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The Children's Home Society of New Jersey Partners with Local Churches and Community Partners to Help New Parents Prepare for Parenthood



Pictured: More than 87,000 diapers, collected for Trenton's at-risk families by United Methodist churches in Trenton and central New Jersey, Maker's Place, and nearly 40 congregations and community groups from across New Jersey.

One in three American mothers struggles to provide enough diapers for her baby. In a community like Trenton, where 37% of families with children under the age of 5 live below the poverty line, the need for help is even greater. Because of this, The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHSofNJ) was thrilled to partner with Pastor Michael Reed and Pastor Rupert Hall of United Methodist churches in Trenton and central New Jersey. Pastors Reed and Hall coordinated a diaper drive with assistance from four Trenton-area churches and nearly 40 additional congregations and community groups from across the State of New Jersey. Together, this remarkable group has already collected more than 87,000 diapers for shared groups in Trenton. These caring friends plan to host community parties, sponsored by Maker's Place, to celebrate the first birthdays of low-income babies in Trenton! These parties will create opportunities for the community to come together and celebrate an important milestone for Trenton's babies and their families, as well as provide diapers for the 'Birthday Babies' and any other young children in diapers who attend. In addition, families in attendance will receive important information

and resources to help reduce the city's high infant mortality rate. The important topic of "Safe Sleep" practices will be discussed at the first community diaper party on **March 2, from 1:00–4:00pm, at Turning Point United Methodist Church (15 Broad Street, Trenton). To learn more, contact CHSofNJ Activity and Event Planner Evelyn Sellas-Ramirez at (609) 695-6274 x129.**

We are so grateful for the opportunity to partner with United Methodist churches in Trenton and central New Jersey, Maker's Place, and the many church and community groups who have come together to help Trenton families care for and protect their sweet babies!