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Boots and Ball Gowns benefit returns with overwhelming support
Infant Crisis Services to welcome over 1,000 guests
to sold out fundraiser for hungry babies and toddlers

OKLAHOMA CITY, January 22, 2026 – The annual Boots and Ball Gowns gala benefitting Infant Crisis Services has become a singular event that unites the Oklahoma City metro around the idea that no baby should go hungry™.

Now in its 17th year, Boots and Ball Gowns has raised millions of dollars to help feed and diaper babies and toddlers in 31 counties in Oklahoma. The 1 in 5 babies still living in poverty in Oklahoma are in danger of missing out on these basic essentials for healthy growth.

Boots and Ball Gowns is Saturday, February 28 at the Oklahoma City Convention Center. The signature fundraising event is essential to the nonprofit's sustainability because Infant Crisis Services carries out its mission entirely through private donations, grants, and volunteer support.

Sponsors and guests consistently praise the gala as a meaningful and enjoyable way to come together and create a lasting impact. Tickets are again sold out. The past two years, Boots and Ball Gowns has reached its fundraising goals. Last year's event raised \$811,000 for Infant Crisis Services.

"The outpouring of support for Boots and Ball Gowns is incredibly humbling," said Miki Farris, co-founder and executive director at Infant Crisis Services. "We are able to feed and diaper thousands of needy babies and toddlers in central Oklahoma because of it."

Gala Marshal Meredith Woods, who also served in that role at last year's event, said "Boots and Ball gowns continues to be a success, and we keep reaching new heights in providing for babies because of our generous community."

"Our supporters' dedication and giving spirit enables us to put together a fantastic event, where we gather with the common goal of ensuring that vulnerable babies and families don't go without the resources they need," said Gala Marshal Jason Henderson.

Boots and Ball Gowns is a blend of high fashion and cowboy couture. The elegant dresses, cowboy tuxedos, and lavish vendor costumes highlight the evening. This year's

theme is a galactic rodeo. Guests will enjoy a night of cocktails, dinner, raffle, live auction and dancing to music by The Grooveline Dallas.

The 17th annual Boots and Ball Gowns gala is presented by Haines Capital/Bank 7. Additional presenting sponsors are the Chickasaw Nation, McKenzie House Design / Bearing Tree, Quintessa Marketing, Vicki Moore, 74C / American Jet Charter / Warwick Dental/ Callie and Matthew Athey, Caption Partners, MidFirst Bank, Valor Bank, and Julie and Gary Vaughn.

Event Details

When: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Where: Oklahoma City Convention Center

Time: 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

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 31 counties across the state. In the organization's 41 years of service, 428,000 little ones have received essential items for their development, with the help of the community.

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