



## THE BABY BUNGALOW IS GROWING



**Did you know** that the Baby Bungalow is currently our largest growing program, and is in need of additional donations and support?

The Mill Creek Community Food Bank has given out diapers on a consistent basis since 2016. Our volunteer leader of the Baby Bungalow program is passionate about ensuring that these basic needs of families and children are met through receiving supplemental diapers on a regular basis since her involvement and leadership in the "Pet and Personal" program of the Mill Creek Community Food Bank starting in 2019. The subprogram of the Mill Creek Community Food Bank has now grown into its own program, with a priority focus on the little

ones: the Baby Bungalow. We recognized that diapers were a genuine need with our families, in many cases as much as food. We began to seek out donations of diapers and gave families larger packs to get them through the week. Families can get help from WIC with food and formula for their babies, but WIC benefits do not cover diapers. As you, or a close family may know, diapers are expensive and families are sometimes forced to make tough decisions about purchasing food or diapers. In June of 2023, the National Diaper Bank Network released the statistic that one in two families struggles with diaper needs. "Babies without clean diapers are exposed to more potential health risks & less likely accepted to daycare, leaving parents unable to attend work."<sup>1</sup>

The Baby Bungalow families can now register to receive diapers, wipes, formula, and/or baby food once a week, at the same campus that their families receive food bank pantry staples - one stop for both! **Size 5-6 diapers, Pull-ups, and wipes are our biggest needs.** We can always use infant formula, as well.

<sup>1</sup> Index. National Diaper Bank Network. (2023, June 15). <https://nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/>.

### Backpacks of Hope: Toiletries Drive

### Upcoming Events

**Save the dates to serve!**

Starting Oct 2, 2023:  
Backpacks of Hope program  
begins for the 23/24 school year!

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## TOILETRIES DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 1-15

**DROP OFF LOCATION**

Hope Creek Campus- Mill Creek  
4326 148th Street SE  
Mill Creek, WA 98012  
(behind Gold Creek Community Church)

**DROP OFF TIMES**

Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm

**PURPOSE OF DRIVE**

As the school year begins, Backpacks of Hope wants to support our local public school teachers with supplies to best serve their students. One of the most requested items from teachers is toiletry supplies! Students struggling with food insecurity often come in with additional needs for home life - including basic toiletry items, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, shampoo, and flossers. Please donate what you can so we can distribute these much needed items to teachers, so that they can give them to their students as needed.



Scan the QR code to donate!

Weekly serving opportunities available.

November 18, 2023:  
Thanksgiving food distribution.

December 23, 2023:  
Holiday food distribution.

### Current Food Bank Needs

Soup • Canned Fruit • Pasta

### Where can I drop off donations?

Mill Creek Food Bank  
4326 148th Street SE  
Mill Creek, WA 98012  
(Behind Gold Creek Church)

Mill Creek City Hall  
15728 Main Street  
Mill Creek, WA 98012

YMCA Mill Creek  
13723 Puget Park Drive  
Everett, WA 98208

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