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Crisis Nursery Newsletter



Kappa Delta Sorority: Years of Service with Heart

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LIFETIME GIVING

Every ten seconds a report of child abuse is made in the United States. This past year, Crisis Nursery provided care to 876 children through 5,741 admissions. Our mission to prevent child abuse and neglect is dependent on the support of this community and we cannot do it alone.

We are fortunate to work with many different organizations, groups, and clubs both on campus and in our community who support our efforts. One of our most treasured partnerships is with the **Sigma Omicron Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority** on the University of Illinois campus. Their commitment to Crisis Nursery began almost immediately after we opened our doors in 1984. The ladies of Kappa Delta are committed to supporting our mission through various fundraising and volunteer efforts.

Every March, Kappa Delta hosts their week-long philanthropy event, **Shamrock Week**, raising money to support Crisis Nursery and Prevent Child Abuse America. What originally started as shaking cans for donations on the Quad and throughout our community has grown into a week full of events. Kappa Delta's Shamrock Week is now filled with fun activities consisting of a chili dinner, dodgeball tournament, and a 5K Run/Walk to raise funds and awareness for child abuse prevention. A large portion of the funds raised comes from individual donations generously made by friends, family and alumnae.

In 2017, Kappa Delta raised an all-time high, donating nearly \$25,000 to Crisis Nursery which brought their lifetime giving amount to over \$309,000 with an additional \$28,000 projected this year! In addition to their monetary gifts, Kappa Delta has also provided multiple in-kind donations from our wish list. Each year members continue to raise the bar to help raise awareness on child abuse and neglect in our community.

In addition to Shamrock Week, many Kappa Delta members volunteer at the Nursery and at our Annual Dinner & Auction. In recent years, they have teamed up with the Abbott Power Plant and hosted a luncheon where all proceeds were donated to the Nursery. The local Kappa Delta Alumnae Association also shows their support by giving over \$16,000 in the past 28 years.

The women of Kappa Delta go above and beyond when it comes to supporting the Nursery. Crisis Nursery is thankful for the opportunity to work with this incredible group of women. Kappa Delta's legacy and commitment to giving has impacted the Nursery in countless ways. Thank you, Kappa Delta, for helping us to continue to offer an Island of Safety for families and children in Champaign County!

APRIL
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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

BY STEPHANIE RECORD, ED.M, LCSW

Executive Director
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Dear Friends,

According to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, **125,000 children are abused and neglected each year in Illinois** and one in five children will be abused before they turn 18. Unfortunately, as many as 100,000 abused and neglected children go unreported to DCFS each year. Child abuse and neglect is a reality in Illinois — but it doesn't have to be.

Crisis Nursery helps protect children in Champaign County and the foundation of our mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect. By providing 24-hour emergency care and supporting families in crisis, we keep children safe and strengthen families. However, we can always do more! One of our greatest responsibilities is making sure that families in need know where to turn for help. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Nursery will be hosting our annual **"Wrap the Nursery" event on April 30th at noon** to raise awareness about child abuse and the many programs offered at Crisis Nursery. Join us to learn how we all can work together to prevent child abuse in Champaign County. Child abuse

prevention is a yearlong message for us at the Nursery and we want everyone to join the cause by helping us raise awareness!

We will also celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Week from April 23-30. Our amazing volunteers play a huge role in providing for the children in our care by rocking them to sleep, singing and dancing, playing dress up, and snuggling up with a good book. Crisis Nursery volunteers always greet children with a smile and the patience to handle whatever comes their way. In FY2017, we served 876 children — a number that would not be possible without the help of our volunteers! We are thankful for their generous donation of time and talent to make the children in our care feel extra special.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please give us a call today!

With Gratitude,

Stephanie

COMMUNITY TEAM

Sean Arie
Ann Beddini
Dr. Clif Burdette
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Susan Fitzgerald
Jama Grotelueschen
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Many thanks to Premier Print Group and Minuteman Press for their donations toward printing services throughout the year.

Be proactive. Stand up for kids. Learn how you can help

- 1 Be a nurturing parent.**
Learn new skills at a Parent-Child-Interaction Group at Crisis Nursery or in the community.
- 2 Help yourself.**
Remember, asking for help is a sign of strength. Call 217-337-2730 if you need help.
- 3 Help a friend, neighbor or relative.**
Crisis Nursery is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for everyone in Champaign County with a child ages birth through 6.
- 4 Get involved.**
Attend a Stewards of Children training at Crisis Nursery or we can bring the training to your church, school, or organization.
- 5 Volunteer at a local child abuse prevention program.**
Crisis Nursery is always in need of volunteers to help us carry out our mission of preventing child abuse and neglect in Champaign County.

Adapted from "Ten Ways to Help Prevent Child Abuse" by Prevent Child Abuse America www.preventchildabuse.org

Immediate Nursery Needs:

- Hand Sanitizer
- Tide Pods (unscented)
- Boys and Girls Pants and Shirts, size 2T-6
- Underwear and Socks, size 2T-8
- Pasta Pick-Ups and other toddler snacks (raisins, crackers, Goldfish, granola bars)
- Clorox Wipes
- Ziploc Bags, all sizes

Donations are accepted at the Nursery Monday-Friday 8:30a-4:30p. If you're out running errands, please consider picking up some items for the Nursery. We appreciate your support!



Ways to Support Crisis Nursery's "Island of Safety"

donate

Mail a donation in the enclosed envelope or pick up some items from our needs and wish list to help the Nursery stay open **24 hours a day, every day.**

learn

Call 217-337-2731 to **schedule a tour** of Crisis Nursery and learn more about how we help children and families in Champaign County.

volunteer

From childcare to special events, the gift of your time will make a huge difference for our "Island of Safety." To apply visit www.crisisnursery.net

spread the word

Connect with us on Facebook ([crisisnursery.fanpage](https://www.facebook.com/crisisnursery.fanpage)), Instagram ([crisisnurseryurbana](https://www.instagram.com/crisisnurseryurbana)) and Twitter (@[CrisisNursery](https://twitter.com/CrisisNursery)) and share with friends and family!



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Monday, April 30

12:00PM Wrap the Nursery

1:00PM Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Join us in Raising Awareness!



CN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Committed to Serve

The Crisis Nursery Board is a special team of 23 community volunteers who help guide, support and energize the mission of Crisis Nursery. In addition to providing fiduciary oversight to the organization, this is an active fundraising team that has taken the Nursery to the next level in the areas of development, special events, and individual giving.

Several years ago, our development team wanted to elevate Board participation in giving and outreach and asked each member to commit to raising a \$1,800 Day at the Nursery each year. This individual commitment by our Board has provided them with the opportunity to talk to friends, family and businesses about why they are involved in the mission of Crisis Nursery and the critical need our community has for our services. The Day at the Nursery fundraising commitment is not an individual financial commitment, and Board members have found a variety of ways to raise these funds such as hosting Oscar parties and backyard BBQs to soliciting new business sponsorships for our major events.

When it came time for the Nursery to expand, our Board was personally invested. There was 100% participation from members who initiated the project contributing over \$250,000 of their own

dollars to help make our dream a reality. They provided strong guidance and support in our Capital Campaign as well as in the actual design and build of the new addition.

The Nursery wants to recognize and thank three very special Board members who finish their Board terms this year after completing their 8th year of service to the Nursery! Typically, Board terms are limited to two 3-year terms or 6 years total. However, the Board voted to extend the terms of these three women when they graciously agreed to stay on to assist the Nursery during the Capital Campaign and building expansion project. Their historical knowledge of the Nursery and our Strategic Plan were critical and kept the momentum going while we moved to the building phase.

When asked to talk a little bit about their Board experience and their willingness to extend their terms, they each had this to say:

100%
BOARD PARTICIPATION
\$250K
CONTRIBUTION FOR
EXPANSION PROJECT

BRENDA LINDSEY is the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs at the University of Illinois School of Social Work. Brenda's social work background provided a valuable perspective and skill set which was an important addition to the Board. When asked about her Board experience, Brenda shared the following:

"I believe in the mission of the Nursery and the most important thing we can do is to try to prevent child abuse and child neglect. This is one of best boards I've been a part of thus far. Everyone on the Board holds each other accountable to get things done and to work hard for the Nursery.

I feel good every time I walk into the Nursery because it is making such a difference in families' lives. I am so happy to be a part of the Nursery and will continue to stay involved once my term is over.

When asked to serve an additional 2 years on the Board, the decision was easy. I love the Nursery and what the Nursery is all about. Stephanie Record does a great job leading the organization and it is easy to be on a Board that is so organized and run by a strong Executive Director.

One of my favorite memories of the Nursery is at the Annual Dinner and Auction when Kappa Delta makes their donation to the Nursery. The ladies of Kappa Delta are amazing because every year they top the donation made the prior year. I'm always amazed at their contribution and every year I look forward to seeing what they will do next!"



“ I feel good every time I walk into the Nursery because it is making such a difference in families' lives. ”

Brenda Lindsey (left)
with Bridget Frerichs



Cheryl Sizer (middle)
with Angie Fiala and Mike Cation

“When we, as a board, set a goal we always achieve it... it’s amazing!”

CHERYL SIZER works for Glaxo Smith Kline and prior to that she worked in special education. In addition to the support she provides Crisis Nursery, Cheryl is also very involved with Kappa Delta at the national level and local level. Cheryl’s knowledge of the Nursery’s mission through her work with Kappa Delta and her passion for helping children made her a great fit for the Board. When asked about her Board experience, Cheryl shared the following:

“I joined the Board because I loved the mission of the Nursery and had an existing connection through Kappa Delta. As a Board member, I was most surprised about the overwhelming positivity and level of commitment each board member makes to help families and children in our community. When we, as a board, set a goal we always achieve it... it’s amazing!

Through our eight years on the Board, I think the building expansion will be a legacy achievement for us all. I personally hope my passion for the auction and helping to bring it to the next level will be long lasting for the Nursery.

I joined the Board with so many wonderful people that have now become my friends and the Nursery has made me a better person in many ways as well. I’m much more aware of our community needs and statistics. They are staggering. The Nursery makes me want to do more while at the same time making me proud to be part of this awesome organization.

When asked to serve an additional two years, there was no question. It’s easy to serve where you know the work is making a difference in the lives of those in your community. Also, our staff are the best around! They are professional, hardworking and dedicated.

My advice to new Board members is to enjoy every second of this experience. You’re going to gain far more than you can ever give. Be courageous in your asks and enjoy the experience. Six (well 8) years goes fast.”

KATIE ZIMMERMAN is the Executive Vice President at Applied Pavement Technology, Inc. and originally joined the Board because she wanted to become more active in the community. There were several things that surprised Katie when she joined the Crisis Nursery Board.

“First, I was impressed with how well the Board operates. We are made up of a diverse group of individuals who work well together to make things happen. Over time, the Board’s makeup has changed and I think the group continues to become more dynamic with each year. Perhaps the most surprising aspect to me personally was that I could help the organization make money — as I don’t consider myself to be a fund raiser. But, getting people to donate items for the auction, or hosting my Oscar party, have enabled me to make a positive financial contribution, too.

There’s nothing more rewarding than feeling like you’re contributing to a fabulous organization. I only wish I had been able to give more! My advice to a new or potential Board member would be to do it! I would suggest that they get to know the Board members, that they volunteer for the Holiday Shop, and that they challenge their pre-conceived ideas about themselves. Everyone has something to give to the organization — each person just needs to figure out what that is and jump in.”



Katie Zimmerman (right)
with Executive Director, Stephanie Record

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Words cannot express how grateful and appreciative the Nursery is for the service these ladies have provided to us. While their Board terms may be coming to a close, we know they will remain part of the Crisis Nursery family for years to come!

Special thanks to all of our current and past Board members who have made and continue to make personal sacrifices in order to further the mission of Crisis Nursery! We couldn’t provide our “Island of Safety” without each of you!

BOARD MEMBERS COMPLETING THEIR TERMS IN JUNE:

- Brenda Lindsey** (8 years)
- Cheryl Sizer** (8 years)
- Katie Zimmerman** (8 years)

- Marc Beach** (6 years)
- Stacy Bennett** (6 years)
- Sammer Jones** (3 years)
- Erin Kirby** (3 years)

Thank you

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JUNIOR LEAGUE
OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

34YRS
OF SUPPORT
TO THE NURSERY WITH
VOLUNTEER HOURS,
EXPERTISE &
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

\$40K+
DONATED



JLCU Partnership Project

Junior League of Champaign-Urbana (JLCU) has been supporting Crisis Nursery since the Nursery's inception almost 34 years ago. JLCU provided volunteers to care for children during the Nursery's first few days of operation.

Over the years, JLCU has donated more than \$40,000 to fund Crisis Nursery's programs and services with \$15,000 of those dollars coming during the Nursery's first three years of operation, and another \$16,000 during this past year through their new Annual Partnership Project.

Through this new program, JLCU is focusing on helping non-profits with programs and projects related to child protection and welfare, families, health, hunger, literacy, shelter, school preparedness, voluntarism and women.

As JLCU's first project partner, Crisis Nursery received both a financial contribution and a service contribution from members. In November, while celebrating 85 years of service to the community, **Junior League members raised more than \$16,000 for the Nursery at the Festival of Trees Gala.** In addition, JLCU members donated art supplies and participated in a letter-writing campaign to elected officials through two "Done in a Meeting" projects. JLCU members also volunteered their time during several "Done in a Day" projects at the Nursery.

Jenette Jurczyk, President of Junior League of Champaign-Urbana said, "The new JLCU Partnership Project is an exciting opportunity for community organizations like Crisis Nursery to work with our members. JLCU can provide volunteer hours, financial assistance, expertise and support to fulfill needs and complete projects for our partner organizations. In return, the organizations provide JLCU members with varied experiences and special training in their area of expertise."

This April, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, Crisis Nursery is offering JLCU members **Darkness to Light "Stewards of Children" Training.** This training teaches adults to identify the warning signs of sexual abuse and how to react responsibly.



For more information about the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana's Partnership Project Program, visit www.juniorleaguecu.org.

Upcoming Events

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

For more information about any of these events, contact Renae Kirkton at 217-337-2731 or visit our website at www.crisisnursery.net



APR 2018

Dress Down to Stand Up for Kids

April, 2018

Throughout the month April for a \$5 donation wear jeans and "Go Casual for Crisis Nursery" to help prevent child abuse and neglect in Champaign County. This is a fun activity for participants and can raise awareness with minimal effort. Encourage your school or business to participate.

APR 28

Miles for Smiles

Illinois Marathon, April 28, 2018

Join Crisis Nursery's Miles for Smiles Team at the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon to help us raise money to support children and families in our community.

Simply visit the link below and click the FUNDRAISE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN button. You'll instantly have your own fundraising page as a part of our Miles for Smiles Team. www.crowdrise.com/crisisnursery2018



APR 23-30

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 23-30

Crisis Nursery

We will be honoring our volunteers with goodies and giveaways, social media shout-outs and special awards.

APR 30

Wrap the Nursery

April 30 from 12:00-1:00pm

Crisis Nursery

Join community members, board members, other social service representatives and volunteers as we join hands to "Wrap the Nursery" and highlight the important work being done at Crisis Nursery to prevent child abuse and neglect in Champaign County. Lunch will be provided.

APR 30

Volunteer Appreciation Reception

April 30 from 12:00-1:00pm

Crisis Nursery

We will be honoring and thanking our volunteers for giving so generously of their time. Cake and punch will be served.

GIFTS MADE IN HONOR OF...

Sep 1, 2017 – Feb 28, 2018

Given in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, births, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.

Ana Sofia Alvarez Wyman
Ann and Michael Ambrose
Emma and Sam Bennett
Connie Caveny
Evan Chong
Harvey and Sarah Grace Chong
Sivan Cohen
Kortny Cox
Crisis Nursery Employees
Crisis Nursery Volunteers
Tammy Drew
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Peter Foertsch
Harrison and Parker Gaines
David, Annie and Ben Goold
Grace and Luke
Helen Hadler
Pamela Hadley
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Anora Johnson
Cassandra S. Johnson
Sahlela Johnson
Adam, Emily and Evelyn Kozak
Suzanne Kroes
Kelly Kuchefski
Bridget Lilawati
Lola M. Mayes
Nathaniel Menanteau
Richard Elliot Nichols
Betty and Lulu Palmer
Collin Paschall
Kimberly A. Patchett
Samuel Payne
Frank Pisano
Kase Pooley
Dr. Roger Powell
Delaney Record
Kennedy Record

Stephanie Record
Mariyln J. Reid
Matt Rispoli
Kim Schaefer
Jane A. Senescu
Marissa and Adam Siero
Sisters of St Francis
of the Martyr St George
Ruth and Malachi Sosnoff
Rick L. and Jeanene S. Stephens
Marjorie Joan Tate
Tiffany Thalappillil
Nasir Thomas
Haley and Kendall Thrapp
Cheryl Farr Vardarro
Annie Weldon
Richard C. West
Dallas and Sis Wolf
Walker Weyerhaeuser

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Sep 1, 2017 – Feb 28, 2018

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Jean Ballsrud
Lexi Barbour
Judy Barnar
Ronald Barnard
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Peggy Billhymmer
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Crisis Nursery's // 25TH ANNUAL
DINNER & AUCTION
Save the Date // JUNE 1 2018