Hi {FIRST_NAME|Friend},

Parenting young children is rarely easy, especially with some added challenges.

**Diane, a single mom living outside of town, has her hands full with 6-month-old twins and a 2-year-old.** She also doesn't have a car, so going places means loading her kids, the diaper bag, and other essentials into the stroller and heading out the door on-foot.

When notices of school closures, stay-at-home mandates, and panic-shopping due to COVID-19 hit the news waves, Diane worried that her family didn't have what they needed, so she and the kids went to the store.
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Diane’s heart sank when she arrived at the store and was met with empty shelves. She grabbed the last can of formula, knowing it would only be enough for a few days. When she found there were no diapers, baby wipes, or toilet paper, she called her Home Visitor at The Next Door for help.

Diane’s Home Visitor heard the fear in her voice and sprang into action, visiting three different stores to find what Diane’s family needed, with the exception of one item: toilet paper.

In her desperation, Diane’s Home Visitor began asking others around the office if they knew of resources for necessities. Thankfully, someone at the office had visited the store earlier that day and generously offered toilet paper, as well as canned foods, to the family.

Diane was overwhelmed with gratitude when her Home Visitor arrived and placed the supplies on her porch. Her family has what they need, but how long will it be before Diane and her kids walk to the store and are again met with empty shelves?

Families like Diane’s are living through some of the darkest days of their lives. You can help. A gift of $40 can provide a family like Diane’s with enough diapers for an entire week, allowing them to stay home and stay safe with their young children. A gift of $50 could provide a family like Diane’s with a month’s worth of rice and beans, nourishing their bodies to weather this storm.

A gift of any amount, especially a sustaining monthly gift, is a gift of hope.

With high hopes and gratitude,

Janet Hamada
Executive Director

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