000 from Well Respected and Recognized Idaho Organization, Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, Inc.**

**BOISE, Idaho** – The Idaho Diaper Bank (IDB) is excited to announce that it was recently awarded \$15,000 from the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, Inc. The money will be used to purchase a forklift to make moving and storage of the diapers that are continuously filling the Meridian based warehouse, just a little easier.

“We are so grateful for this generous donation. It is grants like this one that make our efforts to meet the basic needs of babies possible. Diapers may seem like a small thing, but the lack of diapers has tremendous negative impacts on a family. Helping strengthen Idaho families is only possible with support of organizations like the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation,” said Shawna Walz, Idaho Diaper Bank executive director.

The Idaho Diaper Bank is continuously growing its partner recipient agency list and now provides diapers to over 30 organizations (ex: churches, domestic violence shelters, food pantries, WIC programs, and Nurse Family Partnerships) throughout the Treasure Valley and smaller towns like Payette, Mountain Home, Donnelly, and Pocatello, for example. A full list of partners is available on the IDB website.

“By helping the Idaho Diaper Bank, the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation is helping parents focus on other important aspects of parenting. Diapers are a basic need. Until basic needs are met, it’s hard for parents to focus on other needs of children like proper developmental play and learning. As with our scholarship programs and other grants to children’s services, we hope that providing to families in need will pay off down the road for all of Idaho.” said Laura Bettis, a director of the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.

Money goes a long way at the IDB. The non-profit organization is able to purchase diapers at a bulk rate that is significantly lower than the retail price of diapers. IDB also helps organize diaper drives to help supplement the diaper supply needs.

IDB aims to serve more than 2,500 families per month or 30,000 families each year.

“The community continues to support our efforts and we are forever grateful. Our goal at the Idaho Diaper Bank is to become a household name so that we can make life in other households in all 44 counties just a little easier,” said Walz.

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*By focusing on diaper need, the Idaho Diaper Bank (IDB) works to meet the basic needs of children and families. The IDB provides 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.*