Re: Community Project Funding Request for Diaper Bank Program

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $300,000 in funding for Diaper Bank Program in fiscal year 2023 through the Labor Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee and Administration for Children and Families.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Mitzvah Circle Foundation, located at 2562 Boulevard of the Generals, Suite 100, Norristown, PA 19403.

The funding would be used for assisting residents throughout the entire 4th Congressional District by providing diapers, and other baby essentials as well as incontinence products for adults through our Diaper Bank Program. The population that Mitzvah Circle serves are often the most vulnerable in our communities, living in poverty, dealing with critical illness and otherwise marginalized; new Americans who have come to the United States after fleeing persecution; homeless families in shelters, hotels, in their cars or on the streets; victims of domestic violence and other at-risk populations.

Mitzvah Circles uses 192 referral agencies and 142 partner organizations throughout our service area (includes Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties) to help identify recipients that are in need of our supplies.

Mitzvah Circle will use these funds for administrative costs to run the program as well as purchases goods for their Diaper Bank program directly from the National Diaper Bank Network and other sources at a significant discount. They will work with staff and social workers from reputable referral agencies to deliver diapers and other non-perishable critical supplies directly to the doors of families and individuals in need.
I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress