



AUSTIN
diaper bank

CELEBRATING
YEARS



2023

Impact Report



Providing diapers and other basic needs to over 35,000 babies in Central Texas for a decade.

*Changing Diapers,
Changing Lives*



Dear Valued Partners, Donors, and Community Members,

2023 was a remarkable year for the Austin Diaper Bank. Most notably, we celebrated a DECADE of providing critical support to families who struggle to afford diapers, wipes, and period supplies. Since our humble beginnings, ADB's programs and operations have grown significantly, with recognition, affording us the responsibility of leading as a model diaper bank. Our accomplishments are largely due to our community's collective effort to further the steadfast mission of ADB. As we move forward into 2024, your continued support remains key to our success.

At ADB, we're committed to shifting a culture of acceptance to a culture of expectation. An expectation is that our society will invest in our most vulnerable populations so all Texans have equitable access to basic needs. This year, ADB played a pivotal role in the historic removal of the sales tax on essential family care items throughout our great state, a tax that augments already existing socioeconomic inequalities. Beginning September 1st, 2023, Texas lawmakers acknowledged that removing the sales tax on diapers contributes to the economic productivity of families. As we expect to diaper more babies in the coming years, we are certain that this law will help allay key financial stressors for families.

67% of the families we serve make less than \$25,000 each year

Later in September, we continued celebrating 10 years of service at the Austin Diaper Bank Bash! This annual gala generates the necessary funds to operate our programs and engage in ongoing advocacy efforts as we navigate the challenges of an ever-changing social landscape. In 2023, 244 of you said, "I can help" by contributing \$166,000! Please accept my sincere appreciation for your financial investment in ADB. Your sponsorships and donations contribute to the financial stability and sustainability of our organization, better positioning ADB to carry out our mission over the long term.

I'd be remiss if I didn't highlight the incredible work of our staff, volunteers, and board. In 2023, there was a 19% increase in diaper requests, resulting in a distribution of nearly 2 million diapers to over 37,000 babies. Despite our achievements, diaper poverty continues to disproportionately impact families of color and families experiencing financial insecurity. While diaper need is a silent crisis, it doesn't have to be. Each one of us can lend our influence to ensure that all babies have a healthy and dignified start to life. I invite you to explore the enclosed impact report for an overview of our activities and societal impact.

Fondly,

**Emily Adams
Board Chair**



Diapers are Tax-Free in Texas

In 2023, the Austin Diaper Bank played a pivotal role in advocating for the removal of sales tax on essential family care items in Texas. One of the key initiatives was House Bill 300, filed by Representative Donna Howard, which aimed to alleviate financial burdens for families by exempting certain products from sales tax.

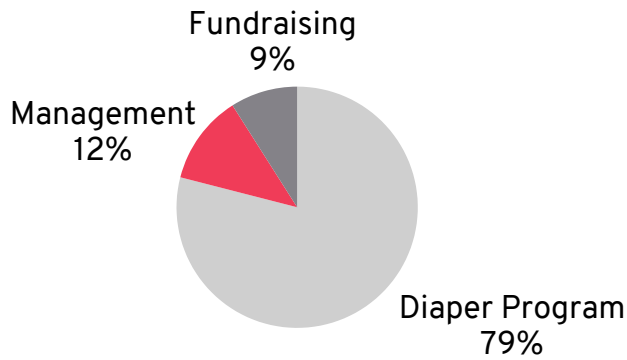
Starting September 1, 2023, Texas families can now purchase diapers, baby wipes, period supplies, and other essential family care items without the burden of sales tax. This change not only eases financial strain but also underscores the importance of community-driven initiatives in shaping policy decisions that directly impact people's lives.



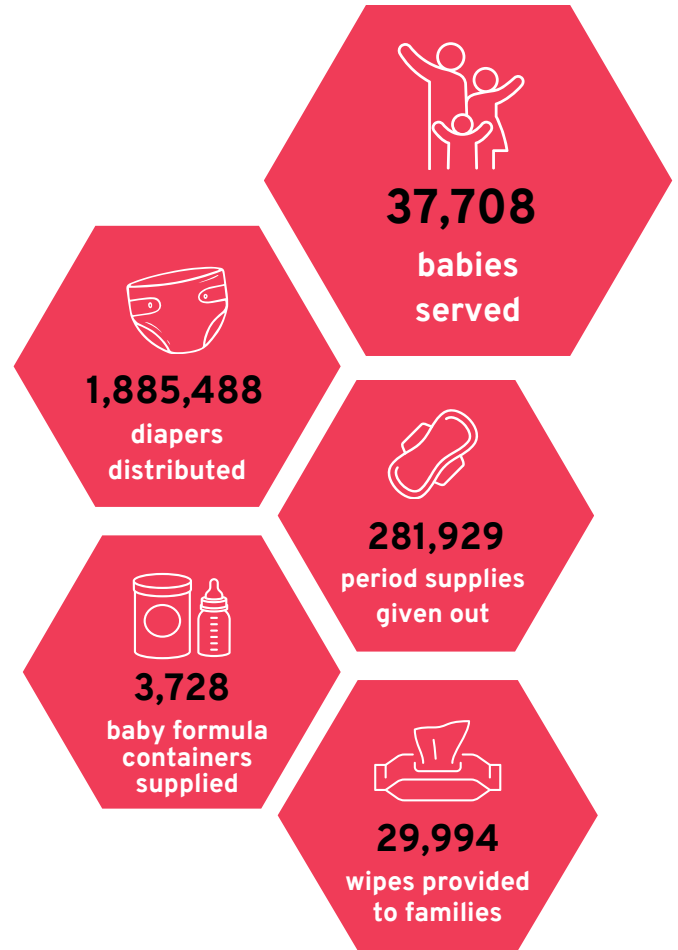
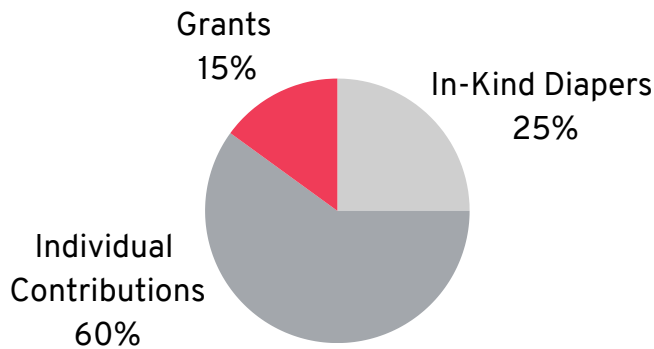
42% of infants and toddlers in Texas live 200% below the Federal Poverty Level

2023 By The Numbers

Expenses - \$1,080,120



Income - \$1,112,406



The Austin Diaper Bank is committed to financial responsibility and utilizes donations to uplift Central Texas families. At the Austin Diaper Bank, we ensure that every dollar donated is maximized for impact. We purchase diapers in bulk directly from manufacturers, allowing us to stretch resources and provide nearly 2 million diapers annually to families in Central Texas.

19% increase in diaper requests in 2023



The Bright Spot program is a beacon of support for individuals facing period poverty. In Central Texas, approximately 1 in 4 people have struggled to afford essential period supplies due to limited income. Additionally, 1 in 5 students misses school each month because they lack access to tampons or pads. The Bright Spot program aims to bridge this gap by ensuring that all individuals can fully participate in their daily lives, regardless of the time of the month.

The Bright Spot program exemplifies compassion, community, and commitment, making a tangible impact on the lives of those who need it most. By addressing period poverty, the Austin Diaper Bank continues to create brighter futures for individuals and students across Central Texas.



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WHY DIAPERS?

BECAUSE EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO BE HEALTHY AND HAPPY.

Federal programs like SNAP and WIC do not cover the cost of diapers for families. Multiple studies have shown that reliable access to diapers decreases the risk of several health issues for babies, such as diaper rash and urinary tract infections. An adequate supply of diapers also decreases rates of maternal depression. Promoting access to diapers for families ultimately leads to long-term community benefits, as well-cared-for children are more likely to thrive and succeed later in life.

When babies have diapers, all of Central Texas shines bright.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

You can always make monetary donations online or by check - every dollar directly translates to diapers for babies. Donating diapers, wipes, and period products to our warehouse makes an immediate impact, especially when you host a diaper drive. Gather with your network of friends, coworkers, classmates, neighbors, and more to collect these essential items for our partner agencies. Volunteers are always needed in the warehouse, so consider signing up for a shift online to have a hands-on approach to ending diaper need in our communities.

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