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Fifteen local businesses to compete in the second running of the Eastside Baby Corner Diaper Derby

Registration deadline extended to May 9th

It's horse racing season. Whether you're a die-hard fan or you're just in it for the hats and mint juleps, chances are you catch at least a little bit of derby fever. It's that same fever local nonprofit, Eastside Baby Corner hopes to harness and use to help local kids in need. The organization will be hosting a month-long diaper collection "horse" race known as the Diaper Derby.

Fifteen local businesses are headed for the starting gate in this year's Diaper Derby, the second running, which will be held from Friday, May 6th to Friday, June 10th. The businesses will compete to see who can collect the most diapers for EBC. The diapers collected count as points, and points are used to advance the business's "horse" along the track – on display at the EBC Hub (1510 Maple Ave., Issaquah).

A complete list of participating businesses can be found at www.babycorner.org/diaper-derby. Businesses hoping to still get in on the fun, can take advantage of an extended registration period which ends on May 9th at 5pm.

Once the race begins, it's time for the community to get involved. "Spectators" can help their favorite business win the competition, by bringing a donation of diapers, pull ups or overnights to any participating place of business throughout the competition. They can track the business's progress (and scope out the competition) at www.babycorner.org/diaper-derby.

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In the photo: Last year's Diaper Derby participants collected 35,000 diapers for Eastside Baby Corner

About Diaper Derby: The Diaper Derby is a fun (and important) race among local business and organizations to collect diapers for children living in poverty or crisis. Not being able to afford enough diapers is a barrier to stability and self-sufficiency for families. Without diapers, babies cannot participate in early childhood education. Without childcare, parents cannot go to work.

About Eastside Baby Corner: Eastside Baby Corner helps kids thrive by providing basic necessities for children so that EBC's partners—schools, social service agencies, food banks, hospitals--can help families become stable, safe, housed, fed and employed. Relying almost exclusively on volunteers, EBC takes in donations of children's clothing and goods from the community and supplements donations with purchases of the absolute essentials for children: baby food, formula, car seats, port-a-cribs and diapers. As the vital safety net under family-assistance providers, EBC annually distributes over 60,000 items for kids from birth to age 12 directly to agencies serving families throughout King County. Founded by pediatric nurse practitioner, Karen Ridlon in 1990, EBC helps nearly 700 children each week.