## Huggies® And Meijer Join Forces to Support NICU Families

Huggies will donate up to \$50,000 to non-profit Hand to Hold as part of its HelpingHugs™ campaign

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**Huggies**<sup>®</sup> and **Meijer** are partnering to support NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) families in honor of NICU Awareness Month in September, through **Hand to Hold**<sup>®</sup>, a national nonprofit organization that provides personalized care to NICU parents.

For every pack of Huggies Little Snugglers® or Little Movers® diapers purchased through September 11, 2021 in store or at **Meijer.com**, Huggies will donate \$1 to Hand to Hold, up to \$50,000 total<sup>1</sup>.

"Huggies is dedicated to helping families navigate the unknowns of babyhood, which can sometimes include the NICU," said Sarah Inbau, Huggies North America Brand Manager and NICU parent. "We're proud of be a national sponsor of Hand to Hold, and we're honored to have Meijer help support NICU families across the country and raise awareness of resources available for NICU families through Hand to Hold."

One in seven babies born in the U.S. spends time in the NICU<sup>2</sup> and Huggies has a long legacy of supporting NICU parents and their babies. Huggies partnered with NICU nurses and parents to create a special line of diapers and wipes for NICU babies and their incredibly delicate skin.

"As a family company, supporting families in our communities is so important to us, especially during some of parenthood's most challenging moments," said Matt Campbell, Baby Consumables Buyer at Meijer. "We're pleased to partner with Huggies on a shared mission to serve NICU families."

With support from Huggies, earlier this year Hand to Hold unveiled an innovative mobile app to provide critical emotional and mental health support to NICU parents. Hand to Hold provides personalized support before, during and after a NICU stay to help ensure all NICU families thrive.

For more information on Hand to Hold, visit **handtohold.org**. To learn more about Huggies, please visit our **website**, and follow us @Huggies on **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **Twitter**.

About Huggies® BrandFor more than 40 years, Huggies has been helping parents provide love, care and reassurance to their babies. From developing innovative, everyday products for babies to partnering with NICU nurses to develop a special diapers and wipes line for the most fragile babies, Huggies is dedicated to helping ensure all babies get the care they need to thrive. Huggies is proud to be the founding sponsor of the National Diaper Bank Network, a nationwide nonprofit dedicated to eliminating diaper need in America since 2011. Huggies is also the national sponsor of nonprofit Hand to Hold, which provides personalized support before, during and after NICU stays and infant loss. For more information on product offerings or our community efforts, please visit **Huggies.com**.

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About Hand to Hold™Hand to Hold is a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) that provides personalized support before, during and after a NICU stay to help ensure all NICU families thrive. They envision a world where every NICU family has a trusted Hand to Hold through their NICU journey and beyond. To learn more, visit **Hand to Hold.org** 

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<sup>1</sup> For every pack of Huggies Little Snugglers® or Little Movers® diapers purchased 8/15/2021 through 9/11/2021 in store or at **Meijer.com**, Huggies will donate \$1 to Hand to Hold, up to \$50,000 total.

<sup>2</sup> March of Dimes (2010). Special Care nursery admissions. National Perinatal Information System/Quality Analytic Services; **Special Care Nursery Admissions** 

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