# News from the Nest... Nestlings Newsletter - July 2013

## Nestlings 2nd Birthday...

Nestlings Diaper Bank celebrated its second birthday this year.

Nestlings started giving out diapers in August of 2011 and since then 87,228 diapers and 1,250 packages of wipes have been

distributed to families of babies in need in our community.

Thank you for your support of our mission to help diaper local babies. The diapers, wipes and monies you have gifted us with have been a huge support toward our mission enabling Nestlings to begin making an impact on the issue of "Diaper Need".

### Nestlings New Nest...

Nestlings moved to a new home in November of 2012. We are now located at the Macatawa Area Resource Center, 665 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite # 30, Holland, MI 49424. This gives Nestlings the ability to store diapers, host volunteers, interns and staff at our new office / warehouse space. Currently, until more staff and volunteers are available, regular office hours are not kept and are scheduled by appointment.

## Comedy Show - Save the Date...

October 5<sup>th</sup> will be Nestlings "Funnies for Fannies" Fall Fundraiser. Svenjollies will be headlining <u>again</u> for some Improv Comedy and lots of laughs for a good cause. Show times and tickets sales will be announced in a couple of months so stay tuned to our Facebook Page. In the meantime save the date on your calendars.

#### **Nestlings Supports... Not Competes**

Did you know that Nestlings supports the agency and not the individuals? <u>Did you know that the diapers given to Nestlings are given to the agencies?</u> Nestlings is not in competition with the agencies for their diapers since Nestlings does not have programs or serve clients.

Nestlings only job is to provide diapers in all sizes consistently for the agencies that work with low income families. *Most agencies do not have budgets, storage or programs that provide diapers*. Nestlings makes diapers available to the agencies so they can give them out for free to the families in need. By giving diaper donations to Nestlings and not the agency you are still indirectly supporting the agency but you are allowing the diapers to be re-distributed into the community where they are most needed.

#### Volunteers Needed...

Please help and join Nestlings team because **YOU** are the key to helping keep the babies diapered, dry and happy. There are various opportunities available for everyone, including diaper wrapping days and other events on the schedule where assistance is needed by volunteers.

If you would like to assist Nestlings in its work to help the babies in need send an email to www.nestlings.diapers@gmail.com or call 616-738-2458. Have your name added to the "Volunteer Call List" and Nestlings will notify you (in advance) when the time comes to check your availability.

Nestlings Would Like to Say Thank You To...

The Holland Junior Welfare League
The Allendale Community Foundation Greatest Needs Fund
Meijer Store #247 - Westshore Dr.
The Gerber Foundation
Spirit Space Church
Christ Our Savior Church
Vis-Tech Corporation
Macatawa Area Resource Center
You and The Community

Thank you for your contributions, grants and gifts given to Nestlings to provide diapers and assist in furthering the work of fulfilling Nestlings mission.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Nestlings, without the community we could not continue to work to help diaper the babies in need. Please keep the donations and diapers coming in, resources dwindle quickly and the diapers don't last long. More innocent little miracles are born every day who do not choose their family's circumstances.

#### Donations...

Did you know that Nestlings accepts donations of open packages of diapers? If you have extra diapers sitting around left after potty training or size changes Nestlings will take them and

re-distribute them to families who need them.

All donations of diapers and wipes can be dropped off at one of our many <u>drop off</u> <u>locations in Holland and Zeeland</u>.

Nestlings accepts monetary donations via a credit card with Square or on our website using Paypal. Checks can be mailed to our address at 665 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. #30, Holland, MI 49424.

Gift cards to retailers that sell diapers are also accepted.

You can also "Sponsor a Babies Diapers" for a fixed dollar amount per month. You can decide what amount you would like to set for how many diapers you would like to buy the baby monthly, quarterly or yearly. Make it a personal mission to keep one or more babies dry, happy and healthy.

Please contact Nestlings for more information about donations or sponsorship 616-738-2458 or nestlings.diapers@gmail.com.

#### Nestlings Mascots...



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Cheep adventures and checks out the world outside of his nest, like little ones do, he is learning, growing and exploring.

Follow "Cheep" on Nestlings Facebook page and naturally he Tweets @NestlingsDB.

Tune in soon to see Cheep posting "Cheep Talk" videos including "News from the Beak" on Nestlings YouTube Channel: NestlingsDB.

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