



August 16th, 2022

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for St. Mark's Episcopal Church's plan to develop its property on N. Hackett Avenue.

St. Mark's has been a crucial supporter of Milwaukee Diaper Mission since our inception in late 2020. In addition to financial support, St. Mark's has hosted numerous supply drives and awareness building campaigns to support our mission. In addition to these important contributions, St. Mark's has brought several groups of volunteers to our facility to spend mornings of service with us. The hardworking volunteers from St. Mark's not only help us to complete important projects, but also to spread the word about the work we do to lift up Milwaukee families.

Milwaukee Diaper Mission empowers families in need by providing a reliable source of free diapers and period supplies. We launched in late 2020 with the vision of making Milwaukee a better place to live. 1 in 3 families in the U.S. struggle to afford the diapers they need to keep their children clean, dry, and healthy. Unlike most other major cities, Milwaukee did not have a basic needs bank. To date, Milwaukee Diaper Mission has distributed over 500,000 diapers and 160,000 period products to the Milwaukee families who need them most.

- We believe that diapers and period products are necessities, not luxuries.
- We believe that offering a cloth option to families gives them *dignity of choice* - because reusable personal hygiene products should be accessible, affordable, *and* achievable for everyone.
- We believe deeply that diversity and inclusion makes us better at our work and helps us build a stronger movement.

Through our partnership with St. Mark's we have learned how closely our two organizations' missions and visions align. One thing that drew us to working with St. Mark's in the first place was their focus on welcoming and supporting our LGBTQ+ community. This can be rare with religious institutions, and we are so grateful that St. Mark's has prioritized inclusion.

Approval of this project will provide a stronger foundation for St. Mark's to stand on, and in turn, allow them to continue their vital support of nonprofits serving Milwaukee's forgotten communities. Please consider supporting this project so that we can continue our important work with St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Warmly,  
Meagan

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Meagan', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Meagan Johnson  
Founder & Executive Director  
Milwaukee Diaper Mission