



Diapers for Dads™ – DeKalb Impact Report | August 2025 Fathers of Faith Inc.™ – Serving DeKalb County, IL

A Letter from the Founder

Dear Friends,

When we launched the **Diapers for Dads™ – DeKalb** campaign in June, we stepped out in faith, trusting that the community would respond to a need that is often invisible, fathers quietly doing their best to care for their children with limited resources and even fewer helping hands.

In just six weeks, we witnessed the power of collaboration, generosity, and God's provision. With **no official funding**, we provided **35 fathers** with Relief Packs, personally delivering **5 of them** to dads who could not reach our drop-off sites.

This was only possible because of the partnership and dedication of our incredible community allies: **Old National Bank (Lincoln Hwy., Sycamore Rd., and State St. branches), Christian Connection, Cathedral of Praise, and the Kishwaukee Family YMCA**. You have shown what can happen when we work together to restore dignity and hope.

When fathers are given the tools to care for their children, dignity returns, hope rises, and families are strengthened.

This is only the beginning. We invite you to join us in building a future where no father in DeKalb County, or beyond, has to face these challenges alone.

In faith and forward progress,
Marshall Hendricks
Founder | Chief Visionary Officer | Executive Director



Funding Transparency

This campaign was executed with \$0 in official funding, powered entirely by in-kind donations, volunteer service, and community partnerships. Every diaper, wipe, and relief pack was made possible through grassroots generosity and FOF's commitment to fathers.

By the Numbers



Cost-to-Impact Breakdown

How We Maximized Every Resource:

- Average Relief Pack Value: \$30.48 (diapers, wipes, packaging)
- Total Relief Pack Value Distributed: \$1,067
- Additional Campaign Costs:
 - Fuel for Personal Deliveries: \$57.40
 - Printing Flyers & Materials: \$42.00
 - Handling & Packaging Supplies: \$25.60
- Total Estimated Campaign Value: \$1,192

With every \$30 gift, we can provide one father with a full week of diapers and wipes for his child.



Demand & Service Reach

During the campaign period, 53 fathers requested assistance through our intake process:

- 35 fathers received full Relief Packs.
- 5 of these were personally delivered to fathers facing transportation barriers.
- 18+ fathers remain on our waitlist — these will be prioritized in our Fall Expansion campaign.

“Every father who reaches out is taking a step toward providing for his child. Our mission is to ensure no request goes unanswered.”

Community Validation

- Shaw Local – Nonprofit collecting diapers for dads in DeKalb County
- WNIJ Northern Public Radio – A nonprofit is collecting items to help single fathers in DeKalb County
- Social Media Reach – Targeted campaigns mobilized donors and connected fathers to resources.

Barriers & Solutions

<u>Challenge</u>	<u>Impact on Fathers</u>	<u>Our Solution</u>
Supply Shortages	18 fathers waitlisted	Expand Fall Campaign & secure bulk purchase grants
Transportation Gaps	Missed opportunities to receive aid	Launch Mobile Resource Van initiative
Storage Capacity for Growth	Current space could reach capacity as donations increase, limiting large-scale drives	Seek funding for expanded storage capacity, shelving, and inventory systems to support multi-county campaigns



Key Partners

- Old National Bank – Three branches: Lincoln Hwy. (Downtown DeKalb), Sycamore Rd. (DeKalb), State St. (Sycamore)
- Cathedral of Praise – DeKalb
- Kishwaukee Family YMCA – Sycamore
- Christian Connection – Sycamore

Looking 12 Months Ahead

Over the next year, Fathers of Faith Inc.™ will:

- Serve all fathers currently on our waitlist.
- Expand Diapers for Dads™ – DeKalb into a year-round program with monthly distributions.
- Launch the Mobile Resource Van to deliver aid directly to fathers across DeKalb County.
- Expand storage infrastructure to prepare for bulk purchasing and large-scale donation drives.
- Begin replication of Diapers for Dads™ in at least one additional Illinois county, setting the stage for multi-state expansion.

Your Invitation to Partner

With no official funding, we proved the concept and delivered measurable impact. Imagine what we could accomplish with your investment:

- Close the gap for the 18 fathers still waiting for assistance.
- Fund the Mobile Resource Van to deliver aid directly to fathers in need.
- Expand Diapers for Dads™ – DeKalb into a year-round resource and replicate it across Illinois and beyond.

 Donate Supplies – Amazon Wish List www.a.co/8RfbuLd

 Give Financially – <https://givebutter.com/DFD-DeKalb>

 Become a Drop-Off Partner – Contact us at contact@fathersoffaith.org