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Frederick Health helps to organize donation of 2 million diapers

Healthcare system partners with local groups to improve access to family resources

Frederick, MD – November 28, 2023 In partnership with the Ausherman Family Foundation, Frederick Rescue Mission, and Family Connects Frederick County, Frederick Health is pleased to announce a new diaper donation program. The first donation of 90,000 diapers are arriving this week and will be distributed to local families in need. Throughout the life of this program, over 2 million diapers will be donated to local families.

The Frederick Rescue Mission will oversee the distribution of these critical resources.

Leveraging a generous donation from the Ausherman Family Foundation, institutional knowledge from the Frederick Rescue Mission, the real-world experience from the Family Connects Frederick County team, and the purchasing power of Frederick Health, the first set of diapers is scheduled to be delivered to the Frederick Health Village on November 27. A photo and interview opportunity with representatives of the above groups will be held at the Frederick Health Village on **Wednesday, November 29 at 10:30 AM**. Media members are invited to attend. Should you wish to attend, please contact Josh Faust, Public Relations & Communications Specialist with Frederick Health.

"We are thrilled to use the purchasing power of Frederick Health to connect local families with a muchneeded resource," said Heather Kirby, Vice President, and Chief Population Health Officer with Frederick Health.

The Family Connects Frederick County team identified the lack of reliable diaper assistance while conducting home visits with newborns and their families. This issue is not just a need for newborns, but also for older children as they grow. Working with local partners, Family Connects Frederick County sought to develop a resource in the community where families could have consistent access to a basic need that is often overlooked.

"This effort demonstrates the power of collaboration. The Frederick community, including our numerous non-profit partners, is incredibly generous; we all benefit when we work together," said Kirby.

About Frederick Health

Frederick Health provides comprehensive healthcare services to the residents of Frederick County. The system includes Frederick Health Hospital, Frederick Health Medical Group, Frederick Health Employer Solutions, Frederick Health Home Care, and Frederick Health Hospice. Frederick Health Medical Group is a multi-specialty practice with more than 100 providers, 22 specialties and 25 locations across the county. The system has several ambulatory care locations, the freestanding James M Stockman Cancer Institute, four urgent care locations, and the Frederick Health Village. With 4,000 team members, Frederick Health provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness services to support its mission to positively impact the well-being of every individual in our community.

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