ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Baby Point

3rd Thursday of each month 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. No appointment needed. ID, WIC card, and proof of residence may be required.

Donations Accepted

Please see our full list of items needed and accepted on the inside of the brochure.

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. only 6 Rogers Avenue Wareham, MA 02571

Financial Contributions

May be mailed to:
Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless
PO Box 486
Attn: Baby Point or Holiday Program
Wareham, MA 02571

Turning Point on Facebook

Watch the Turning Point Facebook Page for updated information, current needs, and volunteer opportunities.

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WHAT IS WACH?

Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless (WACH) originated in 2001 as an outreach of several Wareham churches that were providing meals to those at risk of or experiencing homelessness. It became clear that many households were living in substandard conditions, including motels, campgrounds, and automobiles. Incorporated in 2002, WACH opened Turning Point Day Resource Center in a small office located at the Church of the Nazarene.

Today, **Turning Point** provides the following resources to those in need:

- Utility assistance
- Rental assistance
- Use of telephones, electricity, and a temporary mailing address
- Housing and employment information
- Referrals to emergency shelters, clothing sources, and other agencies
- Emergency food supplies
- Special Programs: Holiday Outreach (provides those in need with gifts for children)
- Special Programs: Baby Point (provides monthly resources for infants and toddlers to receive clothing, diapers, wipes, resources)
- Various other needs as available (i.e. gift cards for gas, food, clothing)

WACH and Turning Point serves the communities of Buzzards Bay, Carver, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, Rochester, and Wareham.

The Turning Point office is located at 6 Rogers Avenue, Wareham. Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Baby Point**

A program offered by
Wareham Area
Committee for the Homeless
(WACH)

Helping families in need with infant supplies and clothing for their children.

Serving the Greater Wareham Area:

Buzzards Bay | Carver | Marion Mattapoisett | Middleboro | Rochester and Wareham

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QUESTIONS?

Email TURNINGPOINTSPECIALPROGRAMS@GMAIL.COM

Phone **508-291-0535**

Turning Point Office Hours Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless/Turning Point

6 Rogers Avenue PO Box 486 Wareham, MA 02571 (in the Church of the Nazarene)

ABOUT BABY POINT

The Baby Point program was initiated in 2006, as an outgrowth of Turning Point's services, to assist families with the needs of their infants and babies.

The program provides free diapers and wipes to income qualified families once each month. Baby Point is a non-sectarian, non-profit sponsored program that seeks to help low income parents to care for babies in a hygienic and healthful way. The program also offers gently used clothing for infants to toddlers for each season.

One central element of the Baby Point program is providing free diapers and gently used clothing to parents who can demonstrate financial eligibility. This includes the following: Mass Health or WIC card, food stamps, unemployment benefits or any public assistance with a current letter of eligibility. Participants must also provide a photo identification, and proof of residency within the Turning Point service area.

Baby Point Serves

- Any family with infants, toddlers and preschool children in diapers that are eligible for WIC or any other government subsidy.
- Families are welcome to come each month while children are in diapers. No appointment needed.
- The communities of the Greater Wareham Area including Buzzards Bay, Bourne, Carver, Mattapoisett, Marion, Middleboro, Rochester, and Wareham.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Baby Point's Needs

Always needs and accepts the following:

- New or gently used clothing for infants and children up to size 5T.
- Diapers & Pull-Ups
- Baby Wipes
- Sunscreen/Bug Spray
- Children's Hygiene Items
- Baby Food & Formula
- Gift Cards and Monetary Donations
- Car Seats (new only)
- Potty Training items (new only)
- Used baby furniture (with advance approval only)

WACH's Holiday Program

We also welcome your donations for our Holiday Program that provides families and children in need with gifts and dinner for the December holidays.

- Sponsor a child or family by shopping for their holiday needs (send email to sign up)
- Volunteer your time in the Holiday Workshop (send an email to sign up)
- Monetary Donations
- New Warm Clothing
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Teenager's Clothing and Gifts
- Gift Cards for Movies, Pizza, Olympia, Walmart, Target, JC Penney, Grocery Stores, iTunes, Game Stores/Cards

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are currently needed for Baby Point and in the Turning Point office to assist with a variety of items including data entry, filing, general organization, client intakes, and more. If you are interested, email or call today!

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED

In addition to the Baby Point Program, WACH and Turning Point offer the following programs to the Greater Wareham Area:

Turning Point's Holiday Program

In the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas several members of the Wareham Area Community came together to support families in need. Together with the support of several area businesses, countless individuals, multiple local service agencies, several churches, numerous non-profit and private organizations, and multiple school systems, Turning Point's Holiday Outreach Program was able to provide gifts, a full meal, and some holiday magic to over 500 area children! We are beyond grateful for the support this program receives and for the ability to service those less fortunate in the Wareham Area.

Back-to School Program

As children are preparing to go back to school Turning Point partners with other non-profit agencies to collect items needed for the new school year. Items may include backpacks, school supplies, personal hygiene items, new clothing, and gift cards.

Turning Point

WACH operates the Turning Point resource center. The center provides assistance and resources for persons who are homeless or have issues of impending homelessness. WACH provides services designed to reduce homelessness in a safe, confidential and supportive environment.

If you or anyone you know, is in need of these services, please contact us by email, phone, or by visiting the Turning Point office Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.