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## **CNY Diaper Bank Selected as Recipient of National “Funds for Change” Grant**

*\$2,500 Grant Awarded to CNY Diaper Bank*

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – The CNY Diaper Bank, a local nonprofit that collects diapers for families in need in the Syracuse area, has been selected as one of 23 national recipients of a 2018 “Funds for Change” grant from 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, NDBN chief of programs. “NDBN is very pleased to present the CNY Diaper Bank with a \$2,500 grant to further its mission to serve struggling families in Central New York.”

“We are honored to be a recipient of the National Diaper Bank Network’s ‘Funds for Change Grant,’” said Michela Hugo, founder of the CNY Diaper Bank. “It is a true reflection of the hard work of our volunteers and the critical support that the CNY Diaper Bank provides for Central New York. Through this grant, we will continue our efforts to educate the community about the diaper need in the area.”

In total, NDBN will award up to \$100,000 in grant funding to member diaper banks operating in 15 states in the nation. However, the net impact of the grants exceeds \$200,000, because recipients are required to secure equal funding from local supporters, thereby doubling the value of the grants upon implementation.

The national grants range from \$1,000 to \$10,000, and support both newly formed and established diaper banks in communities throughout the country.

Since its first diaper distribution in 2016, the CNY Diaper Bank has helped provide more than 300,000 diapers through local partner agencies each month, benefiting more than 600 Central New York families monthly.

### **About CNY Diaper Bank:**

The Central New York Diaper Bank is a nonprofit that was created to assist social service organizations in the Syracuse area to distribute diapers to families in need. It is a part of the National Diaper Bank Network. CNY Diaper Bank’s mission is to ensure all Central New York families have access to an adequate supply of diapers, and to build awareness of diaper need in our community.

### **About the National Diaper Bank Network:**

The National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN) is a nationwide nonprofit dedicated to eliminating diaper need in America, by leading a national movement to help meet the basic needs of all babies and their families, including access to clean, dry diapers and other material goods. Founded in 2011 with the support of Huggies®, the network raises national 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 300 diaper banks, diaper pantries, and food banks located in 47 states and the District of Columbia. More information on NDBN and diaper need is available at [www.nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org](http://www.nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org), and on [Twitter \(@DiaperNetwork\)](https://twitter.com/DiaperNetwork) and [Facebook \(facebook.com/NationalDiaperBankNetwork\)](https://facebook.com/NationalDiaperBankNetwork).

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