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**Seattle Foundation Awards Babies of Homelessness \$25,000 From Its COVID-19 Response Fund to Help Families Facing Homelessness in King and Snohomish Counties**

KING AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES -- Diaper needs disproportionately affects families experiencing homelessness. Now with the declared pandemic, families experiencing homelessness are at higher risks to economic and health shocks and face more barriers to accessing basic needs, including diapers, formula and wipes.

The challenges for these families are severe and complex. It's not just a housing issue. For some families, there might be one or more underlying medical conditions, a loss of income or lack of family support. Families with children without stable housing cannot follow the basic recommendations of self-quarantining when needed, and they can also struggle to access water for handwashing.

The COVID-19 Response Fund managed by the Seattle Foundation provides grants to community-based organizations that are working on the frontlines to support the region's most vulnerable communities. The Fund complements the work of public health officials and expands local capacity to address the many needs created by the pandemic. The COVID-19 Response Fund is supported by more than 60 fund partners and thousands of individuals and families. In the Phase 2 round of funding, the Seattle Foundation made a total of \$9.2M of investments in emergency financial assistance, childcare, and mental and behavioral health.

Babies of Homelessness will use this grant to continue our mission of delivering diapers, wipes, pull-ups and formula and placing them directly in the hand of families experiencing homelessness at emergency shelters, safe car parks, encampments, couch surfing (doubling-up) or in tiny homes.

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