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Serving the counties of: St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, Lincoln, Warren and beyond.

Nursery News

35 years
of Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

Celebrating

4.8 MILLION Hours of Emergency Crisis Care for Kids

63,000 Families Served

99% of children involved with the Crisis Nursery have NO child abuse hotline report

98% of the children stay with their family and do NOT have to go into foster care

125,000 Children Kept Safe - That is Enough Kids to Fill Busch Stadium 2 3/4 times

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Honoring our retiring 26-year Board member Don Fitzgerald pictured with long-time Crisis Nursery staff Laura Coatney and Betsy Kirchoff. Thank you for your years of support!

Board Member Karen Evans and Six Point Financial Group sponsor with Brian Maurer.

CEO DiAnne Mueller welcomes President-elect of the Crisis Nursery Board of Directors, Keith Jackson of Edward Jones.

Advisory Board Member, Trish Turner and her team from First Bank.

The Dr. James Bobrow team joining us again for a great day of golf!

Ryan Hodges of WorldWide Technology (left), Best Friends Chair Mary Fischer, Young Professional Board member Dr. Duane Moore of Christian Hospital (right).

Thank you to the 180 Golfers who joined us!

Board Member Jim Wagner (left) and his Parkside Financial Bank & Trust team, including Brent & Casey St. John, and his wife Kim (right), 2nd place winners.
We had a fabulous time at the "FORE the Kids" sold-out golf tournament held at the Forest Park Golf club AND we raised over $106,000 for the Crisis Nursery, a new "FORE the Kids" record!!

Thank You to our Sponsors:

- Emerson
- Parkside Financial Bank & Trust
- Six Point Financial Group
- SKF Helping Hands Committee
- UPS
- Carrollton Bank
- KPMG

Young Professional Board Member, Michael Zerman (2nd from right) and his team, 1st Place in Flight B.

Sally and Steve Mitchell, long-time special friends of the Nursery!

Advisory Board Member Rick Schlüeter and his son Jason helping our kids.

Board Treasurer, Mark Niemeyer (right) and his Carrollton Bank team.

Louie of the St. Louis Blues with Bruce Sowatsky, Executive Director of the Community and Children’s Resource Board of St. Charles (right).
Saint Louis Crisis Nursery's
35th Annual Kids Awards
Celebrating our Treasured Volunteers

Individual Award
Kayt Kopen
Valerie Maynard
Meledia Bradley-White
Dan Baugher
Dorothy Downs
Ray Heininger
Rose Aschenbrenner
Facundo Onyeardo

Student
Elizabeth Titius
Meghna Patny
Kayla Stratman

Shopper/Delivery
Cathy Jaeger
John & Marsha Fleming
Monica Wilmsen
Mimi Levy

Helping Hand
Jessica Milner
Brenda Dinges
Barb Mecker
Tim & Doug Leonard
Linda Stickels
Jason Taylor
Nancy Meyers

Agency
Institute for Family Medicine
Beth Brockling/Sweet Celebrations
Urban League—James Clark

Even during the pandemic, with health and safety protocols in place, amazing volunteers shared 7,700 hours of their time at the Nursery this past year!

We held our virtual 35th annual Kids Awards celebration in April. The highlight was honoring Pat Kamler who has been a beloved volunteer for 26 years, WOW!!!!!

Pat shared why she volunteers. The feel-good energy and spirit she gets from being with the kids and helping is what keeps Pat committed to the Nursery. Pat is SO loved and we are beyond grateful to have her as part of our Nursery family.
GIVE STL Day was a HUGE success, $40,000 raised! With these funds, we will help many families with back rent or past due utility bills to stay in their homes. Many of the comments left by people who donated to the Crisis Nursery on GiveSTL Day warmed our hearts:

• "You cared for my son in a time of need, and I wanted to send what I could to support such a wonderful place. Thank you so much for everything you do." – Chris F.

• "My daughter used to volunteer at the Crisis Nursery. She passed away from cancer 4 years ago." - Eileen C.

• "In honor of my dad, who passed away last year after a career of protecting kids as a St. Louis City Police Officer." - Colleen E.

• "I would like to feed the two hungry babies and keep a family from homelessness." --Anonymous

In June, the Crisis Nursery was on the Big Board at Saint Louis Galleria! Many thanks to the Galleria for helping us spread the word about the Crisis Nursery’s mission.

Don Brown and Tim Ezell recorded wonderful 35th Birthday messages for the Crisis Nursery. Please check them out on our Facebook page!
Giving Circle

Individuals contributing $1,000 or above to the Crisis Nursery as of 6/30/2021

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**Be A Lifeline: LEAVE A LEGACY**

The Crisis Nursery is a National Leader in the prevention of child abuse and neglect in large part because we have always kept one eye squarely fixed on the future.

Our success and our ability to protect children during crises and pandemics is due to thousands of individuals like you coming through for us and for our kids.

Please help ensure that the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery remains strong well into the future: YOU can Be A Lifeline for future generations of our region’s kids with a Legacy Gift of any size. We are well on our way to securing 35 Legacy Partners in time for the Crisis Nursery’s 35th Anniversary this year.

Can we count on your commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect for generations to come? Contact DiAnne Mueller, CEO at 314-292-5770 or email at dianne@crisisnurserykids.org for more details or to let us know that you have added the Nursery to your Will!

The award for "Best Radio Personality" in the 2021 St. Louis Magazine A-List goes to our very own Advisory Board Member JOHN CARNEY!
CHRISTMAS IN JULY! Club Fitness is collecting items for the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery – THANK YOU!! Supplies can be brought to any Club Fitness:

- Diapers/Pull-Ups (size 4,5,6)
- Boys & Girls summer shorts and tops (size 2T through 12)
- Healthy snacks for kids
- Cleaning Supplies
- Paper Towels and Toilet Paper
- New Toys

Thank You to Dillard’s Saint Louis Galleria for the awesome Antonio Melani give-back event! Crisis Nursery Parent Advisory Board member, Felicia Pattman, stopped by to support the Nursery along with CEO DiAnne Mueller.

FY 2021 Crisis Care Outcomes

- 96% of parents met safety and stability goals by discharge.
- Greater than 99% of parents report satisfaction with Crisis Nursery services.

When families are struggling, the cost of transportation can be another roadblock to safety and security, so The Car Mom and Kendra Scott teamed up to raise more than $3,500 to help Crisis Nursery families pay for gas, bus passes, and other transportsations costs. Thanks to the Car Mom, Kendra Scott, and ALL the people who showed up to help!

Harvester Christian Church, outdid themselves again! We can’t thank you enough for showing our Nursery some love! From supplying a pallet worth of mulch, power washing, building a garden bed, trimming the bushes, planting flowers, clean up & more. We truly appreciate your service!

Brinkmann’s St. Louis office held its Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Crisis Nursery. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this extraordinary cause — especially our sponsors, golfers, volunteers and other partners!
A GIANT thank you to Magellan staff and DeSmet Jesuit High School North Grand Neighborhood Services students who gave the playground at our St. Louis City Family Empowerment Center a lot of love. They pulled weeds and spread A TON of mulch. It was a big project and they did it with nothing but smiles!

Many thanks to the members of “Alma A. Clark #54, Order of Eastern Star” for thinking of the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery and collecting a BUNCH of great items for our families! Shelly Wingo, Delores Smith, and Shirley Covington dropped off hundreds of diapers and wipes. Thank you!

Thank you, barre3 for your support and being such a generous neighbor! They raised $600 for the Nursery from attendees at their event. Thank you for strengthening our community!

A giant thank you to St. Charles Missouri HOG Chapter St. Charles Harley-Davidson for their thoughtfulness & generosity! Members drove by for a Harley parade and donated $500 worth of our most needed items. We appreciate your support!

St. Theodore Parish made & delivered by porch drop-off birthday bags for Nursery kiddos. Super sweet & thoughtful, Thank you, we love to see Kids Helping Kids!

Ethan Duree, for his Eagle Project, coordinated the distribution of 1,400 flyers in the Wentzville area; six weeks of gathering donations, organizing and assembling these kits. Ethan has EXCEEDED his goal of assembling 150 birthday bags for children at the Crisis Nursery. Congratulations Ethan!
Did you know that Pet Therapy has been shown to reduce anxiety and increase social connection in children who have experienced trauma? The children at the Nursery light up when they see the therapy dogs (like Zillah from LLC K-9 Comfort Dogs) come through the door and our team notices an instant calming effect. At the Crisis Nursery we know that each child and each child’s past experiences are unique, so we use a variety of interventions to facilitate healing from past trauma & promote resiliency.

**Art & Play Therapy Outcomes**

- 95% of children demonstrate use of a new coping skill.
- 98% of children demonstrate use of a new emotional regulation skill.

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**WAYS THE CRISIS NURSERY HELPS!**

For more than 20 years, the Healing Hearts Program has been a critical part of the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery’s response to children and families experiencing family crisis. Art & Play Therapy offer children an opportunity to express difficult feelings and share stories of trauma that are much too difficult to put into words.

Many thanks to Missouri Botanical Garden for hosting “Noche Familiar 2021,” a fun, free evening for Latinx families across St. Louis to have special access to the Gardens with special fun activities for the kids! The Crisis Nursery Team facilitating this fun event included (L-R): Zoey Diott, Latinx Care Coordinator; Patricia Sanchez de Andrei, Crisis Nursery Board Member; Molly Brown, Sr. Clinical Director; Sarah Johnson, Latinx Program Manager; Elizabeth Campell, Latinx Care Coordinator.

“I’ve never had a pretty dress before”, the eight-year-old at Peabody Elementary could not believe it when she was told she could take the beautiful dress home.

When the wonderful people at Macy’s donated HUNDREDS of gorgeous dresses, we knew we had to share them as quickly as possible! Crisis Nursery staff members took the dresses to Saint Louis Public Schools Peabody Elementary. The girls were THRILLED!

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Here is HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Celebrity Night for the Crisis Nursery!

Join us at participating restaurants in Clayton

Thursday, August 19, 2021
5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Go to CrisisNurseryKids.org/events to see our list of celebrities, participating restaurants, and to make a donation to help your favorite celebrity support the Crisis Nursery!

Saint Louis Crisis Nursery
Razzle Dazzle Ball 2021
Join Us to Celebrate 35 Years!

Sponsorship Opportunities
Your generosity will help us continue Saving Babies’ Lives, Keeping Kids Safe, & Building Strong Families For ANOTHER 35 YEARS!

Join us at the Razzle Dazzle Ball as we honor:

Family of the Year
The Emge Family

Young Professional of the Year
Dr. Duane Moore

Distinguished Corporate Citizen of the Year
Carrollton Bank

You Are Invited
Over the Top for Tots

Join Us to Celebrate 35 Years of Keeping Kids Safe!

Over the Top for Tots brings together shopping, mimosas, and an elegant luncheon to benefit the Crisis Nursery’s Healing Hearts Art and Play Therapy Programs.

We hope to see you there!

For ticket and sponsor information visit CrisisNurseryKids.org/events
Or call 314-292-5770

Join us at Over the Top for Tots as we honor:

Children’s Champion
Flat Branch Home Loans

Guardian Angel
Kristin Whiteside

Helping Hands
Ameristar Conference Center
Help us go green: email laura@crisisonurykids.org to let us know you would like to receive our newsletter by email to save paper and postage costs.

Please check out our Wishlist at the Crisis Nursery Website: www.crisisonurykids.org

Click on the Amazon Smile link to purchase items to help the kids at the Crisis Nursery.

Do you want a job that makes a REAL difference in the world?

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