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Pictured above: Saint Louis Crisis Nursery staff attend the annual Crisis Nursery Professional Development Conference, which was held this year at the St. Louis Holocaust Museum.



Saint Louis Crisis Nursery is a 2023 Top Workplace!

HOW OUR STAFF DESCRIBES OUR CULTURE:



Our employees say that Saint Louis Crisis Nursery operates by strong values!

March 2023

95%

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Charity Golf Classic Raises \$92,000



Board Member, **Scott Arnold's** team, won 1st Place Flight B. Congratulations Scott!



The **Emerson** team with Board Member **Mike Scheiner**. Thank you Emerson for being our Presenting Sponsor!



Thank you to **Parkside Financial Bank & Trust** and **Jim Wagner** for being a Major Sponsor. Board Member **Curt Searcy (left)** and team.



Bob Duffy (right), Board Member, won the Straightest Drive Award given by **Martin Kilcoyne** and **DiAnne Mueller**, Crisis Nursery CEO.



Steve Jones placed Closest to the Pin!



Carrollton Bank won 2nd Place Flight A and Skins!

Our annual **FORE the Kids** Golf tournament was a huge success! Golfers had a great morning out on the courses of Forest Park, enjoying not only the game but fun surprises like Bourbon tasting, a **Civil Life** beer tasting, food from **Noodles & Company**, a shot for a **Tesla** for the weekend, and more! Thank you to our Major Sponsors: **Parkside Financial Bank & Trust**, **Emerson**, **Carrollton Bank**, **KPMG**, **Dr. James Bobrow**, **Brinkmann Constructors**, **Busey Bank**, **Rhodey Construction**, and **First Bank**, for making this day possible!



The **Core & Main Team**: **Mark Whittenburg**, **Mark Witkowski**, **Tim Moorman**, and **John Stephens** won 1st Place Flight A.



KPMG team: **Gina Della Camera**, **Dan Schneier**, **Joe Moritz**, **Josh Burgdorf**- were Skins Winners!



Young Professional's Board Member, **Jason Ott's** Team, took 2nd Place Flight B!



The lovely ladies of the **Commerce Bank** Team with Advisory Board Member **Jodi Lang** (center).



The **Christian Hospital** team with Board President **Keith Jackson (right)**, and Advisory Board Member **Danielle Smith**.



Krey Distributing team: **Natalie Hake**, **Don Hake**, **Chris Dallas**, **Cori Dallas**- were Skins Winners!

William F. Siedhoff Family Empowerment Center



Bill Siedhoff with Jared Boyd, Chief of Staff for St. Louis Mayor Tishaura Jones.



CEO DiAnne Mueller celebrates Advisory Board Chair Bill Siedhoff.



Urban League CEO Mike McMillan, Representative Donna Baringer, Former Mayor Francis Slay, Bill Siedhoff, Senator Brian Williams, and Board President Keith Jackson.

In recognition of his long-time and ongoing support for the children and families of St. Louis, the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery renamed its North City Outreach Center the “**William F. Siedhoff Family Empowerment Center.**”

Mr. Bill Siedhoff has dedicated his life to public service. *“I consider the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery the premier child abuse and neglect prevention agency in the state, so to have the Nursery rename this Family Empowerment Center for me is such an honor. So many struggling families have been helped here, so much good has been done here, and so many lives have been improved by the people and services in this building. I am honored and humbled.”*

Several notable guests attended the Renaming Celebration, and each talked about Bill’s dedication to the unhoused citizens of St. Louis and those living on the fringes of society, including **Missouri State Senator Brian Williams; Missouri State Representatives Donna Baringer and Deb Lavender; and former St. Louis City Mayor Francis Slay.**

Kids Awards celebrates our Volunteers

Our annual Kids Awards Celebration honored the following amazing volunteers and organizations who made a difference in the lives of children and families this past year:

Individuals: Allison Amann, Stephanie Calero, Ryan Carpenter,-Student, Devon Cross-Student, Tammy Decker-Taylor, Becky DeVeydt, Nia Donfris-Student, Kathy Hamilton (*pictured top right photo*), Brandon Harris-Student, Gwen Hobbs, Barry Kelley, Jacob Klupchak-Student, Erin Kuhlmann, Jacob McCarthy-Student, Adrian Mendoza-Student, Rachel Passapera-Student, Kathy Schulte, Mike Vitale

Helping Hands:

Mary Buchanan, Stacy Crawford, Parent Advisory Board, Cindy Czarnak, First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ-Festus, Cathy Jaeger, Rachel Moeller, Patricia Sanchez de Andrei (*pictured far right*), Board Member

Organizations:

Christian Family Services, Christ Our Redeemer, Home Sweet Home, Kait’s Love For Jaxx Foundation, Missouri Botanical Gardens, WIC O’Fallon, Zillah-Holly Gillette



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Amazing Community Support



DiAnne Mueller, CEO, receives a fabulous check from the wonderful ladies at **Altar'd State** for Mission Mondays.



RGA Team members, and new Board Member **Will Boland** (center) joined together to make Summer Fun Bags for the kids at the Crisis Nursery.



We had an amazing Youth Group from Wisconsin volunteer with us for 2 days! They were extremely helpful and willing to do whatever was needed! We appreciate their hard work so, so much!! Thank you, **YouthWorks** for sending us this amazing group!



We are so grateful to be the recipient of the 2023 "Make a Child Smile" at the **National Settlement Services Summit (NS3)** that was held in Saint Louis this year! October Research raised enough money to create over 300 backpacks full of supplies for our kiddos! Thank you so much for providing the necessities to set kids up for success this upcoming school year!



Daccota and her family sponsored such a fun luau themed Un-Birthday Party for our kiddos! They provided pizzas, cupcakes, AND presents! The kids' eyes lit up with pure happiness and excitement when they saw this amazing party set up for them. Thank you so much to **Daccota** & her family!



Ladies with **Mercy Kids** spent the day with us! What a treat, they were amazing with the kids and so helpful! They made a huge recycling run for us and helped to make our space neat and tidy. We can't thank them enough!



We love when the amazing volunteers from **MasterCard** come to the Nursery. We were so grateful for their bright faces, helping hands and great energy! Thank you!



Celebrating Crisis Nursery Mom's



The Crisis Nursery held our annual Mother's Day celebration for our City Family Empowerment Program at **Missouri Botanical Gardens!!!** A special thanks to **Jennifer Smith-Simms** for always supporting the Nursery and for making this event so special for our moms! We heard great presentations from the **Circuit Attorney's office, LifeWise StL, and Easter Seals.** Thank you so much for making this event so fun and meaningful! (Pictured above: Crisis Nursery Parent Advisory Board members.)



The South County and Jefferson County **Family Empowerment Programs** had an amazing Mother's Day Celebration!! Lots of volunteers donated time and materials so the moms could have a mini-spa day with chair massages (THANKS to **Greg Smith**, owner of **Back to Work!**-pictured top left photo), jewelry making, nail painting, and planting herbs. They also had a great lunch from Chik-Fil-A and more food prepared and served by the "kitchen ladies" of **Mary Mother of The Church.** (Pictured top right photo: Volunteer Extraordinaire, **Mimi Levy**)



The Crisis Nursery's Latinx Outreach Team had a great day celebrating our Latinx Moms who enjoyed shopping in the Boutique, manicures, makeovers and delicious food! (Pictured above: Latinx Outreach and Family Empowerment program staff.)

Hosting 2023 United Way Campaign Chairs

The **United Way** 2023 Campaign Chair and Co-Chair, **Marty Lyons** and **Scott Hartwig**, toured the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery to see first-hand the important work of child abuse prevention. Marty Lyons is the President and CEO of **Ameren Corporation**, and Scott Hartwig is the Commercial Banking Leader and Market Executive at **Regions Bank.** We look forward to working with them on the upcoming United Way campaign. The Saint Louis Crisis Nursery is a proud 34-year partner agency of the United Way.



Recognizing Excellence



Congratulations to **Rachel Crowe**, LCSW, who is the Learning and Professional Development Director for the Crisis Nursery. She has received awards from both UMSL and St. Louis University faculty and students. Rachel was recognized for her work as Adjunct Professor in the BSSW Program and Field Instructor in Social Work.



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Upcoming Events



Dine Out To Keep Kids Safe!

Join Us At Celebrity Night
For The Crisis Nursery

Thursday, August 17, 2023

- McGurk's Pub—Soulard
- Herbie's — Clayton
- Canyon Café — Plaza Frontenac
- Almond's — Clayton
- Golden Hoosier — South St. Louis
- Prasino — Streets of St. Charles



Come by from 5:00-8:30 p.m. for celebrity sightings,
great food, and entertainment.



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Prevent
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Celebrity Night for the Crisis Nursery! Thursday, August 17



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Friday, November 10, 2023
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Ameristar Conference Center

You Are Invited! Over the Top for Tots

Join us for a unique
Shopping and Luncheon Experience

- Boutique Vendors • Elegant Lunch • Cocktails
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We hope to see you there!

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Events like **Celebrity Night** and **Over the Top for Tots** help us provide 24/7 emergency care for children and crisis intervention for parents. Parents like **Amber**:

When Amber's landlord increased their rent for the second year in a row, Amber and her three children could no longer afford to stay in their apartment. They couldn't afford a security deposit on a new apartment and had been staying place to place for weeks, but they were running out of options. Amber had never felt so scared and alone. She didn't know where she and her children would sleep that night. Amber was starting to lose hope when an internet search showed her the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery. She called immediately, greeted by the safe and compassionate voice of Crisis Nursery staff, and Amber broke down and wept, knowing that she was not alone. A few hours later, her children were safe, happy, and looking forward to a good night's sleep in the comfort of the Nursery.



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Crisis Nursery Wishlist

We need your help! Here is our list of most needed items to help us care for more than 300 infants and children each month.

For Our Children

- Pull Ups (*all sizes*)
- Diapers (4, 5, 6)
- Wipes
- Enfamil Formula (*Infant, Gentlease, or Store Brand Equivalent*)
- New Clothing (*Sizes 12m-12 years*)
- New Underwear & Socks (*toddler to 12 years*)
- **Infant & Toddler Toys:** musical toys, cars & trucks, play food sets, play dough, baby-safe diverse dolls, mega blocks
- **Older Kid Toys:** Lego kits, art/craft kits, STEM kits, diverse dolls & barbies, LOL Surprise dolls, remote control vehicles, non-violent action figures, fidget toys
- Dress Up Clothes for boys & girls

Paper Products/Household

- Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Forks and Spoons, Toilet Paper
- Cleaning Supplies—high efficiency laundry detergent, dish detergent, disinfectant wipes and spray, glass cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, sponges
- Batteries

Gift Cards—*We always appreciate donations of gift certificates*

- QT Gas Cards or Metro Bus Passes
- Aldi Gift Cards
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards

Thank You!



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