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Celebrity Night for the Nursery

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Over The Top for Tots TOYOTA | MO





Top Left Picture: Board Member **Lawrence Hopkins,** Advisory Board Chair **Bill Siedhoff** and Board President **Keith Jackson.** *Top Right Picture*: **Bill Siedhoff** with the Princesses at **McGurk's** in Soulard.



Donna Orf (back right) and **Toyota** joined us as the Presenting Sponsor for another incredible Over the Top for Tots!

Grateful To Our Partners in Prevention:



















Thankful to ALL Who Make it Possible to Keep Kids Safe!

The Need: 35 children a day are reported as abused or neglected in the Greater St. Louis region.

Our Response:

- 198,000 hours of Crisis Care were provided in FY 2023 a 25% increase
- 99% of children provided Crisis Care did not have a child abuse/neglect report or an out-of-home placement

Over the Top for Tots Raises \$180,000!



Advisory Board Member **Marlene Gebhard** was the winning bidder for the VIP Table which included gift bags and extra perks for guests at the table.



Brittany Bonds captivated guests with her story as a Crisis Nursery child. We are so very proud of all she has accomplished!



Board Member **Pamela Glaser** (*left*) and **Karla Ritter** sparkled as they perused the 30 Boutique Vendors.



Helping Hands Award Winners, Erin Kuhlmann and Gwen Hobbs (left); Guardian Angel Award Winner Cheri Winchester (3rd from left); with Crisis Nursery CEO DiAnne Mueller.



Terese Davis and **Mary Fisch**er (*pictured at left*) were instrumental in making Over the Top for Tots such a fun event with exciting raffle items.



Missy Palitsch (right) and Flat Branch guests enjoying a great lunch and Mimosa's.



Bruce Sowatsky, Executive Director of the **CCRB**, was honored at the event for his 30+ years making a difference in the St. Charles Community. (*Pictured with his wife*, **Heidi**)

Fun Celebrities and generous donors raised \$170,000 at nine restaurants across the region!

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Board Member Laura Hettiger with her husband Dr. Mark Gdowski and their bundle of joy, Leo enjoyed dinner at Oceano!



Celebrity Waitress Joyce Kampwerth of Parkside Financial served guests at Almond's. Pictured with Board President Keith Jackson.



Board Member Jim Wagner (right) CEO of Parkside Financial and his wife Kim (seated), hosted a table of family and friends, including Peter Frane (left).



Board Member **Patricia Sanchez de Andrei** welcomed attorney **German Gonzalez** (2nd from left) and other Celebrities at **Canyon Cafe** to raise funds for child abuse prevention.



Advisory Board Member's Jodi Lang and Trish Turner of First Bank raised funds at Dog Priairie Tavern.



Board Members Bob Duffy and Lisa Moehlenkamp of FleishmanHillard raised funds at Cugino's in Florissant.



CEO **DiAnne Mueller** (*right*), welcomed Advisory Board member **Gretchen Gerber** (*center*) and her daughter **Jenny** with flowers to remember her husband **Don Gerber** who was a dear Crisis Nursery friend and fabulous Celebrity Waiter!



Board Member Jim Lee of Keeley Construction and his lovely wife Jean joined Celebrity Night at Prasino's in St. Charles.

Nursery Night at Vapori

The Crisis Nursery Young Professionals Board held their annual *Nursery Night at Napoli and* welcomed 200 guests! The event included appetizers, an auction, raffle and unlimited craft beer from Civil Life Brewing Company, Narrow Gauge Brewing Company, and 4 Hands Brewing Company. Thank you to our major sponsors: Bryan Kaemmerer of McCarthy, Leonard & Kaemmerer, Drafahl Law Firm, Husch Blackwell, Forvis, and Mission Matters Group.



Thank you to Silver Sponsors: Bunch Contracting Services (pictured above), HLK, Fired Up Management, Stephen Tierney and Veronica Wills.



Young Professional Board Members Maria Maysonet and Dustin Smith.



Board Members (pictured left to right) Bryan Kaemmerer, Lawrence Hopkins, Board President Keith Jackson and Patricia Sanchez de Andrei.

Independent Study shows Crisis Nursery PREVENTION Programs WORK!

In FY23 the SLCN was proud to partner with St. Louis University for an outside evaluation of our Respite program's impact on parents' stress levels. Results showed that participation in respite care significantly reduced parental stress not only related to parenting, but across 19 different domains that included housing, safety, employment, and other relationships!

Using Saint Louis Crisis Nursery respite care during times of crisis has a positive ripple effect across their lives!

THANKFUL for our Community Support!



Gateway Metro Federal Credit Union held "Shred Events" throughout 2023 to benefit the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery! THANK YOU ALL for keeping the kids at the Crisis Nursery in your heart!



The **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro St. Louis** held its golf tournament and **Maria De Lourdes Mullis** was there to network with all the wonderful friends and supporters of the Crisis Nursery's Latinx Outreach Program!

Happy 15th Birthday to Crisis Nursery Wentzville!!



In 15 years, the Wentzville Nursery has provided more than 615,000 hours of Crisis Care to 19,200 children. Thank you to our amazing Staff and supporters, including **Community and Children's Resource Board, Lincoln County Resource Board,** and **SSM Wentzville**, who help us in our mission of preventing child abuse and neglect.



Thompson Coburn's United Way Kick-off Campaign featured Crisis Nursery CEO, **DiAnne Mueller**, who shared the incredible impact **United Way** has on the children and families served by the Crisis Nursery.



Exceptional Neighbor Award!



Community Relations Specialist Maria Mullis (*left*) with Kristen Carver of St. Louis CITY SC. Maria received the at the St. Louis CITY SC"Exceptional Neighbor" Award honoring the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery. St. Louis City SC has been such a blessing to the entire area and has been very generous to the Crisis Nursery!



Thank you **Crestwood/Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club** for awarding the 2023 Major Gift's Grant to the Crisis Nursery. We are so excited to purchase new mattresses and highchairs! Sr. Volunteer Manager **Maria Mulcahy** (*center*) accepts on behalf of the Nursery.

Thank You for collecting more than 1.5 million diapers to keep Crisis Nursery babies healthy and safe!



Changing the world, one dirty diaper at a time5

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Be a GEM: Sign up to make monthly donations to the Crisis Nursery and join other Giving Every Month members to Keep Kids Safe!

Tax Credits Available! To learn more, please call Chief Financial Officer, Betsy Kirchoff at 314-292-5770 or by email: betsy@crisisnurserykids.org.

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Host a Third Party Event: Fun and Fundraising— "diaper drives", "jeans days", team building, and more - so many ways to help Keep Kids Safe! For more information, please call 314-292-5770 or email Jen@crisisnurserykids.org to plan a special event that Saves Babies' Lives!

Donate Wishlist Items: We greatly appreciate diapers, formula, new shoes, new clothing & new toys, toothbrushes, and gift cards. Please check our website at www.crisisnurserykids.org for the wish list; or call 314-292-5770 to arrange your drop-off.

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Make an impact for the future so that no child suffers.

When you leave a Legacy Gift to the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, you are building on 37 years of protecting childen from child abuse and neglect, and strengthening families for generations to come.

Your legacy will transform the lives of thousands of children.

Please contact DiAnne Mueller, CEO at: (314) 292-5770 or email: dianne@crisisnurserykids.org.

All inquiries are confidential. The Saint Louis Crisis Nursery and the children and families we help are grateful for your consideration of this once in a lifetime gift.

How Your Gift Makes an Impact: 99% of children do NOT experience abuse.

200,000

Hours of Crisis Care provided yearly

50,000

Meals for Children at the Nurseries

18,893

Children & Parents impacted by Crisis Nursery Programs

2,300

Emergency Food Bags given to Families

Saint Louis Crisis Nursery

Our Families and Children:



95% below poverty level

88% are single parent households

75% of children are under age six

71% of families need essentials (food, diapers formula) 37% are homeless or have been in the past year

46% cite home or community safety concerns

Children and parents were impacted 18,893 Children and parents were in by Crisis Nursery Programs.

"I'm so glad I found the Nursery. these are the only people and the only place I trust with my kids" Mom with 3-year old and 5-year old

In FY 2023, the Crisis Nursery provided Crisis Care to 3,855 children!



25% increase over FY 2022

198,018 hours of Crisis Care provided

In FY 2023:

of children did NOT experience abuse and remained with their family.

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