



# Diaper Packaging Brigade® Spotlight Location

Charleston Montessori School

Charleston, WV



**Number of People  
Collecting:**  
200



**Units  
Collected:**  
140



**Points  
Earned:**  
280

## **Tell us about your school.**

Charleston Montessori School is a creative community school providing Montessori education for children ages 3-12 years in Charleston, West Virginia. Our school is four years old, and one of the founding principles was to be a greener school. We initially focused on reduction of paper waste and then expanded into a school garden and composting, storm water reuse, and in spring 2013, recycling through TerraCycle.

## **Why do you participate in the Diaper Packaging Brigade? How do you involve your school?**

The Diaper Packaging Brigade is a good fit for our school as many families have infants or young children. Diaper and wipes package recycling is advertised as an activity to our school families. The packaging is collected at our school and a parent volunteer ships our collection to TerraCycle monthly.

## **Tell us how you like to spend your points.**

We plan to use our points to expand our scholarship program and to purchase special materials for classrooms.

## **Tell us a story about your most exciting, memorable, or inspiring moment in collecting for the Diaper Packaging Brigade.**

We were recently recognized by the Huggies company through Diapers for Recyclers and our school families collectively decided to give our case of Natural Care Diapers to the Charleston YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. The executive director of the YWCA came to our school to meet with our youngest students and talked about the need for babies to have diapers, and reinforced the importance of the children's help in taking care of the earth and also in taking care of the youngest children in their own community.

