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## Good Afternoon,

My name is Carla Heppert and I am the Education & Program Evaluation Manager for Children & Youth Partnership for Dare County (CYP). At the start of the pandemic, CYP launched CYP's Diaper Bank to support families with young children in our community. Knowing the high cost of diapers and the struggles that so many families faced as a result of the onset of the pandemic, we knew this support was needed. Since that time, CYP's Diaper Bank has continued to grow in Dare County, allowing us to distribute over 5,000 packs of diapers to date, and reaching an average of 100 families monthly since the start of 2022.

At the end of September, Diaper Need will be highlighted at a national level, with September 24<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup> being recognized as Diaper Need Awareness Week across the nation.

We at Children & Youth Partnership invite you to join us in recognizing Diaper Need Awareness Week, and highlighting the struggles that many families with young children face due to a lack of diapers in the home.

Attached is a Proclamation declaring September 24-October 2, 2022 as Diaper Need Awareness Week. We hope the Town of Southern Shores will consider signing and adopting this proclamation at their next meeting, in an effort to increase awareness about this national concern.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. And if you could let me know that you received this, that would be wonderful!

Thanks so much! :) Carla Heppert



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