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Dear Community Partner:

She had a choice to make...buy diapers or food for her children?

On average, a family needs **3,000 diapers a year** for one child and adding in other costs, such as wipes and care items, makes this an annual cost of over \$1,000. This Mother can only afford to choose one, but neither option is something we can imagine. **Should I choose to keep my baby in a wet or soiled diaper or should I keep them from going hungry.**

What choice would you make?

Diaper affordability is real in our community, especially for families who are facing homelessness and HomeAid's nonprofit partners are stretching their budgets thin to have them available when a family suddenly becomes homeless.

What can YOU do about it?

Join the community and participate in the HomeAid *Essentials* campaign Friday, May 5 – May 14, 2017 by collecting diapers, wipes, care products and food for homeless infants and toddlers. There are many opportunities to volunteer at HomeAid Essentials community service activities and become a community partner to financially support the campaign. The campaign will culminate with the HomeAid *Essentials* "Builders for Babies" event on Friday, May 19, 2017 under the Big A at Angel Stadium. All community partners and the public are encouraged to drop off donations as homebuilders compete to create structures made entirely of diaper boxes.

Who is HomeAid?

HomeAid is a 28 year old nonprofit with the mission to end homelessness through advocacy, the development of shelters and service outreach to support individuals and families residing in local shelters and living on the streets. Over 60,000 homeless have been served through HomeAid programs and over **6.6 million essential items have been distributed to families in need.**

How do I get involved?

Please consider becoming a sponsor or underwriter of HomeAid Essentials and go to homeaidessentials.org to sign-up to get involved in a collection campaign or as a volunteer. And remember...a simple donation of a box of diapers multiplied by thousands can change lives. **Together, we can end homelessness.**

Sincerely,

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HomeAid Essentials Committee

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