Did you know that your donations of clothing or baby gear go almost immediately to a child in our area?

From the time you unload your bags and boxes from your car, to a child wearing the shirt or sitting in the high chair you gave, can be a week or less.

As the goods you give come through our doors, they are sorted and inspected. Clothes that are torn or stained are disposed, cribs, strollers, and bikes are inspected for safety, and toys checked for missing parts to ensure quality for every order sent to a child.

Starting each Thursday afternoon, volunteers prepare Big Bundles (ideally, about a week’s worth of clothing + toothbrush & toothpaste + shoes + coat + books and toys). They fill requests for shampoo, diapers, infant formula, bikes & scooters, birthday gifts, nursing supplies, potty chairs, strollers, deodorant, cribs, bedding, car seats, newborn layettes, dishes, baby food, home safety items, school supplies, and more. Teams work over the weekend and into the next week, readying them for pick up by partner providers on Thursday mornings.

By the time KidVantage volunteers and staff begin work on the next week’s orders, partners will have delivered thousands of vital supplies to local families.

Most of the clothing, shoes, toys, books, and gear provided by KidVantage come from community donations. And it takes a LOT to make sure our neighborhood children have what they need to be safe, healthy, and ready to learn. So far this year, KidVantage is supplying about 50% more essentials than last year at this time.

What KidVantage distributes, on average, every week:

- 4,957 Orders
- 169,062 items
- 1,305 Kids

number of kids that receive what you donate to KidVantage each week

every diaper, pair of pants, bottle, etc. that goes into an order

a request for needed supplies, clothing, or other essential goods

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In order for kids to have clothes this summer there needs to be enough clothes coming from donations every week to provide:

- 2,658 shirts
- 2,200 pants and shorts
- 2,588 pairs of underwear
- 1,274 pairs of socks
- 158 onesies
- 589 pairs of shoes

Plus, 15 or more strollers, 519 toothbrush/toothpaste kits, 1,257 toys, 52,209 diapers, 20 or more bikes, 70 car seats, 94,900 diaper wipes, and much more.

These are tough times for families, hit by inflation, housing and transportation costs, on top of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in our region can no longer make ends meet.

**KidVantage is here to close the gaps between what kids need and what families can afford.**

We can do that with your support. Donated goods go almost immediately to local children. Your gifts of money gives us purchasing power to fill shelves with necessities that must be new, like formula, soap, most car seats, diapers, diaper wipes, pacifiers, bottle nipples, and baby food. When you next come by a Hub to donate the clothes outgrown by your children, or set up a collection box for diapers, make a gift online, or sign up to volunteer, **YOU are helping to make sure all children are healthy, nourished, and have a safe ride home, secure in the knowledge that their community—close and far—cares for them.** As Executive Director Jack Edgerton has said, "...that's what we do. That's what YOU do."

**Host a Table at Thrive!**

**Save The Date: Friday, November 3rd, 2023**

Our Helping Kids Thrive Benefit Luncheon draws nearly 600 people each year. You & 9 of your friends or colleagues could be part of it! Host a table at our luncheon and help kids have what they need. Scan the QR Code to learn more!
Community-UP! Our Supporters in Action

Businesses and organizations in the Puget Sound region raced in our 9th annual horse racing themed Diaper Derby! From May 5th to June 9th, participants collected as many diapers as they could with the hopes to win their division and take home the Triple Crown. We’re pleased to announce that our winning horses (teams) are...

2023 Diaper Derby Winners

SAP Concur: Run Simple
Kentucky Derby (49+ employees)

Issaquah Kiwanis: The Spirit of Issaquah
Preakness (11-49 employees)

Gig Harbor Kiwanis: Swift Water
Belmont Stakes (1-10 employees)

A big thank you to all 37 participating businesses and organizations. The diapers that have been donated during the derby are already in use, going to families to keep their babies clean, dry, and healthy. Because of the team’s generosity and supporters, KidVantage received 127,215 diapers, 34,904 diaper wipes and over $11,000 in donations to purchase diapers as well!

We’d also like to thank the many individuals, groups, or businesses that have been helping KidVantage recently. Whether it’s generously donating, coming to volunteer, or helping KidVantage keep kids safe, we’re grateful to have you on our team!

- Pet Smart
- Somerset PTA
- Stella Waldman
- Eastridge Church
- Kitsap County Prosecutor’s Office
- Redmond Goddard School
- Inglemoor Cooperative Preschool
- St. Monica Catholic School
- Sunny Hills Elementary School
- The Little School
- Soul Connections
- Becky Wayman
- Faith Lutheran Church
- Renton Highlands Ward Relief
- Federal Way Custom Jewelry
- NW Physical Therapy
- Girls Scouts of Western Washington

Thank you to the Renton Rotary for giving KidVantage a grant to purchase life jackets for children, keeping them safe this summer!
Where it all began...

Paul Sewald (Pitcher for the Seattle Mariners) and his wife Molly, saw life change when they became first time parents to their sweet daughter Chloe. Facing new challenges, Paul and Molly realized that not all families are fortunate enough to have the resources they need to raise a child, so they decided to take action in the community. In 2022, with the help of fans through Sewald's Strikeouts 4 Kids, the Sewalds raised over $73,000 for KidVantage and local kids!

Sewald's Strikeouts 4 Kids happening again!

Back for the 2023 Mariners season, this year’s goal is to double the impact beginning with the Sewald's doubling their pledge to $400 per strikeout! You can be a part of the action by pledging any amount alongside the Sewalds, or by making a onetime contribution. To get started, scan the QR code!

Host a Collection Drive This Summer!

Collecting needed items can make a significant impact in our community, making a difference in the lives of local kids. This summer, you can help kids and help KidVantage by signing up for a collection drive!

Collect New Toys for our Birthday Drives

One of the special things KidVantage does for families is provide new toys for children's birthdays. You can register for a drive and collect new toys that will be used throughout the year to make a child's birthday unforgettable.

Get Ready for Back-To-School with Pencils & Pants

Every year, KidVantage has back-to-school drives where we collect clothing and school supplies so that kids are successful at school. If you’re interested in collecting, visit our website to learn more about it! www.KidVantageNW.org/organize-a-drive