

Dear Cochise County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona I would like to take this opportunity to **Thank You** for declaring Diaper Need Awareness Week.

Without diapers, children often cannot participate in daycare and miss out on early childhood education, parents might miss work, and families can choose between food and diapers. Additionally, 22% of the products that we distribute at the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona are for adults, and this allows adults to participate fully in life. Finally, by distributing menstrual supplies, we help the 1 in 5 low-income women who say they miss events, school, or work due to a lack of period products. Diaper Need Awareness Week is vital in raising awareness of the need for and access to these products. Diaper Need Awareness Week is about health, safety, empowerment, dignity, courage, community, education, access for all, and living life to the fullest.

On behalf of the children, seniors and the disabled who require diapers or incontinence supplies, thank you; we couldn't do our important work without you. Your support is truly appreciated.

With gratitude,



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