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**Boots and Ball Gowns Gala raises over \$800,000 for Infant Crisis Services**  
Annual event eclipses record for attendance, smashes fundraising goal to feed thousands of babies

OKLAHOMA CITY, February 28, 2025 – The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Boots and Ball Gowns gala on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> raised \$818,000 for Infant Crisis Services, surpassing its fundraising goal.

The proceeds raised through sponsorships, raffles, auctions, and night-of donations will provide life-sustaining food, formula and diapers for babies and toddlers in the metro region and 29 counties across the state. The largest crowd ever wore their favorite dresses, Cowboy hats, bolo ties and boots at the Old Vegas-themed fundraiser. Guests enjoyed a night of cocktails, dinner, raffle and live auction. The Grooveline Dallas kept the dance floor hopping with a funky mix of musical genres.

“We are beyond grateful for the turnout and the financial gifts from this year’s Boots and Ball Gowns,” said Miki Farris, co-founder and executive director of Infant Crisis Services. “The gala committee, the ICS team, and our vendors did a tremendous job of putting together an entertaining evening. They should take a bow.”

Boots and Ball Gowns was made possible by Presenting Diamond Sponsors Bank7/Haines Capital, the Chickasaw Nation, and Quintessa Marketing; and Turquoise Presenting Sponsors Caption Partners, MidFirst Bank, Mack Energy Company/TKO Energy Services, and Valor Bank. This year’s Gala Marshals were Katty Gasbarra and Meredith Woods.

“Our incredible and generous community is the reason we can continue to reach new heights in making sure no baby goes hungry,” Woods said.

“The success of this event is a testament to the generosity and dedication of our community, all coming together to ensure that infants and families receive the care and resources they need at their most vulnerable time,” Gasbarra said.

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Boots and Ball Gowns will be held February 28, 2026.

**About Infant Crisis Services**

Infant Crisis Services, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, provides life-sustaining food, formula, and diapers to babies and toddlers in times of crisis because no baby should go hungry.

Founded in 1984, Infant Crisis Services is the only formula and diaper bank of its kind in the metro-area, serving more than 25,000 babies and toddlers in Oklahoma each year. Its unique BabyMobile program expands the mission into 29 counties across the state. In the organization’s 40 years of service, over 400,000 little ones have received essential items for their development, with the help of the community.

[Boots and Ball Gowns Event Photos and Captions](#)

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