



# Nursery News

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## Saint Louis Crisis Nursery 11th Family Empowerment Center Opens



October 14, 2022 Crisis Nursery Staff and Board helped celebrate the **Lincoln County Family Empowerment Center** Ribbon Cutting. Located on the grounds of **Mercy Hospital-Lincoln County**, our Family Support team will be sharing the building with the **Child Advocacy Center**. Generously funded by the **Viragh Family Foundation**. *Pictured above left:* representatives from the Child Advocacy Center, Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, Mercy Hospital and Lincoln County Resource Board cut the ribbon; *above right:* **Jacob Kliethermes** and Crisis Nursery Family Empowerment Social Worker for Lincoln County, **Kayla Straatman**; *bottom left:* Crisis Nursery staff attend the celebration; and *bottom right* **Cheri Winchester**, Executive Director of the **Lincoln County Resource Board** and Crisis Nursery CEO, **DiAnne Mueller**.

# Celebrity Night for the Nursery 2022

## \$104,000 Raised



Advisory Board Chair **Bill Siedhoff** was the Celebrity host at **McGurk's** in Soulard.



Celebrity Server extraordinaire, **Joyce Kampwerth** (right) served Board Member **Jim Wagner** (left) and friends at **Almond's** in Clayton.



Guests enjoyed meeting **Miss Missouri USA** and St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney **Wesley Bell**.



Board Member **Lisa Moehlenkamp** (left) was the Celebrity host at **Cugino's** in Florissant.



Board Member **Christine Way** (left) and Advisory Board member Rep. **Sarah Umsicker** raised funds at **Llywelyn's**.

### Thank you to our Major Sponsors!



Board President **Keith Jackson**, and Board Members **Laurence Hopkins** (2nd and 3rd from left) and **Stan Williams** (right) hosted a table of guests to raise money for the kids!

**Bill Siedhoff**      **Jim & Kim Wagner**



KMOV-TV Anchor and Crisis Nursery Board Member **Laura Hettiger** and her husband **Dr. Mark Gdowski** greeted guests at **Canyon Cafe** in Frontenac.



Crisis Nursery Board Member **Jim Lee** and his lovely wife, **Jean**, pose for a picture with **Belle** before dining at **Prasino's** in St. Charles.



Board Member **Mark Niemeyer**, and his lovely wife **Elizabeth**, hosted a large group at **Herbie's** in Clayton.



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## Congratulations to our Top 10 Celebrities!



Joyce Kampwerth



Bill Siedhoff



Lisa Moehlenkamp



Pam Duffy



Laura Hettiger



Mark Niemeyer



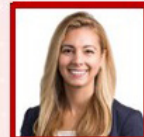
Anna Chancellor



Trish Turner



Jim Lee



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**THANK YOU** to our wonderful Sponsors, Restaurants, Celebrities and generous guests who joined together to raise funds so more than 140 children are safe and receive meals, medical care and therapeutic play!

***We couldn't do it without YOU!***

# Over the Top for Tots 2022 . . .



Board Members **Merdith Linhardt** (left) and **Stephanie Hall** (right) had a great time participating in the six rounds of Reverse Bingo hosted by **Leo Anglo** of **Vincent's Jewelers**!



**Ward Shaw**, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Ameristar presented CEO **DiAnne Mueller** with a check for \$25,000!! He shared that Ameristar was moved by our mission and wanted to surprise us!



**Leo Anglo** of **Vincent's Jewelers** provided guests an incredibly exciting day with multiple rounds of Reverse Bingo!



**Bruce Sowatsky** of the CCRB and Crisis Nursery Best Friend **Rev. Fran Pieper** joined us to *Save Babies' Lives!*

\$168,000 raised!

Over the Top for Tots

Thank You to our Generous Sponsors!!

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Two of our favorite ladies! Crisis Nursery advocate and previous Best Friends Chair, **Charlotte McClure** and long-time friend and supporter **Michelle Conlon**!



Best Friends Chair, **Mary Fischer** (right) and Advisory Board Member **Jodi Lang** (center) fill tables with friends and family!

# ... was TRULY Over the Top!



Donna Schlemmer and Roy Moyers had a great time taking in the fabulous raffle items and auction!



Board Member Pam Glaser (2nd from left) and her friends bought lots of raffle tickets hoping to win one of the 65+ exciting items.



It was a true delight to present the Champion for Children award to **Mimi Levy** (left); the Guardian Angel Award to **Vickie Roberts** (middle); and the Helping Hands Award to **The Crossing Outreach**, accepted by **Amanda Chenowith** (right).



Past Board President **Pam Duffy** (center) brought a table of friends to raise money for the kids!

**Over the Top for Tots was beyond successful!**  
This fun event raised more than \$168,000 to KEEP KIDS SAFE!

Our goal was \$85,000, so with the help of all our incredible sponsors, vendors and guests we nearly **DOUBLED** the goal.

Thank you to all the amazing people who believe in the important work the Crisis Nursery does.  
We could not keep SO many children safe without your help!



# Nursery Night at Napoli 2022

Thank You for helping Keep Kids Safe!



**Over \$21,000 was raised** by the Crisis Nursery's Young Professionals Board to help the Crisis Nursery prevent child abuse and neglect! Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who came by for the fun! *Pictured top left: Members of our Young Professional Board; Top Center: Harris Stowe Cheerleaders; Top right: Board Member Bryan Kaemmerer (2nd from right) and ND4SPD Car Club members; Below Left: St. Louis University Cheerleaders and members of the Clayton Fire Department.*



### Thank You to our Sponsors!

THANK YOU

## Market By Macy's Grand Opening - Nursery Families Go Shopping!

Macy's invited 30 Crisis Nursery families to shop at their brand new store and gave each a generous gift card to celebrate!



*Above left: the lovely ladies from Macy's who made the night such a delight for our Mom's; Center: Family Empowerment Counselor Delores Neal with two of our fabulous Parent Advisory Board Members; Left: Two of our Latinx Team Maria Mullis and Diana Gutierrez with one of our sweet families!*

# Amazing Community Supporters Helping Too!



Changing the world, one dirty diaper at a time.

THANK YOU to the **Emgee Family!** You are truly **MAKING A DIFFERENCE!** Thank you to ALDI, KMOV-TV and all the amazing volunteers who make The Pooper Troopers diaper drive possible. You are incredible! We know that many families have to choose between food and diapers.

The **Health Care Administrators Association (HCAA)** Annual TPA Summit was held in St. Louis last month, and the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery was their Charity of Choice! Thanks to Advisory Board member **Jodi Lang** for making the HCAA aware of the SLCN. Because of the very generous HCAA members who donated and bid on auction items, the Crisis Nursery received a gift of \$12,180.

The Crisis Nursery gives dozens of talks every year to companies all across the area to explain how our long partnership with the **United Way of Greater St. Louis** helps us Keep Kids Safe! **Keeley Construction Group** organized a fantastic rally with **DiAnne Mueller**, CEO and the United Way's **Michelle Tucker** as keynote speaker.



l-r: **Larry Keeley**, founder, Keeley Construction; **Rusty Keeley**, CEO, Keeley Construction & co-chair of the United Way 2022 Annual Community Campaign; **DiAnne Mueller**, CEO of the Crisis Nursery; **Jim Lee**, Executive VP, Keeley Construction and member of the Crisis Nursery's Board of Directors



**Thank you to Karen and Brian Maurer for always showing up to support our mission!** Over 50 kids from 20 families enjoyed egg races, a water balloon toss, freeze dancing, sack races, (therapeutic) art, and pizza! Plus thanks to Board Member **Patricia de Sanchez Andrei**, the ice cream truck stopped by and everyone got free ice cream! We could not have made SO many kiddos happy without the help of volunteers from the National Charity League and members of our Board of Directors who took time out of their busy days to make memories for children.



# Our Amazing Community Volunteers

## Backpacks for Crisis Nursery Kids

Because of the many, many Crisis Nursery supporters who know that EVERY child deserves to start the school year with a Brand New Backpack, we have great news: 850 kids in the metro area were able to walk into the classroom on the first day of school feeling strong and confident loving their new backpack. The Crisis Nursery is all about reducing parental stress, and a new backpack for their student can help mom & dad feel better and more relaxed too! Thank you to the individuals, businesses, churches and social groups who donated backpacks and school supplies.



The Crossing Outreach



Guild Mortgage Company-Midwest Region



Premiere Business Brokers



Our kids are so excited to have their very own Lemonade Stand! They love making lemonade to share with their friends on hot summer days! Thank you, **Melanie & George**, for building such an awesome Lemonade Stand for our kids!!



**Kristen Cornett** of **KMOV-TV** was at Crisis Nursery Centene to film a story. She was so sweet to let some kiddos give her a **FABULOUS** manicure!! Thanks to Kristen and all our friends at **KMOV** for supporting the Crisis Nursery.



Such a great afternoon with a wonderful, generous group of women! The **Whitmoor Country-Club Ladies League** end-of-season tournament donated \$4,600. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated to help us help the kiddos!



What a lovely volunteer group from **Mastercard**! They were a tremendous help, moving a ton of diapers, rearranging our storage & stocking shelves to prepare for our upcoming diaper drive. They also helped in the Nursery; we had so much fun. Thank you for your kindness!



Thank you to **Cardinal Health** volunteers who helped with everything from caring for kiddos, moving diapers and clothing bins out of storage, sorting, organizing and labeling donations, cardboard recycling runs. The group helped us get so much done. **THANK YOU Cardinal Health!**



# Our Fantastic Nursery Team



Happy 14th year to our Wentzville Nursery! We love seeing our team and community come together to celebrate! In the past 14 years, the Crisis Nursery - Wentzville has cared for over 18,200 children and offered support to nearly 10,000 families!! Many thanks to **Community and Children's Resource Board, Lincoln County Resource Board** and **SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital - Wentzville** for 14 years of helping the Crisis Nursery Keep Kids Safe.



Top Picture: Crisis Nursery staff enjoy dressing up for Halloween to make the kids smile! Bottom Picture: Staff dress in purple to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness!



LINC is an amazing community partner where the Crisis Nursery Outreach Center is located. Our St. Charles Family Empowerment Team, **Andrea and Sophie**, were thrilled to celebrate their 30th anniversary and connect with families!



We are celebrating the Crisis Nursery's **Latinx Outreach Program (LOP)** for winning the **St. Louis Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Civic Award of the Year!** We are doubly proud to celebrate **Maria de Lourdes Mullis, Sr.** Latinx Resource Specialist's 7th anniversary with the Crisis Nursery! Maria and the LOP Team works tirelessly to get them clothes, food, housing, employment, and legal representation. The world is a better place because Maria is here!

Crisis Nursery CEO **DiAnne Mueller** and some of the administrative staff attended a candlelight vigil at YWCA Metro St. Louis to celebrate survivors and remember victims of domestic violence. DiAnne and the team were elated to have the opportunity to connect with **Congresswoman Cori Bush** at this event.



# Our Amazing Community Volunteers



Glaziers Local 513 recently presented the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery with a check for \$10,966.45, proceeds from its charity golf tournament in August at Florissant Golf Club.



Thank you, **Maryville University** Nursing students who spent the day organizing donations, cooking lunch and helping in the Nursery!



The Florissant Fire Department chose the Crisis Nursery to donate their haunted house monetary donations to! We were excited to meet Jason Hoewelmann, Florissant Valley Fire District Chief firefighter. Thank you for thinking of the Nursery, what a great evening!



The ladies from **Gamma Phi Beta at Washington University** in St. Louis are such great supporters of our mission and were willing to help with whatever is needed. These incredible and hard-working women created 35+ food bags for our families and community, and organized the supplies for families! Thank you, we are grateful!!!



What a great event to benefit the Crisis Nursery! The **"Ladies Swinging Fore Hope"** golf tournament raised \$13,000 and was held at Incline Village Golf Courses in Foristell. Such a wonderful generous group of women — thanks for supporting the Crisis Nursery!



This hard-working group from **NielsenIQ** was able to create over 80 food bags for our families, and package over 1,060 wipes for our families/community, PLUS they built a storage shelf, changed our basement door locks, AND sorted through summer and winter clothes. They got SO much accomplished in the 3 hours that they were here!! Thank you!



A HUGE Thank You to **Melinda Allen** for donating 300 coats for our children! She shared this incredible gift in honor of Board member **Nanci Bobrow**! Thanks for keeping our little ones warm this winter!

**Congratulations Elaine P.!**  
 Winner of the  
 Buffalo Trace Whiskey Antique Collection

**BUFFALO TRACE**



Thank you to EVERYONE who purchased a raffle ticket! We raised  
**\$27,952**  
 to prevent child abuse and neglect!

# WAYS YOU CAN HELP!




## Bowties FOR Babies

Saint Louis Crisis Nursery's  
Razzle Dazzle Ball 2023  
April 1, 2023  
Westport Sheraton Lakeside Chalet




Dr. Mark Gdowski & Laura Hettiger  
Emcees





Contact Ann at: [ann@crisisnurserykids.org](mailto:ann@crisisnurserykids.org)  
to Sponsor a Child!

### Join Us For



5k and 1 mile — Live or Virtual!  
**Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022**  
Proceeds benefit the  
Crisis Nursery!



Sign up at [CrisisNurseryKids.org/events](https://CrisisNurseryKids.org/events)






A No-Shave November Event to help the  
Crisis Nursery  
prevent child abuse and neglect!

## BEARDS FOR BABIES!

The Maryland Heights Police Department is challenging other area departments to see who can grow the best Beards for Babies - with all the money raised going to the Crisis Nursery! The North County Police Cooperative and Town and Country Police Department have accepted the challenge.

# Thank You for Honoring These Amazing People:

## In HONOR of

**Keith Alper** by *Marty & Mimi Levy*  
**Orli Alana Atkinson** by *Dede and Cary Berg*  
**Pamela Bartels** by *Maria Kilmer*  
**Dr. Nanci Bobrow** by *Jennifer Anton-Blakley, The Fishman Family Charitable, Kitty Kefauver, Linda Kincaid, Marilyn Leibowitz, Joan Pearlman*  
**Sasha Durlester** by *Danielle Block, Elyse Picker*  
**Pamela Goldfeld** by *Tamara Williams-Reding*  
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**Ronnie Zahller** by *Elizabeth Spitzfaden*  
**Brick** by *Marty & Mimi Levy*  
**Fiona and Eloise** by *Mliss Pagano*  
**Elias** by *Jennifer Rosario*

## In MEMORY of

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**Riley Bayless** by *Vicki Seidel*  
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### Thank you to the Bobrow Family:

**Drs. Nanci and James, Adam, Christina, Leila, Abigail, Emily, Harsha, Reuben and Mira who honored friends and family throughout the year.**



# FY 2022 Impact



## 24-Hour Helpline

7 Days A Week/365 Days a Year: Immediate access to crisis intervention and solution-focused counseling.

**3,877** Parents called for help while in crisis - a 41% increase in crisis calls over FY 2021.

## Crisis Care for Children

Protecting children 24/7, early identification of health and developmental concerns, building resiliency and increasing coping skills.

**3,835** Babies, toddlers, and children received **158,940** hours of safe emergency 24-hour care at 4 Crisis Nurseries

**36%** increase in children admitted over FY 21

**1,388** Medical Exams provided to children in care at the Nurseries

**26%** Received medication to treat an immediate concern identified during the exam

**1,922** Art & Play Therapy sessions to children in trauma

**97%** Of children gained coping and resiliency skills



**95%**

Of parents in crisis identified a stress trigger and coping skill when discharging their child from Respite Care

**99%**

Of children did NOT experience abuse and remained with their family

# Giving Circle

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