



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF **BOCA RATON**

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON PROVIDES OVER 1,000 DIAPERS TO IRMA VICTIMS IN THE FLORIDA KEYS, HOLDS DIAPER DRIVE TO CONTINUE HELPING THOSE IN NEED

**BOCA RATON, FL, September 21, 2017-** The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) has provided over 1,000 diapers to babies in need in the lower Florida Keys, with more on the way. Partnering with Caring For the Keys, a grass roots organization of volunteers shuttling supplies to the Keys, JLBR was able to donate diapers directly to victims of Irma being housed in shelters throughout the area.

JLBR currently maintains the only diaper bank in Palm Beach and Broward counties. The JLBR Diaper Bank distributes approximately 140,000 diapers every other month to local nonprofit agencies, and helps diaper well over 800 babies per month. The JLBR Diaper Bank is dependent on donations from the public and diaper drives to maintain supplies. "It is year-round donations and our commitment to diaper need in our immediate area that allowed us to respond quickly to meet shortages in the areas hit hardest by Irma" said JLBR President Renata Sans de Negri.

Nationally, 1 out of 3 families struggles to afford diapers. This problem has been exacerbated locally by Hurricane Irma which displaced residents in the Keys and forced many low-income families to purchase hurricane supplies and replace food with funds they had previously allocated for diapers. In order to continue to meet diaper needs throughout South Florida and the Florida Keys, JLBR is holding a diaper drive open to the public until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Diapers can be donated at the Vegso Community Center located at 261 NW 13th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432. Those with questions about donations can contact JLBR directly at

[561-620-2553](tel:561-620-2553)

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### **About the Junior League of Boca Raton**

Throughout the year, JLBR members will contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours and donate more than \$250,000 to support our mission of training volunteers, developing the potential of women and improving the South Florida community. To learn more about the JLBR, please contact the JLBR office at [561-620-2553](tel:561-620-2553) or visit [www.JLBR.org](http://www.JLBR.org). Connect with us on [facebook.com/JuniorLeagueBocaRaton](https://facebook.com/JuniorLeagueBocaRaton), [twitter.com/JLBocaRaton](https://twitter.com/JLBocaRaton) or Instagram

## Mission Statement

*The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLBR's community initiatives focus on issues that have been identified as being of greatest concern within the community: Hunger, Child Welfare and Non-Profit Support. JLBR's purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*

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Junior League members Jena LaMendola and Reilly Glasser with baby supplies donated for victims of Hurricane Irma.