

the infant formula

The Newsletter of Infant Crisis Services, Inc.



Jaden - 6 months

Mission Statement

Infant Crisis Services provides life sustaining formula, food, and diapers to babies and toddlers in times of crisis... Because no baby should go hungry.



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Jaden's Story

Being at Infant Crisis Services each day is such a blessing. Every day provides new opportunities to help struggling families who are trying to provide for their little ones. By the end of our fiscal year we predict that we will provide over 14,000 needy babies and toddlers with essentials such as formula, food and diapers. Many of the folks we serve are in a tough spot financially, but only temporarily. Jessica is one of those moms.

It was hard not to notice six-month old baby Jaden in the waiting room. He had a big grin on his face, huge crystal blue eyes and was wearing a hat plucked right from the Infant Crisis Services' warmth tree. I sat down to play with him and greeted his mom, Jessica, who was still dressed professionally from a recent job interview. I could tell she was nervous and a little embarrassed asking for help.

The pair recently relocated to Oklahoma City from Shawnee, following Jessica's mom who was free childcare for Jaden while Jessica worked. However, since the move Jessica was still looking for a job.

"With the extra help from Infant Crisis Services, I can use the little money I have to put gas in the car to drive to job interviews," said Jessica. "Formula is expensive and Jaden loves to eat; he eats about 8 ounces every four hours."

Jessica's situation is like many other families we serve at Infant Crisis Services. The economy may be starting to turn around, but many people are still having trouble finding work. We are grateful to be a part of their life for a short while. Jessica is doing the right things to provide for a better future for her and Jaden. We are doing our part to make their journey a little easier. Most importantly YOU...our donors and supporters make it all possible. ***Each day is blessing...thanks for standing beside us in the fight against childhood poverty.***

Miki Farns

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Welcome New Employees



Debi Snider

Debi Snider recently joined Infant Crisis Services as Client Services Coordinator. Debi will assist with client referrals, in-take and out-take of clients, maintain clients files and refer clients to other social agencies.



Meg Sterkel

Meg Sterkel recently joined our team in October and oversees the additional branches located at INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center and Variety Care. Each branch is available to clients once a week and Meg is there to provide them with basic necessities as well as access to other resources that meet their needs.



Myah Knight

Myah Knight joined Infant Crisis Services as the Volunteer Coordinator. She will be responsible for the summer teen program, help oversee volunteers in the playroom and warehouse. She will also coordinate volunteer and internship applicants, including interviewing, scheduling, and training.

Volunteers of the month:



October - Kathy Wallis

Kathy Wallis is a Friday volunteer who was nominated for her love of helping others. Her peers love her wonderful giving personality. She makes everyone feel at home whether you are a client or a volunteer. Kathy is a good example of what following our core values looks like.



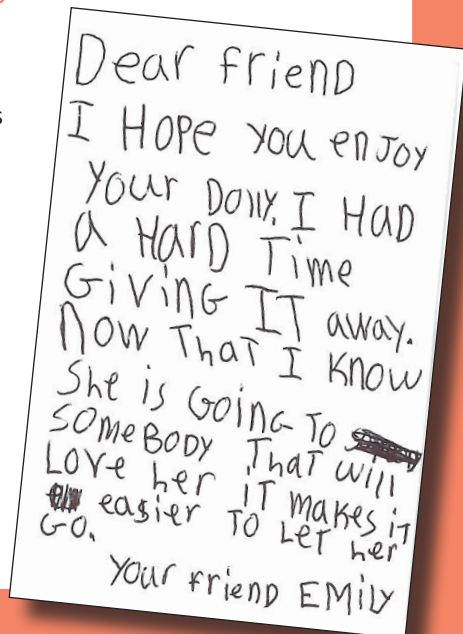
December - Melody

Melody has volunteered on Saturdays for the last few years. She can always be counted on to help with just about anything in the warehouse, she is also WONDERFUL at working with the clients. She has a great attitude and always seems to bring donations for the babies.

Bedlam for babies

The first Bedlam for Babies Drive was a success! Infant Crisis Services challenged Oklahoma State University and University of Oklahoma fans to collect basic necessities for needy babies and toddlers before the big bedlam match-up. The team with the most collected items earned bragging rights. In total, the drive raised over a ton in baby items.

If you didn't get the chance to hold a Bedlam for Babies Drive during the football season, basketball season is right around the corner! Contact Cassandra Wedekind at (405) 528-3663 to learn more about the Bedlam for Babies Drive.



Hey Baby! What's Cookin'?



Incredible Cooking Sensations



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“What’s Cookin’ Baby?” Cookbook

Thanks to the sponsors and the committee of wonderful volunteers, the first Infant Crisis Services cookbook is available for \$20. 100% of the proceeds raised will be used to feed and diaper the babies and toddlers at Infant Crisis Services. To order a cookbook, please call Judith Cope at 405-778-7614 or e-mail at judithcope@infantcrisis.org.

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- First National Bank of MWC

Executive Chef

- Portobello, Inc. D.B.A Deep Fork Grill
- 42nd Street Candy Co.
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- David and Ann Yost
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- Dot Wo Chinese Seafood Restaurant
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Teen Associate Board Charity Auction

Albert Schweitzer said, “The only ones among you who will be truly happy will be those who have sought and found how to serve.” If this is true, then our Teen Associate Board is destined to be eternally happy. The group of high school students are working hard in an effort to ensure no baby goes hungry this year. The Teen Associate Board members are responsible for raising awareness about Infant Crisis Services and raising funds to feed and diaper needy infants and toddlers in our community.

Every year the Teen Associate Board hosts a silent and live auction. This year the event will be held on May 6, 2011 at 6:30pm at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. This year’s auction features a cruise theme entitled “Baby on Board,” a cruise theme.

Tickets cost \$50 dollars each, or a table for 8 starts at \$500. Seating is limited. Dinner will be served at the auction for guests. Please support the Teen Associate Board as they raise awareness and funds to feed and diaper the tiniest victims of poverty in our community.



Teen Associate Board of Infant Crisis Services

9th Annual Teen Associate Board Charity Auction

Friday, May 6th, 2010

Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club

Sponsorship levels

\$5,000 AND ABOVE

- PREFERRED TABLE FOR 8 AT AUCTION
- NAME AND LOGO PROMINENTLY FEATURED ON INVITATIONS AND PROGRAM
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News and Notes



Brad Krieger, Linda Schultz, Ann Dagg and Nancy Almaraz from Arvest Bank present Miki Farris with a check for \$5,000.

Monday volunteers hold the banner to kick off Positively Pink Week at Infant Crisis Services. Experts were on hand to answer questions or concerns a young mother might have about breast cancer.



Thirty-seven teams participated this year at the 22nd Annual Infant Crisis Services Golf Classic held September 13th at Gaillardia Golf and Country Club. The team from Chesapeake Energy was the winner for the second year in a row. Winners from left Matt Warren, David Griffith, Clay Hubbard and Blake Trimble.

University of Central Oklahoma fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations battled in a homecoming competition to see who could collect the most donations for Infant Crisis Services. In total, Central students collected more than \$14,000 worth of diapers, bottles and other baby items.



Staff and volunteers revealed their best costumes at the annual Halloween party.

Serving the Savior with Sewing (SSS) from Crossings Community Church delivered over 300 blankets, quilts, tote bags, bibs, and knitted animals to Infant Crisis Services. The individuals from left to right are: Teddy Ross, Lenora Norholms, Judy Barkley, Kathy Northcutt, and Elaine Brown.



Debbie Rice and Shali Lay from the Neonatology Faculty and Staff at Children's Hospital drop off donations collected during Thanksgiving.

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