Partnerships
Building partnerships gives us the opportunity to do more and help more. NDBN’s 2019 partners include:

- Huggies®, our founding sponsor, for product donations and financial support.
- Too Small to Fail, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and Penguin Young Readers for our Diaper Time is Talk Time book distributions.
- Boardable® and Eventful Feeding® for ongoing sponsorship.
- GoFundMe® for a $100,000 donation from a national campaign to help furloughed federal workers and their families.

Alliance for Period Supplies 2019 partners include:

- U by Kotex®, our founding sponsor, for product donations and financial support.
- Pamprin® for product donations and financial support.

$1 Million and Counting
Since launching the National Diaper Bank Network Funds for Change grant program in 2015, the initiative has generated nearly $1 million in financial support for community-based diaper banks. NDBN has awarded $500,000 directly to diaper banks which secure an equal amount of local funding, thereby doubling the impact of the 150 grants that have been awarded. The initiative is the only national, competitive grant program dedicated solely to supporting nonprofit organizations that distribute donated material basic necessities to individuals and families in need.

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“Where do you get the drive to continue even when things are hard?”

When asked this question during an interview, my mind quickly went to my friends, family and colleagues who inspire me each and every day. Some are social justice warriors who focus on big policy changes. Others are compassionate advocates making a difference in their local communities. Some are people who didn’t have access to diapers for their babies or period supplies for themselves at one point in their lives and now are paying it forward. These are all my people … teammates … members of our Network. Through teamwork, we get hard stuff done.

Teamwork is at the center of everything we do at the National Diaper Bank Network and the Alliance for Period Supplies. With our teams of staff, volunteers, members and supporters, we are:

• Leading national movements to end diaper need and period poverty in the US and advancing simple solutions to improve lives;
• Engaging in critical academic research;
• Advocating and building legislative strategies and policies to enact change; and;
• Supporting the growth and capacity of our member programs and distributing millions of donated diapers, wipes and period products that help people when life gets hard.

“How sad it is that we give up on people who are just like us.”

— Fred Rogers

Each day the amazing teams of people in my life motivate me to continue what we do together … to change lives of people who are no different than you or me. Our struggles may be different, but our needs are the same. We all want what is best for our children and ourselves. We all want a good life. Here’s to never giving up, even when things are hard.

Joanne Goldblum
Chief Executive Officer

National Diaper Bank Network

212
Certified Member Programs
4,256
Community-based Partners
68,363,852
Diapers Distributed Annually
197,902
Children Diapered Monthly

From the CEO

Public Policy Agenda

Material basic necessities must be accessible and affordable to all people, particularly those living in poverty. In 2019 we expanded our policy agenda to successfully introduce legislation, change policies and reorient priorities at the municipal, state and federal levels to help end diaper need and period poverty in the US.

We are increasing national awareness of our issues and enhancing our role as a trusted policy leader by engaging with elected officials, legislative staff and policy makers through public briefings, one-on-one meetings and coalition building in Washington DC, state capitals and local communities.

We are generating momentum through signature initiatives including NDBN Lobby Day in Washington DC and National Diaper Need Awareness Week. And, we are achieving firsts, such as the unanimous approval of the first-ever US Senate Resolution (S. Res. 205) recognizing diaper need and the work of NDBN and our member diaper bank programs throughout the country.

We are utilizing our expertise to help draft and support federal legislation including the Lee-DeLauro End Diaper Need Act of 2019 (HR 1846), the Duckworth-Cassey End Diaper Need Act of 2019 (SR 1404) and the Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2019 (HR 1884). We also are engaged at the state level to repeal state sales taxes on diapers and period products, increase funding for addressing diaper need and expand TANF or other supportive programs that enable families and individuals to access the material basic necessities required to maintain good health and to thrive.

Snapshot — #EndPeriodPoverty

Tucson-based Go With The Flow is among the Alliance for Period Supplies allied programs that identified an unacceptable problem and responded with a simple solution. Founder Demetra Presley recalls viewing a Facebook video about a teacher making period supply packets for students. She said, “We have students who are missing out … just because they don’t have access to basic period supplies.” What started as a drive to collect supplies grew into a community-supported nonprofit to provide products to schools and help #endperiodpoverty.

Joining the Alliance for Period Supplies allowed Go With The Flow to expand and use its first major donation of 100,000 period products from the Alliance for Period Supplies, and founding sponsor U by Kotex®, to get supplies to girls in the foster care system and to schools educating significant numbers of refugee students.

Demetra believes the most surprising part of her work is that women frequently blame themselves for not knowing that period poverty exists in the US. “How would you know when this is something we haven’t talked about?” she tells them. “So, let’s talk and let’s #endperiodpoverty.”

Alliance for Period Supplies

76
Certified Allied Programs
1,526
Community-based Partners
17,000,000
Period Products Donated by U by Kotex® Since May 2018
36,002
Individuals Served Monthly