**1. What is your title, and how long have you been with the organization?**Melissa Dantzig, Cofounder & CEO (June 2022 – Current)

Diana Keller, Cofounder 2022 (June 2022-current)

 **2. What is your organization’s mission?** Little Miracles is passionate about providing free baby essentials to Tri-Valley families experiencing financial difficulties. We envision a community where all new parents are embraced, equipped, and empowered to care for their baby.

**3. What makes your organization special?**

We are an all-volunteer run nonprofit that depends on community support to successfully assist hundreds of local families per year. Our volunteers inspect, sort, clean and organize incoming donations as well as fill client orders. Individuals, businesses, and philanthropic organizations hold donation drives to bolster our inventory as well as contribute monetary donations that allow us to continue the important work of supporting young families. Little Miracles receives no state or federal funding and count on local grants and private individual donors to fund our mission.

We operate by collecting new and gently used baby essentials such as cribs, clothing, car seats, strollers etc. from parents and grandparents ready to rehome their precious baby items and wanting to regift/rehome those items to a local family in need. <https://littlemiraclespleasanton.org/accepted-items>

Parents in need apply online to tell us which baby items they need and to explain their current circumstance that necessitate assistance. (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaM3-10Lhz2OtRSsmPHzDKdW31junAyy0ytbV36Xn2RYGFKw/viewform>)

Our applicants come from varying circumstances such as a sudden job loss, health crisis, unexpected pregnancy, and domestic violence. Our clients have spanned six decades, from teen parents to grandparents raising their grandchildren. Although our clients all come to us with their unique story, one thing they all have in common is the genuine expression of gratitude for their gifts.

I think what makes our organization special is the heartfelt level of care and compassion we extend to each client. By offering them tangible resources such as diapers, baby formula, strollers, car seats, etc. we fill an immediate need to help alleviate the financial stress and burden of providing for their child. Equally important, Little Miracles provides hope and assurance to our clients that their local community supports and celebrates young families.

**4. Is there a particular program or development you would like to have emphasized in this article? If so, can you explain why it is important?**

Maintaining a steady supply of diapers is our number one inventory challenge. Diaper insecurity is also our clients’ biggest challenge (without exception, every applicant has requested diapers). Businesses can play an important role in solving this dilemma by hosting office diaper drives (or a toiletry drive). There is also a need for corporations to support Little Miracles through employee matching, grants and donations. We welcome businesses to schedule a corporate workday to help organize donations and fill client orders.

**5. Can you please give a recent example of how your organization has helped an individual or group in Pleasanton or the Tri-Valley area?**

Our entire business model is specific to the Tri-Valley. We accept applications from residents living in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin/San Ramon.

In addition to our daily support program, this past holiday season Little Miracles hosted a Holiday Miracle Event where each of our families enjoyed a “round trip to the North Pole” to visit Santa and select one new toy, new blanket, and book for their baby. <https://www.independentnews.com/community/ymsl-supports-little-miracles-toy-holiday-event/article_6948a64e-9533-11ee-84a0-0b20119ce85e.html>

**6. What might an outsider find surprising or especially interesting about your organization or the work it does?**

The Tri-Valley, by many standards, is an affluent, bustling community. In our community, we have a group of people that have the desire and resources to help. Within that same community, we have folks that really struggle to make ends meet and provide for their children. We strive to create a platform that bridges both sectors of people where everyone involved is elevated.

**7. What else might be important for Hacienda businesses and community readers to understand about your organization and its work?**N/A

**8. Are there any important events scheduled in the next year that would be of interest to people outside of your organization? If so, please share the details.**

Our 2024 calendar is still in the works. However, like last year, we hope to be included in community and fundraising events that promote awareness of our mission and raise needed funds to aid the clientele we serve.

9. What website and social media addresses does your organization use?

<https://littlemiraclespleasanton.org>

<https://www.instagram.com/littlemiraclesp/>

[Https://www.facebook.com/littlemiraclesp/](https://www.facebook.com/littlemiraclesp/)