

# ELICOTT CITY SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB SUPPORTED HOWARD COUNTY DIAPER PROJECT

By Andy Stewart, President, Ellicott City Sunrise Rotary

In cooperation with Costco Wholesale of Elkridge, Maryland, eleven Rotarians purchased and delivered more than



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1.1 TONS (2200+ pounds) of diapers to the Howard County Diaper Project on Saturday, October 24. Roughly, eight pallets of diapers and 200 containers of baby wipes were delivered. Club Project Coordinator, Rotarian John Halt, insured the sizes which are in most demand at the Diaper Bank were obtained from Costco. To minimize COVID-19 exposure, warehouse staff pre-selected the boxes of diapers in needed sizes. Then, a caravan of nine Rotarian vehicles made the four-mile journey to the Food Bank, which oversees the distribution of diapers (and food) to

eligible Howard County families. Cars, vans, and trucks were lined up to load and unload. Rotarian Halt found the Food Bank warehouse manager eager to receive the shipment, "We ran out of Size 6 on Thursday."

Last year, after hearing a presentation from Diaper Bank staff, Rotarians learned that diapers are not eligible for purchase with food stamps. An important, real, need for diapers became evident. This is the third time Ellicott City Sunrise Rotary Club has supported the "Howard County Diaper Project" in this way since 2019. In addition to the purchase, Costco Wholesale management also donated \$100 worth of gift cards; this money was also used to purchase diapers and baby wipes.

Ellicott City Sunrise Rotary is tremendously grateful to the David M. Barnes Trust which provided funding for this purchase and delivery. In addition, John Halt, Ellicott City Sunrise Rotarian, offered to "match" member donations. The money went to the Club; twice the amount was spent on diapers! Like a "no-bake bake sale," 100% of all monies received by the Club will be used for other charitable and service projects.

For more information about the Howard County Diaper Project, see their Facebook page ([HoCoDiaperProject](#)).

Andy Stewart, President of Ellicott City Sunrise Rotary, noted, "This goes beyond wonderful to show one example of how a small group of committed individuals is working together to make a big impact; we are a part of a win-win situation here. The Howard County Diaper Project "wins;" the Food Bank "wins," local moms and dads "win," and Rotarians are visibly showing the Rotary Motto of "Service above Self." We have been having fun all morning – so we are "winning," too!"