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Press Release

From February 1st to February 16th, Several local Police Departments to include Guilford will be conducting the Shoreline Law Enforcement Diaper Drive to benefit Bare Necessities Inc. Each Police Department will act as a "drop off" location for diapers and baby wipes.

According to Bare Necessities Inc., the need for diapers is an issue that has an effect on public health, employment and maternal mental health. Families need between 6 and 12 diapers per day and without enough diapers for an entire day, children cannot attend even government subsidized daycare. Failure to have sufficient diapers means that children are forced to remain in soiled diapers longer than appropriate, leading to possible diaper rash, staph infections and urinary tract infections. Additionally, not being able to provide enough diapers is listed as the #1 stressor of need affected families.

Items such as diapers and wipes are not covered under SNAP (food stamps) or WIC (woman, infants and children), therefore the shoreline Police Departments are asking for the assistance of all of our community members and residents in collecting these items for families in need.

Diaper sizes 4-5 are the most in need. Monetary and Amazon wishlist donations are also accepted and appreciated.

Donations will be accepted 24-hours a day, 7 days per week in the lobbies of the Guilford, Madison, Clinton, and Branford Police Departments. For more information please visit Bare Necessities Inc. website at [www.barenecessitiesct.org](http://www.bare necessitiesct.org) or donationsfordiapers.org. For any questions please feel free to contact Bare Necessities Inc., at 203-928-7558 or the Guilford Police Department at 203-453-8061