

# Infant Crisis Services Statement of Activities

for the year ended March 31, 2024

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<b>Revenues and Support</b>		
Contributions	\$4,492,053	\$2,084,060
Grants and sponsorships	721,491	578,643
Investment income, net	470,682	(142,384)
Special event revenues	1,226,824	1,048,507
Other income	-	-
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>6,911,050</b>	<b>3,568,826</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services	3,317,138	3,130,344
Management and general	197,831	176,514
Cost of direct benefit to donors	369,633	267,147
Fundraising	446,734	395,710
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,331,336</b>	<b>3,969,715</b>
Change in Net Assets	2,579,714	(400,889)
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>11,813,891</b>	<b>12,214,780</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>14,393,605</b>	<b>11,813,891</b>

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

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# BABY TALK

The Newsletter of Infant Crisis Services

## Love Like Linda: A Legacy of Service



Linda Schaefer Suchak  
February 11, 1949 - February 15, 2024

Linda Suchak, lovingly nicknamed Linda Lou, was one of the brightest lights among our volunteers, dedicating 18 years to serving the babies and families of Infant Crisis Services. Linda wasn't just a volunteer; she was a friend and a joy-bringer whose servant heart and legendary hugs touched everyone she met. When she passed away in February of this year, she left behind a long list of people who loved her fiercely.

Linda had a boundless capacity to give. **It didn't matter if it was her time, her energy, or just a kind word of encouragement, Linda was happy to share.** She was always thinking of others, and her greatest joy was knowing she could brighten someone's day, whether it was through volunteering, celebrating every milestone with one of her funny, heartfelt cards, or being the life of the party at every volunteer event, especially around Halloween, where her costumes always made everyone smile. Our Friday volunteers could look forward to listening and dancing to Motown while working alongside her.

Linda had a passion for her family, especially her

nieces, nephews, and her dog, Coral. She was an avid reader, a Neil Diamond superfan, and never missed an OSU football game, proudly wearing her orange gear on Fridays during football season. Her friendly rivalry with Sooner fans was one of the many ways she made volunteering fun.

In her final years, Linda lovingly earned the title of "Toy Guru," meticulously preparing donated toys for the babies and toddlers we serve. She cleaned, checked for safety, and ensured every toy was ready to bring happiness to a child in need. **This role captured the essence of Linda—giving her time and attention to make a difference, quietly and without seeking recognition.**

Beyond our organization, she was an active blood donor, volunteered with Meals on Wheels and RSVP. She believed wholeheartedly in supporting her community, and she truly lived out that belief with every act of kindness.

What Linda did not tell us—true to her humble nature—was the depth of her generosity. When she let us know that we were part of her legacy planning, we had no idea the extent of what she had planned. **In typical Linda fashion, she exceeded the call to service, leaving behind a remarkable legacy gift of \$279,095, ensuring her love and dedication to helping others will continue for years to come.**

We miss Linda every day. Her laughter, her kindness, and her unwavering spirit are irreplaceable. **As we remember her, we find ourselves asking, how can we love like Linda? How can we carry forward her spirit of giving, joy, and selflessness?** Linda's legacy invites us to give of ourselves in whatever way we can, to bring joy to others, and to serve our community with open hearts.

Thank you, Linda, for showing us what it means to truly care. May we all strive to love like Linda.

# Mission Moment with Miki

# 2023-2024 Annual Report



and simply trying to figure out how to care for their daughter while adjusting to life in an incredibly foreign place.

I still remember the little girl—so small, so quiet, and so shy. Her big hazel eyes were filled with fear, and no matter how many stuffed animals, shoes, or pieces of candy I offered, she stayed close to her mother's side, too scared to explore. Her family had been through so much, and that timid little girl had felt the weight of it all.

Fast forward to 2024.

I walked into the playroom, and there she was. That same little girl, now a vibrant, confident 5-year-old, was running around the room. She was laughing, playing with our volunteers, and even encouraging her younger brother, Mohammad, to be brave, just like her. I was floored by the transformation. That once fearful, wide-eyed toddler was now a joyful leader, making our playroom her own little world.

Her parents were there receiving items for their toddler son—diapers,

food, and formula—things that **you helped provide**. I couldn't help but smile as I watched this young girl, once so timid, now unafraid and full of life. She had found her place here. Her family had found their place. And they had found hope.

This beautiful transformation is only possible because of YOU.

It's your support that provides more than diapers, food, or formula. You provide security. You give families the ability to breathe a little easier, knowing that someone cares. You give children like Sharifa the chance to feel safe, to grow, and to face the world with bravery.

For every crisis, for every family, for every child, you make hope possible. With your continued support, I know we will see many more children grow into the brave, confident individuals they were always meant to be.

Always for the babies,

*Miki Farus*

Three years ago, I met an Afghan refugee family who had just arrived in Oklahoma, seeking safety and a fresh start after escaping unimaginable circumstances. They were a young couple, full of uncertainty, and with them was their precious two-year-old daughter, Sharifa. When they walked through our doors, the mother and father were exhausted, overwhelmed by the unfamiliarity of their new home,

## Fiscal Year 2024 Statistics

April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

### Visits

**12,006**  
of these visits occurred on the BabyMobile

### BabyMobile

**353**

Total Stops

**Top Counties Served**

**3,402**

served in Oklahoma

**1,314**

served in Pottawatomie

**814**

served in Cleveland

**720**

served in Comanche



Total number of visits:  
**25,343**

**26.9%**  
of these were new clients

### Services Provided



**1,258,399**  
Diapers



**297,774**  
Bottles of Formula

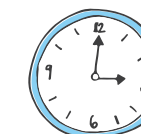


**15,767**  
Packs of Shelf-Stable Food

### Volunteer & Donor Information



**3,650**  
Volunteers



**11,192**  
Volunteer Hours



**2,337**  
Total Donors

**\$1,034,443**

worth of items donated

## Upcoming Events



Get ready to step back in time and join us for a night of glamour, fun, and fundraising at Bingo for Babies hosted by the Young Professionals Board!

**Co-Chairs:**  
Annie Baze & Claire Ratliff

**Date:** Saturday, November 9th  
**Time:** 6:30pm - 11:00pm  
**Location:** Oklahoma Golf and Country Club

Don your best flapper dresses and dapper suits for an evening filled with exciting bingo games, delightful prizes, and a dash of vintage charm. Mark your calendars and get ready to support a great cause in true Gatsby style! If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this roaring event, scan the QR code or reach out to **Special Events Manager Haydn Beatty** at [haydnbeatty@infantcrisis.org](mailto:haydnbeatty@infantcrisis.org) or 405-778-7620

## BOOTS AND BALL GOWNS 2025

It's time to shine your boots and polish your spurs because this year, we're bringing the glitz and glam of Fremont Street to the Great Plains!

**Gala Marshals:**  
Katty Gasbarra & Meredith Woods

**Date:** Saturday, February 8th  
**Time:** 6:00pm - Midnight  
**Location:** Oklahoma City Convention Center

Just as neon signs turned the dark desert into a glowing spectacle of light in the late 1920s and 1930s, earning Fremont Street the nickname "Glitter Gulch," Infant Crisis Services has brought life-sustaining essentials and hope to service deserts across Oklahoma for the past 40 years. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this event, scan the QR code or reach out to **Special Events Manager Haydn Beatty** at [haydnbeatty@infantcrisis.org](mailto:haydnbeatty@infantcrisis.org) or 405-778-7620

## Happy 40th Birthday, Infant Crisis Services!

Recently, 150 of our nearest, dearest, and most loyal friends came together to celebrate 40 years of food, formula, and diapers to Oklahoma babies. Together, our efforts raised over \$50,000 for our 40th Birthday Endowment Fund. Thank you to our Visionary Partner and lead endowment donor, Lauren Von, for speaking during the program. It was a night that reminded all of us how important this mission is in our community!

