

Consolidated Cooperative Provides \$30,000 in Match Grants for Diapers

Consolidated Cooperative partnered with the CoBank Sharing Success Program to present \$15,000 grants to two local organizations that provide diapers to individuals and families who are in need.

The CoBank Sharing Success Program is designed to help rural cooperatives like Consolidated support initiatives and organizations that are making a difference in their communities. This year, Consolidated received \$15,000 in matching funds, allowing them to donate a total of \$30,000 to United Way of Delaware County and Morrow County Community Action. Both organizations will use the funds to provide diapers for individuals of all ages, from infants to seniors.

“As a local, not-for-profit cooperative, we strive to have a positive impact on the communities we serve,” shared Brad Ebersole, Consolidated’s Community & Government Relations Director. “We are so thankful for this opportunity to partner with CoBank and local organizations to meet practical needs that help local families thrive.”

According to United Way of Delaware County, from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, the Delaware County Diaper Bank alone dispersed 74,455 diapers to families in need - a 34% increase from the previous fiscal year.

“Public safety net programs, such as WIC and SNAP do not cover the purchase of diapers,” shared Brande Urban, Associate Vice President of Programming & Initiatives at United Way of Delaware County. “This leaves many families with the difficult choice of buying diapers or other necessities with their limited resources and funds.”

Both organizations will distribute diapers through multiple locations in Delaware and Morrow County, including local nonprofit organizations like food pantries, family resource centers, and more.

“Thanks to Consolidated and the CoBank Sharing Success grant, we will be partnering with several local agencies to effectively serve our community and distribute these products where they are needed most,” shared Cindy Wallis, Director of Morrow County Community Action.

Individuals who need support can use the following information to get started:

Morrow County Community Action:

Visit their office at 28 W. High St., Mount Gilead, Ohio, or give them a call at 419-946-2009.

United Way of Delaware County:

Visit their website to view a full list of diaper bank locations: www.delawarecountyfamilies.org/diaper-bank. Each site has their own policies, and individuals should contact them directly with any questions.

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