PRESS RELEASE

MARCO ISLAND ROTARY SUNRISE PARTNERS WITH OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

The Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise opened it’s Baby Basics Diaper Distribution Site on Marco Island in October 2016 with support and assistance from the Lutheran Church. However, with client growth and natural synergies of those supported, Sunrise Rotary has formed a partnership with Our Daily Bread Food Pantry Family Church of Marco Island to distribute their diapers on the 2nd Saturday of the month from the food pantry.

Baby Basics is the only organization providing free diapers on a consistent basis to low-income working families in Collier County. Babies of working low income families qualify for support if no other direct state or federal income support is provided to the family. Families that receive support use the money they would normally spend on diapers to buy food, pay rent or purchase medicine for their babies. Currently Sunrise Rotary is supporting 20 babies a month which equates to having distributed over 42,000 diapers since the Marco Island distribution site opened 18 months ago.

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry exists to share their religious ethos by reducing hunger and building relationships in our community. Through each twice monthly food distribution over 70 families are fed. The goal of the pantry in 2018 is to feed 15,000 guests. The pantry distributes food on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

Terry Bryne Symon, Distribution Site Manager, noted “It’s a natural fit. Currently over half of the babies serviced by our site also receive services from Our Daily Bread. For the convenience of the families this is one stop shopping.”

Liz Pecora, Community Coordinator, Family Church Food Pantry, commented that a few of the clients that came for diapers gained knowledge of and received services from the pantry, and the reverse. This is a win win for both of us.

Financial eligibility for support from this program falls to the Women Infants and Children (WIC) Florida income guidelines along with ongoing proof of employment. Qualified babies are enrolled through three years of age and extended on a case by case basis. To learn more about the Marco Island Baby Basics diaper distribution center or how to apply for assistance contact Natalia Armstrong at (201) 572-0518. To learn more
about Our Daily Bread Food Pantry please contact Liz 239-394-1646 x225 or OurDailyBread@fbcmarco.com