



SAVE THE DATE

BOOTS AND BALL GOWNS Saturday, March 26, 2022

Save the **NEW** date!

Get excited for Boots and Ball Gowns! Our new date for this event is **Saturday, March 26, 2022**. The event will still be held at The Jones Assembly from 8pm to midnight. To learn more about the available sponsorship levels or to purchase tickets, visit www.infantcrisis.org/boots or contact Kelsi Jones at kelsijones@infantcrisis.org. Don't miss out on the boot scootin' fun!

INFANT CRISIS SERVICES TEEN ASSOCIATE BOARD'S BABY STEPS 5K & 1-MILE FUN RUN

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

Bluff Creek

11301 N. Meridian

1-Mile Fun Run @ 8:30am

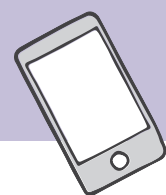
5K @ 9:00am

Register online at

www.infantcrisis.org/run

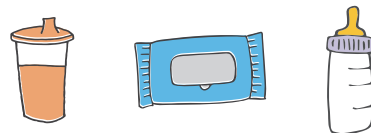
Exercise AND support the babies! Infant Crisis Services' Teen Associate Board is proud to host the 4th Annual Baby Steps 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run! Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome, including strollers. The 1-Mile Fun Run is a perfect option for families with kids, a group of friends, or a dog walk! Register yourself, your family, or a group now! Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Please contact julianored@infantcrisis.org with questions.



SCAN TO SUPPORT

MOST NEEDED ITEMS



Scan to shop our full
Amazon Wishlist

HELP BUILD THEIR FOUNDATION



Scan to donate or visit us at
www.infantcrisis.org

Winter 2022

BABY TALK

The Newsletter of Infant Crisis Services

Presented by **COX** Bringing us closer

A Little Extra Help Goes a LONG WAY

Nineteen-year-old Anglyna is what we at Infant Crisis Services like to call a "Wonder Mom." After giving birth at 18 to her beautiful baby boy, Zaedyn, Anglyna has taken on motherhood like a professional. Despite her surprise pregnancy, Anglyna has continued her studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and maintained a part-time job. All while doing her best to make sure Zaedyn has everything he needs to grow big and strong.

With so much on her plate, Anglyna needs a little extra help every once in a while. Money is tight. There is hardly enough to go around, and Zaedyn's specialty formula is very expensive.

Zaedyn is lactose intolerant, so he can only digest plant-based formula. A can of plant-based formula costs anywhere from \$20-30 dollars, **sometimes adding up to \$200 a month**. Anglyna found herself stuck, having to choose between eating dinner herself or purchasing formula for Zaedyn. Like any mother would do, she chose to prioritize her son.

When our BabyMobile visited her hometown of Weatherford, Anglyna was able to receive the essentials – a week's worth of diapers and formula – for Zaedyn. She was so relieved that the BabyMobile even had Zaedyn's specialty formula, so she didn't have to search for it elsewhere. After placing these items in her car, Anglyna said,

"Words cannot even describe what this means to me."



(Above) Anglyna holding her son, Zaedyn.

Just a little extra help can make ends meet for families who are struggling. Clean diapers and new cans of formula mean more giggles. More smiling faces. Less stress for mothers who are doing their best to provide for their children.

Anglyna told us how much she loves being a mom and that she wouldn't trade it for the world. She also told us that motherhood has taught her incredible patience. Even at the end of a long, trying week, Anglyna can see the bigger picture:

"When Zaedyn giggles, I know it's all worth it."



YOUR IMPACT IN 2021

16,965 babies & toddlers
were fed and diapered in 2021

Services Impact



700,890 DIAPERS

Ensured babies & toddlers went to bed with a dry bottom, preventing diaper rash, UTIs, & other health issues.



170,324 BOTTLES OF FORMULA

Provided babies with the nutrients they need to have a healthy start in life.



9,543 TODDLER PACKS

Ensured toddlers had shelf-stable food items.

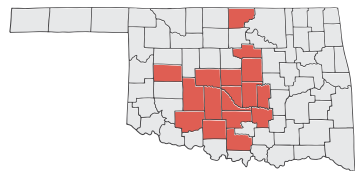


8,800 POUNDS OF CLOTHING

Kept babies & toddlers warm, cozy, and covered.



5,079 babies were served on our mobile units that visited **41 different locations** in **17 counties**.



Donation Impact

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735 FIRST-TIME DONORS

That's over 60 new donors per month. If you were new this year, welcome to the family!



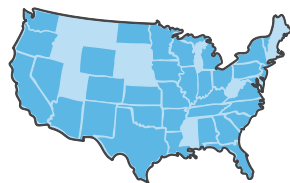
72% OF DONATIONS - \$100 OR LESS

In 2021, 72% of donations were \$100 or less. Small gifts can make a huge impact!



DONATIONS FROM 74 TOWNS

In Oklahoma, donations were received from 74 towns in 31 counties.

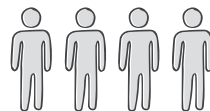


DONATIONS FROM 40 STATES

In 2021, we received donations from donors in 40 states, Washington, DC., and even Victoria, Australia!

Volunteer Impact

2,437 volunteers gave **8,777 hours** of their time to Infant Crisis Services.



That's the equivalent of **4 full-time employees!**



Mission Moment with Miki



The start of a new year means a lot at Infant Crisis Services. It means the renewal of visits for our clients and a major influx of babies and toddlers who need our services. Each child can visit Infant Crisis Services up to four times each year until their fourth birthday. Yearly visits renew every January, so as you can imagine, it's our busiest month of the year. This January alone, we served over 2,000 clients. **That's about 40% higher than the average number of clients served monthly in 2021!**

With the astounding client numbers we see in January, I can't help but wonder about the families who rush to our doors when visits are renewed. How many months have these families struggled to make ends meet? Are there toddlers with hungry bellies and panicked parents willing for January 1st to come quicker? My heart breaks thinking of these families.

The start of a new year also means the opportunity to raise the bar. In 2021, **you** helped us provide food, formula, and diapers to nearly 17,000 little ones, and we could not be more grateful for your support. This year at Infant Crisis Services, we want to serve even more babies and toddlers and reach these families who struggle to make ends meet. *And we can't do it without you.* **We have so much growth ahead of us here at Infant Crisis Services, and it will take all of us working together to build a successful future for the babies and toddlers we serve.** Thank you for helping us grow and providing hope to the little ones we serve. Your continued support is changing lives.

Always for the babies,

Miki Farris

Miki Farris, Executive Director & Co-Founder

2022 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD

Congratulations to our 2022 Young Professionals Board – we can't wait to see what you accomplish this year!

Chair
Whitney Lopez

Vice Chair
Jason Hogsett

Secretary
Zack Smith

Bingo for Babies Co-Chairs
Taylor Langley
Annie Stuart

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Doug Brown
Danielle Campbell
Katie DeMuth
Allison Dumas
Christine Edwards
Jordan Edwards
Emily Ellis
Kelsey Gilbert
Claire Gilchrist
Rachael Groves
Jason Hall
Mandi Hanstein
Libby Howard
Alex Lemay
Jefte Lozano
Michael Myers
Devin Nelson
Nicole Papac
Krishan Patel
MaryKate Poss
Erin Randall
Hannah Riemenschneider
Alyssa Slayton
Natalie Turner

HAVE A HEART FOR BABIES

Give a little love to the babies and toddlers this month when you shop at either Uptown Grocery Co. or Pruett's Foods on NW Expressway. These stores will be accepting donations at the register as well as baby items from our in-store wish list from **February 1st through March 6th**. Donate and support the babies this Valentine's Day at these locations:

Uptown Grocery – 9515 N May Ave, OKC
Uptown Grocery – 1230 W Covell Road, Edmond
Pruett's Foods – 3501 NW Expressway, OKC

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Send a Mother's Day card to your loved one for a suggested donation of \$20 and support babies and toddlers in need!

Visit www.infantcrisis.org/mothersday for details.

