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Project: Nutrition Resources

*****Below are excerpts from their final report*****

About the Project: The grant allowed our Maternity Care Coordination and Universal Newborn Home Visiting programs to purchase a small supply of powdered formula for needy families who were not eligible for WIC services or who were waiting to receive a WIC appointment. The ability to have a small supply of formula is a blessing for families in need. Most of our food banks are empty and WIC is overwhelmed with the increased demand for services. The availability of formula ensured that these babies received the proper nourishment they so desperately need.

Successes: One client was unemployed and her husband was working only a few hours until he broke his leg at work earlier in April. The husband may need surgery and it was estimated that he would be out of work for five to six months. They are struggling to pay bills and afford food. Mother was attempting to breastfeed but had difficulties with the baby latching on and needed to supplement. Family could not afford formula and they had to wait three weeks for their WIC appointment. The family received three cans to get them through until their WIC appointment.

Even though this grant was for a small amount, it has enabled us to assist several families. We want to sincerely thank the N.C. Healthy Start Foundation for supporting this effort.

