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Recognizing Fairfax Diapers and Promoting Volunteer and Partner Services' Donation Drive

Members of the Board,

On June 21st, Fairfax Diapers accomplished a tremendous achievement by distributing their 1,000,000th diaper! Fairfax Diapers was founded in the Spring of 2019 by Christine Kenny, with the goal of easing the challenge of diaper insecurity, while also raising awareness of the ongoing and pressing need within our community.

On June 25th, 2019, Fairfax Diapers distributed its very first diaper at Food for Others, a local non-profit. Since then, Fairfax Diapers has distributed diapers through 11 local partner organizations. With no overhead cost and an all-volunteer board, every dollar donated goes straight to purchasing diapers for our community. Currently, 47% of families with young children struggle with getting access to diapers, so their work is crucial to our community. Fairfax Diapers distributes 30,000 diapers each month with over 70% being distributed at Food for Others during food distribution.

My office recently partnered with Fairfax Diapers for a diaper drive and collected 1,400 diapers from our generous community members. Fairfax Diapers is a critical asset to our

most vulnerable residents. If you can, please consider donating diapers to Fairfax Diapers, or signing up to volunteer.

Another great way to give back and support the ongoing needs of families in our community is by fulfilling donation requests for much-needed baby supplies through Volunteer and Partner Services. This drive is ongoing and is only accepting brand-new items. In addition to these most needed items, donations of gift cards to local grocery stores to support the desperate need for short-term grocery assistance for the families in our community are also being collected.

If you are interested and able to help to make sure our local families have basic necessities for their children, please visit <u>bit.ly/babydriveitems</u> to see a list of the most needed items and where they can be sent. For additional information or questions, please contact Sam Carrico by email: <u>Samantha.Carrico@fairfaxcounty.gov</u> or call 571-536-8192.

Services offered by Fairfax Diapers and Volunteer and Partner Services help countless families, ensuring they have the resources that they need for a healthy and safe environment. Thank you to our staff, our volunteers, and our community members who make these services possible. Your devotion, support, and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Therefore, I move, without objection, to recognize Fairfax Diapers for their outstanding achievement, and request that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a resolution for presentation outside the Board room. In addition, I move without objection that the Office of Public Affairs publicize the Volunteer and Partner Services donation drive on the appropriate channels and encourage our community to participate.