

# Nursery News Special Edition



Spring 2024

## Celebrating 30 Years with DiAnne Mueller

**DiAnne Mueller** will be moving on from her position as CEO of the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery in mid-March 2024, after 30 incredible years of leadership! During DiAnne's tenure, she has elevated the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery to become the premier child abuse prevention agency in Missouri and beyond.

Expanding services, growing capacity, and increasing awareness of the importance of child abuse prevention have been hallmarks of DiAnne's legacy at the Crisis Nursery. Part of this legacy includes development of the Crisis Nursery's Client Emergency Fund, Transportation Program, Emergency Food Bags, and the Compassionate Care Fund. These vital programs, which will now be housed under the *DiAnne Mueller Compassionate Care Fund*, were designed to provide an equitable path to safety and stability for vulnerable families and children. During the Eat, Shop, Love event, the Board of Directors presented DiAnne with the **Legacy of Hope Award** to honor the incredible legacy DiAnne has built at the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery!



# \$100,000

raised to provide impactful, compassionate support to vulnerable children and families!

## SCENES FROM: *Eat, Shop, Love-February 8th*

Celebrating Crisis Nursery Mom's and DiAnne



*Above left: DiAnne Mueller with members of the Crisis Nursery Parent Advisory Board; Above Center: Best Friend Fran Pieper, DiAnne, Advisory Board Chair Bill Siedhoff who made a \$10,000 gift in honor of DiAnne, and Mary Ellen Cotsworth; Above right: DiAnne with one of the Crisis Nursery's founding Board Members, Sue Stepleton, who presented DiAnne with \$45,000 from the Simon Foundation for the DiAnne Mueller Compassionate Care Fund.*



*Above left: Board Members Pam Duffy, Lisa Moehlenkamp, Karen Maurer and Nanci Bobrow came to celebrate DiAnne; Above Center: KMOV First Alert 4's Laura Hettiger emceed the festivities and Advisory Board Member John Carney presented a check for \$10,000 to the Compassionate Care Fund; Above right: DiAnne Mueller Day, February 8, 2024, was proclaimed by St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County.*

# Congratulations Molly Brown, new CEO March 2024



DiAnne Mueller and Molly Brown.

It gives us such joy, pride and honor to announce that our very own **Molly Brown, LPC**, who currently serves as our Chief Program Officer, will take the reins as the next CEO of the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery!

Molly first started with the Crisis Nursery in 1999 as a student—and she has been making a difference in the lives of our children and families ever since! That’s over 24 years of loyalty to our mission, love for kids and babies, and dedication to our communities!

Whether it was managing our flagship Centene Center Nursery or six years of intensive in-home therapy with our families, Molly has seen and done it all at the Crisis Nursery! She has been an integral part of our growth and our reputation as a national leader in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Join us in congratulating Molly and celebrating everything she has done to make the Nursery strong—and everything she will do to continue *Keeping Kids Safe, Saving Babies’ Lives, and Building Strong Families*.



Crisis Nursery Staff came to Eat, Shop, Love to celebrate **DiAnne Mueller** and support **Molly Brown!**



Above: **Molly Brown** and Founding Board member of the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, **Chris Chadwick**.



**Molly** and Board Member **Jim Wagner** at Plaza Frontenac for the annual *Eat, Shop, Love* gathering!



Board President **Keith Jackson** and Board member **Stan Williams** joined us to celebrate!



**We are so proud and grateful that ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center has recognized the incredible work we are doing!**

**Eat, Shop, Love** collected more than **500 purses** that were shared with Crisis Nursery moms on Valentines Day!

**Thank you for sharing the love!**



With our  
***Holiday Hearts***  
Program

**1,150 children**  
and their families had a  
**Happy Holiday!!**

THANK YOU  
to everyone who donated!!




## Crisis Nursery Growth Under DiAnne's Leadership

- In DiAnne's 30 years, the Crisis Nursery has provided over 5 MILLION hours of crisis care
- Added an Advisory Board, Young Professionals Board, Junior Board and Parent Advisory Board
- 228% increase in Children served annually
- 299% increase in Annual Hours of Crisis Care Provided
- 957% increase in Agency Revenues
- Opened 11 (soon to be 12!) Family Empowerment Centers
- 26 Razzle Dazzle Balls raising \$6.5 million
- 29 FORE the Kids Golf Tournaments raising \$2.4 million
- 28 Celebrity Nights for the Nursery raising \$1.9 million
- Established the Giving Circle, which now has over 250 members



*Thank you, DiAnne!*



**Saint Louis Crisis Nursery**  
**Children's Art Show**  
On display from Feb 2 - March 30

Visit Picasso's and experience the inspirational art created through our Healing Hearts Program!



Our Healing Hearts Program provides Art and Play therapy for children who need help in coping with frightening realities.

Scan here to donate art supplies to our Healing Hearts Program!

**Saint Louis Crisis Nursery's**  
**"FORE the Kids"**  
**Golf Tournament**



Friday, June 7, 2024  
Forest Park Golf Course  
Play the tournament that helps  
**Keep Kids Safe!**

**You Are Invited!**



**SAINT LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY'S**  
**Razzle Dazzle Ball**  
**2024:**  
**"Singing in the Rain"**

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024  
6:00 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.

*Westport Sheraton Lakeside Chalet*

**Razzle Dazzle will Sell Out!**  
Get your tickets today!

Presented by:  
*William F. Siedhoff Foundation*

Premiere Sponsors:  
**Kim and Jim Wagner**




Dr. Mark Gdowski and  
Laura Hettiger,  
Emcees

Scan here to purchase tickets:  


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or call 314-292-5770



# Saint Louis Crisis Nursery 2023 in Review

## What we do best: Saving Babies' Lives Keeping Kids Safe, Building Strong Families

- ➔ **221,000 hours of Crisis Care to 4,065 children**
- ➔ 1,777 families with 4,030 children were provided crisis intervention and family stabilization interventions
- ➔ **99% of children** remained with their families avoiding foster care
- ➔ **165,000 diapers donated** from the Pooper Troopers in 2023; 1.7 million diapers in the past 7 years.
- ➔ More than **1,200 Crisis Nursery children** woke up Christmas morning with gifts through the **HOLIDAY HEARTS**.
- ➔ **372 families with 1,000 children** were kept from becoming homeless or without utilities.



## New Programming Achievements



- ➔ The Crisis Nursery established a **community-based Art & Play Therapy program** providing trauma-informed mental health services for children in daycare centers:
  - 63 children received 714 Therapy sessions at four daycare centers
- ➔ The Crisis Nursery began providing children with **Occupational Therapy** in the Nursery to address identified developmental and behavioral concerns:
  - 347 children received an Occupational Therapy assessment and services

## Maintaining a Standard of Excellence

- ➔ Popular Crisis Nursery events **SOLD OUT** and raised **\$970,000**
- ➔ Saint Louis Crisis Nursery is a **2023 Top Work Place**
- ➔ Saint Louis Crisis Nursery was honored with the **Exceptional Neighbor Award** by St. Louis CITY SC
- ➔ Annual Appeal raised a **record \$700,000**
- ➔ Partners in Prevention (CCRB, St. Louis Co CSF, MHB, LCRB) provided more than \$2.5 million to keep kids and families safe and stable.

