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Diaper drive aids families in need

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. – In an effort to help families with young children facing tough choices during difficult economic times, Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE), the Macomb Great Start Parent Coalition and Dorian Ford are hosting a diaper drive.

An infant can use up to 12 diapers a day (eight for toddlers and up), leading to a monthly diaper cost topping \$100. For families of the more than 7,500 Macomb County children living below the poverty line, the expense is more than they can bear, forcing some to make their children use the same diaper for an entire day and increasing risk of health problems for the child (skin disease or hepatitis).

Compounding the problem, food stamps, bridge cards and the Women, Infants & Children program (WIC) do not cover the cost of diapers.

Those wishing to help are encouraged to attend the diaper drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Dorian Ford, 35900 Gratiot Ave., in Clinton Township.

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Donations in the form of packages of diapers or money (for purchase of diapers by the Macomb Food Program) will be accepted.

The event also features family activities, community resources, food and fun!

For more information, call Great Start Macomb at 586-228-3495.

For more information on any of the Macomb MSUE community programs including Children-Youth-Family, Agriculture and Natural Resources or Community and Economic Development, please call 586-469-5180, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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