



# ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod's Young Adult Steering Initiative (YASI) Diaper Project

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We are the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). As one of 65 regional bodies of the ELCA, the SE MI Synod empowers, supports, and serves its 119 area congregations and its members.

The ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod's Young Adult Steering Initiative (YASI) Diaper Project has to-date distributed **253 cases** of diapers (approximately 190 diapers per/case depending on the diaper size) since March of this year to 38 organizations throughout metropolitan Detroit and Flint, MI. Additionally, 8 VBS (vacation bible school) programs received 16 cases of diapers each for their families' children.



YASI Review Team: Tierra Gardner, Patrick Wetzel, Kinda Makini, BJ Lyons, Willie Caldwell, and Caitlin Whittaker.

The YASI Review Team is made up of young adult leaders from ELCA congregations in SE Michigan.

If you have any organizations in your community that should be in this program, please share the application with them. Applications are also available on the home page of [www.semisynod.com](http://www.semisynod.com) or upon request by email [diaperssemisynod@gmail.com](mailto:diaperssemisynod@gmail.com).

## Applicant Requirements

Any church and community organizations that supports families with small children and are located in Wayne and Macomb Counties, **or** be affiliated with an ELCA congregation within the Southeast Michigan Synod qualify for this program. Each award equals 16 cases of diapers, or approximately 64 packages of diapers). Diapers are available in sizes 1-6.

## Why Do We Do This?

This effort is the result of the generosity of participants of the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering and the local ELCA Youth Gathering Service Learning team. The first wave of diapers were distributed to the community in the summer of 2015. The cost of diapers to a family in need can be devastating. This is just a small, but practical way to assist organizations that address other community needs. Additionally, the YASI review team helps to develop young leaders by fine-tuning their skills in the review process.



A diaper recipient from Access Family Counseling in Dearborn, MI.

Return applications by mail to Southeast MI Synod, 8115 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, Attn: Diaper Fund. For more information please direct questions to (586) 991-1299.



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## GRANT APPLICATION

Young Adult Steering Initiative (YASI) is accepting proposals for approximately **\$530 worth of diapers** (totaling 16 cases of diapers) per grant cycle. Applicants can only receive one grant award per year; there is no limit to the number of applications submitted per year. Following the award decisions, those not selected will also be notified.

The 2016 award dates are March 22, May 24, July 19, September 20 and January 24, 2017.

Applications should be postmarked or emailed one month prior to the posted award dates.

Please provide a **copy of your IRS 501c3 tax exemption form**. Organizations without a tax-exempt number should **provide the information from a fiscal agent**. PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

I. **Name of Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

II. **In 250 words or less, please give a brief history about the organization (PRINT ON SEPARATE PAGE):**

III. **In 250 words or less, please Provide a Description of the Proposed Project (PRINT ON SEPARATE PAGE):**

IV. **What are the outcomes for the proposed program?**

V. **Please check the diaper sizes needed:**

Size – 1	Size – 2	Size – 3	Size – 4	Size – 5	Size – 6

**Name of Project Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Project Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Submission:

For questions, call (586) 991-1299. Please email or mail via Post Office one (1) copy of the application to: [diaperssemisynod@gmail.com](mailto:diaperssemisynod@gmail.com) or Southeast MI Synod, ATTN: Diapers, 8115 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214. Applications are posted at <http://www.semisynod.com>