

The Infant Formula

The Newsletter of Infant Crisis Services, Inc. - Fall 2009

A message from Executive Director Miki Farris

Our Gift Arrives – Help Us Stock the Shelves!

We've seen a lot of tears over the past several months. But they aren't tears of sadness; they're tears of joy and gratefulness. Like most proud parents, we are excited about the birth of our beautiful bundle of joy. On May 5, Infant Crisis Services dedicated the new Infant Crisis Services Donald W. Reynolds Center.

To think of how far Infant Crisis Services has come in 25 years is quite astonishing. We've gone from a Sunday School project operating out of a church and serving a few hundred babies a year to an organization that served over 10,000 needy babies last year. The gift of this building brings our volunteers and clients to tears because they know we will be able to help so many more tiny, innocent babies.

Thanks to a grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation and the generosity of our donors, Infant Crisis Services' new 17,000 square foot building located at Northeast 42nd Street and Lincoln Boulevard is complete.

Infant Crisis Services' new facility will make it easier for us to serve more clients by offering private family interview rooms, a private breastfeeding room, a resource room

and a 6,000 square foot warehouse to store more diapers, formula and other donations.

Infant Crisis Services currently serves more than 1,000 babies and toddlers in central Oklahoma each month by providing formula, food, diapers and other essential baby items. With a larger facility, we expect the number of babies and toddlers we serve to double, increasing our need for community support and donations, especially since we receive no state, federal or United Way funding.

In Oklahoma, 22.5 percent of children under five live in poverty according to the Child Welfare League. And children living in poverty are at a moderate to high risk for lack of food and basic necessities.

There are many circumstances that cause families difficulty, especially during these tough economic times. Maybe their baby was born earlier than expected, they had a sudden loss of employment or they went through a divorce or a loss in the family. Whatever the circumstance, it is compounded by the unimaginable stress of not being able to feed or clothe their baby. Over the past decade, our client level has doubled. When we reached the point

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Donald W. Reynolds Center

Thank you to the volunteers who helped us move into our new building! We also would like to thank the following groups for their help in moving: Chesapeake, Devon, Cardinal Engineering, Downtown YMCA, Mayfair Church of Christ, the Junior League of OKC and SandRidge! We are truly blessed to have all of your help!



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The Circle of Life

Any given day life can change in the blink of an eye. That moment for Martha Phan was April 29, 2006. On this rainy Sunday, Martha and her friend decided to take a motorcycle ride to Bricktown, and before she knew it, she was lying on the ground with her friend lying lifeless a few feet away.

While in the hospital after the accident Martha learned the news, which would change her life forever, she was going to be a mother. Martha was a single, 21 year old who was completely shocked by the news.

She delivered a healthy boy, Lukas, exactly seven months after the accident and quit her job as a hair stylist to stay home with him. With little income and no support, she reached out to local nonprofit agencies. Even with the help, the formula still began to run low. One of the organizations referred them to Infant Crisis Services where Martha was surprised to receive not only the needed formula but also clothing and diapers for little Lukas.

"I still have the winter coat Infant Crisis Services gave me the first time I went in," she said. "One day I hope to go through all Lukas' old clothes and give them to Infant Crisis Services, including the coat."

Today, Martha is attending college and working part time. For her Service Learning class this semester, she was required to volunteer. She knew immediately she wanted to volunteer at Infant Crisis Services.

"I can relate to the people who come to Infant Crisis Services because I have been in their shoes before," said Martha. "Giving back helps me appreciate all I have. Even though it's not a lot, it is more than most people."

Martha's internship is coming to an end, but she wants to continue volunteering at Infant Crisis Services. As for her son, Lukas is a happy and healthy two year old who loves cars and trucks, and is, as Martha puts it, a mama's boy.

Infant Crisis Services was a blessing for Martha and her son when they needed help, and we are glad to see Martha return to Infant Crisis Services to help other mothers in need.

We are grateful that you stand beside us as we help families like Martha's whose lives are improved by our efforts. We could not provide these services if it was not for your generosity and helping hand. You complete the circle of support and we, like Martha, are forever thankful.



Our Gift Arrives

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that we had to turn away clients due to lack of space, we knew it was time to expand.

We are extremely thankful for the gift of our beautiful new facility, but we must continue to rely on the generosity of the community to provide the babies we serve with basic necessities. The grant only funded the building of a new facility and does not cover the cost of diapers, formula or other operating expenses.

There is a saying I recently heard that sums up our journey over the years which says, "You can't amputate your history from your destiny". It has truly been a 25 year journey with thousands of you involved and supporting our efforts. Our history is rich because you have made it possible. Our destiny is to keep doing what we are doing to help babies and toddlers in crisis. Thank you for standing with us in fulfilling our destiny.

Miki Farris

Help Another Mother Drive

The Help Another Mother Drive was a huge success this year. Thanks to metro area fire stations, Walgreens, Buy for Le\$\$ and local churches, the Help Another Mother Drive raised more than \$50,000 from in-kind donations. Also, congratulations to station 25 in Oklahoma City for collecting the most donations.



Executive Director, Miki Farris, and firefighter, James Lepley, rock a baby during the Help Another Mother Drive.



From April 2008 to March 2009, Infant Crisis Services had a total of 1,319 volunteers who worked 12,656.5 hours for a grand total of \$242,928.32 in dollar value service.

Volunteer of the month:

March/April 2009

Linda Suchak was nominated by her peers for all the hard work she puts in at Infant Crisis Services. Her nominator described her as a sweetheart who deserves to be recognized for her servant's heart and great attitude. We love Linda and her love for helping others. We are honored to work next to Linda!



Volunteer of the month:

May/June 2009

Ginnie Tack was selected to be the volunteer of the month for her donation of time, several days a week, to assist Infant Crisis Services in any way she can. She is Santa in December, a Client Intake Specialist in the spring and the Summer Teen Program Coordinator in the summer. When she sees a need, Ginnie fills it. She is so humble, gracious and is always good for a laugh. We are honored to have her work next to us feeding babies. We love you Ginnie!



2008-2009 Annual Report

Infant Crisis Services, Inc. Statement of activities for the year ended March 31, 2009

Revenues, Gains, and Support

Contributions	\$1,044,146.00
Grants and Sponsorships	\$320,627.00
Investment income (loss)	(\$432,346.00)
Gain (loss) on disposal of fixed assets	(\$54,593.00)
Fundraising events	\$380,096.00

Total Revenues, Gains, and Support **\$1,257,930.00**

Expenses

Program Services	\$1,611,315.00	84%
General and Administrative	\$71,275.00	4%
Fundraising	\$226,114.00	12%

Total Expenses **\$1,908,704.00**

Net Assets at beginning of year (restated) \$8,800,205.00
Net Assets at end of year \$8,149,431.00

Total Change in Net Assets **(\$650,774.00)**



*The first baby to receive assistance at
Infant Crisis Services in the new
Donald W. Reynolds Center.*

Thank you!

We'd like to thank all our supporters for their generous donations of time, money, food and more throughout the year. Each donation, no matter the size, means a great deal to our organization and after several questions from our donors, we've decided to publish our entire list of donors online. Please visit our website www.infantcrisis.org to see pictures and look for you or your organization's name. If you have chosen to remain anonymous, don't worry; your name will not be published.

If you'd like a hard copy of our monthly donor list sent to you, please contact Anne Clouse, director of development. Thank you again to all our donors who truly help Infant Crisis Services make sure that no baby goes hungry.



Infant Crisis Services, Inc.
No baby should go hungry

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2008-2009 Annual Statistics

Client Statistics Fiscal Year 2009

(April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009)

Total Number of Visits	10,503
Services for infants:	
Formula (Bottles)	114,838
Baby Food (Jars)	38,241
Cereal (boxes)	2,138
Services for toddlers:	
Juice (quarts)	3,748
Cereal (boxes)	3,748
Crackers (boxes)	3,748
Peanut butter (jars)	7,496
Vegetables (cans)	7,496
Fruit (cans)	7,496
Macaroni & Cheese (boxes)	3,748
Services for infants and toddlers:	
Diapers	348,798
First visit packs (quilts, bottles/training cups, wipes, baby bath and lotion, new outfit)	3,587
Clothing room visits	8,070

Demographics

Age of Children:

0-6 months	61%
7-12 months	14%
12-48 months	25%

Age of Caretakers:

Under 20	18%
20-25	40%
Over 25	40%
Unknown	2%

Ethnicity of Caretakers:

African American	24%
Asian	1%
Caucasian	32%
Hispanic	32%
Multiracial	4%
Native American	6%
Unknown	1%



*Infant Crisis Services is
now on Facebook and
Twitter. Follow us or
add us as your friend.*



Teen Board Hosts Dinner and Auction

Between basketball practice and math homework, teens often juggle a variety of after school activities. The teens on the Infant Crisis Services Teen Associate Board focused their extracurricular efforts on raising awareness and funding for needy Oklahoma babies.

The annual Infant Crisis Services Teen Associate Board charity dinner and silent auction was held on Friday, April 24 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.

Items that were up for auction included custom jewelry, gift baskets, designer purses and a fur jacket. For the traveler, the auction also included a guided fishing trip and a week-long stay at a vacation home in Snowbird, Utah.

“My sister was a volunteer and a teen board member at Infant Crisis Services when I began volunteering my freshmen year,” said Patrick Chong, Infant Crisis Service Teen Associate Board president and a senior at Bishop McGuiness. “I’ve learned many valuable skills and had really rewarding experiences helping babies and parents.”

This year, 36 teens, representing 11 metro area high schools, raised \$54,000 through the auction.

Thank you to our Teen Auction Sponsors!

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Ball Gowns and Boots

Infant Crisis Services held its first ever Ball Gowns and Boots event on February 21, 2009, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. This event could not have been such a success without the help of our generous sponsors. A very special thank you to our Ball Gowns and Boots Sponsors...

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Tom and Gayla Stapleton

Melissa Maynarich, anchor for KWTV, was the emcee for the Ball Gowns and Boots event. She is pictured here with her husband Scott Harris.



A few of Infant Crisis Services staff members, Judith Cope, Catlin Buchner, Jennifer Boren and Miki Farris, strike a pose at Ball Gowns and Boots.



Mark your calendars for Infant Crisis Services 2nd Annual Ball Gowns and Boots event. The event will take place February 26, 2010, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

Donate, Dine and Wine

Donate, Dine and Wine is encouraging everyone to come together, get involved and start giving through simple monthly outings with friends. So how does it work? Pick a charity of your social group’s choice and when you meet once a month everyone pitches in a minimum of \$5.

For more information on how you can get a Donate, Dine and Wine group started, visit the website at www.donatedineandwine.org. We would also like to thank two of the Donate, Dine and Wine groups for choosing Infant Crisis Services as the charity of their choice!



Judith Cope

Amy Spielberger



Welcome Aboard

Infant Crisis Services would like to welcome four new members to our staff.

Judith Cope joins us as the Administrative Assistant for the office. Judith will graduate from University of Central Oklahoma in December 2009 with a B.S. degree in Community Health and a minor in Sociology.

Bill McCabe is the new Facilities Coordinator for Infant Crisis Services. Bill and his wife, Lan, just had their first baby, Sophia, in June. Bill jokes that working with an all female staff is like having 12 more wives.

Amy Spielberger joins the Infant Crisis Services staff as the Public Relations Assistant. Amy graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2006 with a B.A. in Journalism Broadcasting with concentration in Public Relations.

Cassie Wedekind recently joined Infant Crisis Services as the Development Coordinator in April 2009. Cassie graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. in Journalism/Public Relations and a minor in Business Administration.



Bill McCabe

Cassie Wedekind



Garage Saling for Babies!

With the economy struggling, Infant Crisis Services has seen an increase in clientele, and we are to running low on many of our most needed items especially clothing, which is all donated to Infant Crisis Services. An easy way for you to give back is to spend your Saturday morning garage saling for the babies and it doesn't have to cost you a penny. All you do is find a garage sale with a lot of baby and toddler items and tell the person throwing the garage sale about Infant Crisis Services. Ask them if they would be interested in donating the unsold baby and toddler items to Infant Crisis Services. If they agree, just give them your phone number and tell them you will pick up the items and deliver them to Infant Crisis Services. Have them provide you with their name and address so you can give it to Infant Crisis Services and they will be sent a receipt for tax purposes. ***What a great and easy way to help the babies!***



Another great way to support Infant Crisis Services...Double your donation money!

If you are employed by, or retired from, one of the fine companies listed below, your contribution to Infant Crisis Services will be matched or even doubled. Contact your personnel office and ask for details.

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In 2008, Infant Crisis Services served a total of 10,605 clients. That's 1,464 more clients than 2007.



Troop 867 raised \$500 from selling Girl Scout cookies and donated that money to Infant Crisis Services.



DECA students from Edmond Memorial High School donate gifts from their marketing competition to the babies at Infant Crisis Services.



Brad Krieger and Nancy Almaraz from Arvest Bank present a check to Ann Clouse, director of development at Infant Crisis Services, for \$7,000.



Tim Missaghi, an All-State Insurance agent, gives a check to Anne Clouse, Director of Development at Infant Crisis Services, for \$500.



Edmond Girl Scout Daisy Troop 3251 completed a community service project. The girls were given \$20 each to purchase items for Infant Crisis Services.

News and Notes

Thank you note from a mommy

To everyone at Infant Crisis Services:

Thank you for everything you have done for me. I never would have thought that I would be unemployed when I had a new baby to feed and diaper. I could not do it without your services. Thanks so much.

~Linda F.



Wish List...

- Pacifiers*
- Sippy cups*
- New nipples*
- Diaper rash cream*
- New rattles*
- New teethers*
- Toothbrushes*
- Toothpaste*
- Baby Shampoo, lotion and wash*
- Size 4 diapers*
- Formula*