

Make a Baby Smile!



An estimated 1 million babies and toddlers are homeless in the U.S.

In every U.S. community, babies and their families struggle with homelessness.

Basics—diapers and formula—are too expensive for homeless families. Babies often do without. Community programs lack resources to help.

Where do struggling families in your community turn to for help? Too often these invisible families are overlooked, and their needs far exceed available help. *Yay Babies!* encourages local support to meet these basic needs.

HEAR US Inc., a national nonprofit *giving voice & visibility to homeless children & youth*, wants communities to treasure babies and help families care for their little ones.

HEAR US Inc. relies on donations, product sales and occasional grants to support our one-woman operation. If you're able to donate, visit our website's donation page.

See the HEAR US *Yay Babies!* video.
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Diane Nilan, President/founder

How to Help: 3 Steps!

Step 1: Check the Internet for local family shelters, soup kitchens, food pantries, nonprofit childcare centers, Early Head Start programs, etc.

Step 2: Find out what your local program needs to help babies. Organize a collection. Items may include:

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Formula and baby food
- Baby hygiene items
- Strollers and car seats

Step 3: Beyond providing these essential items, you might be able to help in other ways. HEAR US suggests:

- Show and share the *Yay Babies!* and other HEAR US videos.
- Volunteer at a local program on a regular basis to help families with small babies.
- Advocate for improved services and affordable housing for families.
- Host a gathering to share information and show the short HEAR US video, *Littlest Nomads*, about homeless babies/toddlers.
- Use your network! Invite schools, scout troops, civic organizations, faith communities, etc. to support your local programs that help homeless families.
- Share info. Become a HEAR US Facebook friend.
- Sign up for the free monthly e-newsletter from HEAR US.



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Local program contact info:

