

If We Weren't Here, Where Would These Children Go?

The mission of the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries is to prevent child abuse. We do that by providing temporary, voluntary respite care for children ages birth to 6 years while we work with

their parents to resolve the problems that caused them to come to the nurseries. Currently, Crisis Nurseries has the ability to care for two dozen children, 24 hours a day, for up to 30 days.

The problems we work to resolve may be complex and varied, but our ultimate goal is to return every child to a safe environment.

Many times, for families with



no resources and no one to turn to, the alternative to a safe environment is the street. Thirty-three percent of our families are homeless when they call. Sometimes the parent, the mother, has a place to stay, but not an appropriate or safe place for her children.

The reunification of mothers with their babies is an important outcome of the Nurseries' work. Last year, one-fourth of

our children were under one year old. Many of them were drug-exposed newborns who were unable to leave the hospital with their mothers and needed a safe place to stay. Our

childcare workers are trained to provide the specific and individual care these fragile, two-day-old infants require. Without Crisis Nurseries', these babies would be placed in a regular foster home, and their mothers allowed to visit only one hour per week. They would have no opportunity to bond with their babies, no opportunity to learn how to be a responsible parent, and far less chance of a successful reunification.

Crisis Nurseries cares for the babies for a three to four-week period while their mothers go through the county drug-testing program and attend NA and/or



AA programs. During that time, the mothers come daily to the nursery to be with their babies as our caseworkers teach healthy parenting skills.

Drug abuse is an often recurring problem in the lives of parents needing our services. One single mother had a problem with abuse of pain medication coupled with alcohol. This mother did not realize the extent of her addiction until she awoke mid-morning one day to find that her four and five-year old daughters had tipped over a chair and spilled a carton of milk trying to fix their own breakfast.

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A Luncheon with Maria Shriver

Sue Bonk

In February I was honored to be a guest at the welcoming luncheon for Maria Shriver, hosted by Supervisor Murial Johnson and Mayor Heather Fargo. It was a wonderful event and Maria, as she wants to be called, was warm and gracious with a wonderful sense of humor. I was fortunate enough to personally meet her and talk briefly about the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries. She



was interested in what we do and asked questions indicating

"She got it."

I was told I could bring a guest with me and I chose to bring Danielle, a mom whose five children have stayed at the Nursery several times over the past two years. I introduced her to Maria saying that this was a mom with an inspiring story. Maria asked her to tell her story and listened intently while Danielle talked about the sudden loss of her husband and

becoming a widow with five children at the young age of twenty-eight.

Danielle and her young husband were doing everything right. They had five beautiful children, three girls and two boys. He had a good job and she stayed home with the children. One day while shopping, he suddenly fell with a heart attack. Danielle was left with her young children, no job skills,

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President's Message

Vi McNally, Friends of Crisis Nurseries

The Sacramento Crisis Nurseries, a program of the Sacramento Children's Home, is facing the potential of reducing services in their South Area Nursery. The Children's Home is struggling with the transition from an almost all-grant funding base for the Nurseries to the creation of a diverse fundraising plan that incorporates non-grant techniques such as individual contributions, special events, annual giving campaigns, direct mail, and email appeals.

In 1997, Friends of the Crisis Nursery was formed to help provide financial and public relations support to the South Nursery. Today, with two nurseries to support, we have our nose to the grindstone, working to bring in monies to save the Nurseries, with the hope of not having to cut any child abuse prevention services. We need everyone's support to reach that goal. *This is survival mode.*

Here are ways you can help:

- **Obelisk Tiles.** The seven foot tall obelisk, located outside the North Nursery, is ready to have the hand painted tiles decorate its majestic form. Businesses and individuals are invited to purchase a tile to support the nurseries and create a lasting memory. It's a great gift for babies, children and grandchildren, as well as a lasting business recognition.
- **Total Home Show.** The Nurseries will receive \$1 for each ticket sold to the Total Home Show at Cal Expo on March 27, 28, 29, April 2, 3 and 4.
- **River Cats Game.** The Sacramento Crisis Nurseries, Yolo County Nursery, and Camp Ronald McDonald will split proceeds from the Wednesday, June 16 game when the Cats play the Fresno Grizzlies. We'll receive a \$2 donation for each of the first 499 tickets sold and \$3 for each ticket sold over 500.
- **Raleys/Bel Air Quality of Life Cards.** When the cards are presented at the checkout counter, the Nurseries are credited with a percentage of your purchases. (Your number must be registered on line at raleys.com.)
- **Donor Envelope.** The Friends of the Crisis Nurseries Newsletter recognizes our donors and includes a donor envelope for donations and memorials. If you'd like to receive a newsletter, call Kathy at 679-3600.
- **Visit the Nurseries.** The Friends will schedule a tour of one of the nurseries if you, your friends or your organization would like to see in person how we are preventing child abuse, one child at a time.

For further information on any of these fund-raising opportunities, please call the North Nursery at (916) 679-3600.

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, please contact Haydee Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator at 916 290-8254.

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Sue Bonk
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Springtime at the Crisis Nurseries

Sue Bonk, Director of Sacramento Crisis Nurseries

It is hard to believe but by the time you read this article we will be approaching Spring and the month of April, which is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Prevention programs focus on April as a time to educate our community about child abuse issues, bring about awareness of the prevalence of child abuse, and remind our constituents that we are here continuing to keep children safe and to support our families. There has never been a more important time to focus on all children and their need to be protected and safe.

2004 marks our eighth year of providing quality child abuse prevention services in Sacramento. A program of the Sacramento Children's Home, the



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Sacramento Crisis Nurseries have served over 1900 children since opening our doors in February 1996. These infants, toddlers and young children have been given shelter care, medical treatment, nutritious food,

clothing, age appropriate activities, and loving care from staff and volunteers. Families have received support, and assistance accessing housing, medical care, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, childcare, and parenting classes. Most important, the children learn to trust and bond with responsible adult caretakers and parents begin to believe that they can keep their families together because they have been treated with respect and encouragement.

The Sacramento Crisis Nurseries are in a very vulnerable position. We are awaiting the results of a major grant proposal any day. If the grant is received, and with continued help from our donors, we will continue operating the north and

south nurseries at their current level. If we do not receive the grant, crisis Nursery services will be devastatingly reduced. We may not be able to keep both nurseries open. I thank the Friends of the Crisis Nurseries for their ongoing dedication and commitment to work toward their mission to "Support the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries through fundraising, community awareness and volunteering with the mission of preventing child abuse and neglect". With their perseverance and your help I know we can survive this difficult time. Thank you to each of you who have enabled the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries to serve our children and families for the past eight years.

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She placed the girls with us while she checked herself into a residential care detoxification center. Had we not been able to provide a secure environment, that mother's only alternative would have been to hand the children over to child protection services for placement in separate foster homes.

The Crisis Nurseries may also provide on-going assistance. Approximately 25% of our families request additional support after they have left the Nurseries. Initially, we may have helped them find housing; later, we might provide respite support as they continue with their education or start a job. The trust established in the initial relationship is ongoing – sometimes for several years.

Since its founding in 1996, the Crisis Nurseries have relied

on funding from foundations, grants, and donations from the public. The community has responded to our needs and still remains supportive. However, like so many others, we have



been impacted by the economy. Keeping children in a safe place while working with their families is costly. Licensing regulations require staff to have a level of child-care education that is expensive to maintain. Our

two facilities, one in the south area and one in the north, are beautiful, and our program is used as a model for crisis nurseries throughout the state and the nation. As we seek funding to continue our irreplaceable services the same question arises: If the Crisis Nurseries were

not here for them, where would these children and their families go for help?



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and no life insurance. (In two months their life insurance policy would have taken effect.) Danielle found herself on the streets in Sacramento with no family or support system. She also found the Sacramento Crisis Nursery. With the shelter of the Nursery for her children, and the dedication of the case manager, Danielle realized that she had a safety net and began putting her life back together. Today she lives in an apartment,

has a job, and is going to school. Her children are safe, happy, and well adjusted. Danielle checks in regularly to let us know she is thriving and thanks staff continually.

A special note. Danielle was acknowledged by Supervisor Johnson and received a round of applause from the 200 women attending the luncheon. It was a day that Danielle and I will never forget.



Jackie and Doug Christie Visit

What excitement the December morning Jackie and Doug Christie visited the North Nursery! Doug immediately connected with one of his biggest fans, Adam, who was staying with his 5-year old sister, Adrianna, and baby sister, Alexis. The Kings point guard brought along an appropriately sized jersey which Adam was thrilled to receive. He also brought along an autographed basketball, which was claimed by one of the more energetic 3-year olds who made up in noise what he lacked in skill!

After the Christies gave a bright red teddy bear to each of the kids, Adrianna helped lead the tour of the Nursery, grinning all the way. When asked if she liked staying here, she said "Yes, but," (very softly) "I'd rather be with my Momma." The marvelous toothless grin stayed pasted to her face, however, as the Christies moved into the playroom and gathered the kids



around to hear several stories. Jackie cuddled a baby as Doug admonished Adam to always read to his little sisters.

While the kids enjoyed the storytelling session, the staff and visitors, which included Vi McNally and Abby Hewitt from the Friends and Roy Alexander, Executive Director of the Sacramento Children's Home, appreciated the chance to see sever-

al of the one-of-a-kind special handbags Jackie Christie designed specifically for the Crisis Nurseries. Jackie has generously donated proceeds from the sale of these special handbags, beautifully constructed in denim and individually decorated, to the Nurseries. To order yours, contact the Crisis Nursery North at 916-679-3600.

Jackie Christie Tote Bags

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In our last newsletter we announced the creation of the Jackie Christie tote bag to be sold on behalf of the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries. What a great success! Many bags were sold; some for Christmas gifts and others for the buyer herself, like me. The original bags are still available, each one created especially for the purchaser. The bag can be personalized with your name or initials if you like. Jackie is offering her bags at a special price of \$125.00 of which \$70.00 comes directly to the Nurseries. They are great for all ages, my daughters both loved theirs, and my pregnant friend can't wait to use her "personalized diaper bag". Call the Nursery, 679-3600 if you want to order a unique Jackie Christie Tote Bag. Thanks Jackie and Doug!

Don't Forget to Register!

We're not talking about voting – that's done for a while. We need everyone who took a Raleys Quality of Life Card to register it on-line.

We've handed out over 1500 cards – and more everyday – but they don't work if you haven't registered your name. It's very easy, just go to raleys.com and follow the directions. I found the hardest part was coming up with a password that wasn't already taken!

If you don't have a card, contact the Nursery (916-679-3600) and we'll send one to you. Once



you're registered, have the checker swipe your card every time you make a purchase at a Raleys, Bel Air or Nob Hill store and a percentage of your purchase goes to the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries. (If you need help registering, call us at the Nursery and we'll be happy to do it for you!)

Want to Be our e-Friend?

We know that when more people are aware of the Crisis Nurseries we are better able to provide services and help for families and children in our communities. In order to grow and sustain our outreach efforts, the Friends is developing another layer of communication which we're calling *e-Friends*.

e-Friends will be contacted via email and kept apprised of the happenings at the Nurseries, opportunities to volunteer, and up-dates on our funding needs. If they prefer, we will email the

News from the Nurseries to them.

We're rolling out the e-Friends campaign by contacting our friends and acquaintances, and then asking them to do the same, creating a huge ripple effect of e-Friends. If you'd like to join in our e-Friends efforts, please contact us – by email to kathy.eichlin@kidshome.org and tell us how you'd like to help.



Xavier Casts a Spell on the Nursery

Brooke Samudio

The Sacramento Crisis Nurseries are critical support systems providing versatile services for parents in need. Parents come to the Nurseries looking for guidance, resources and encouragement while their children are cared for in a loving, nurturing environment.



In a recent case, a mother named Hilary called the Nursery desperately needing a safe place for her two children. She was in her last night at a local motel and the following night all three of them would be sleeping on the streets. Fortunately, the South Nursery had two open beds, so Hilary and her Case Manager set up an intake for the following day.

When Hilary arrived, she said that she needed to take her three-year old son, Xavier, to the doctor and that she would be back soon. The night before he had been jumping on the bed in the motel room. He jumped off, landed on his knees, and immediately cried that his leg hurt. Knowing that three-year-old boys fall all the time, his mother iced his leg and gave him

Advil. Unfortunately, the emergency room X-rays showed that he had broken his femur. The doctor informed Hilary that he was going to have to put Xavier in a full body cast to ensure proper healing.

Hilary was devastated. Now she was not only battling the issue of being homeless, but she was unable to provide a stable environment to care for her injured boy. She was consumed with guilt and fears.

Undeterred by the intimidating cast, the Nursery staff opened their arms to the irrepressible three-year old. A Public Health Nurse donated her time and provided training for the staff, demonstrating how to care for Xavier. Within two weeks he was moving around the playroom, climbing up stairs and rolling over completely on his own. Now that he shows promising signs of a full recovery, his spirits, activity level, and determination are all in full swing. The only obstacle hindering him from being a "typical" three-year old is the cast.

While the nursery staff is nursing her son back to health, Hilary continues to work with the Case Manager to resolve her housing problem. With an extended stay granted to Xavier to assure a safe recovery, the Nursery staff has become quite attached to this little boy.

If the nursery had not been available to Hilary, foster care placement would have been the only option for her son considering the situation she was in.

Many many thanks to...

RCA Community Fund

Thank you to the RCA Community Fund for their very generous donation in the amount of \$25,000. Fifteen thousand dollars was given to underwrite the cost of one bed at the nursery and \$10,000 was allocated toward the mortgage of the North Nursery.

Bill Hegg, Bob Cole and Bill Pattison were kind enough to visit the nursery, take a tour and learn about the services provided. As a result, this wonderful donation was awarded.

The Sacramento Crisis Nurseries rely on the commitment and generosity of our local businesses and foundations. *Thank you to the RCA Fund for supporting the children and families in our community!*

Soroptimist's Salute to 'Women Benefits the Nurseries

The Friends of the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries were the beneficiaries of a check for \$685 from donations and proceeds from the sale of jewelry and Weekender Fashions modeled and sold at the Soroptimist's Salute to Women event held January 31 at Rio Cosumnes College. Marilyn Parker, Friends Board member and a member of Soroptimist of Sacramento South, represented the Nurseries and disseminated flyers and information to the participants.

Thank you Soroptimists, we appreciate your generosity to the children and families in our community!

Our Lady of Assumption's 'Giving Tree' Benefits Sacramento Crisis Nurseries

Every Christmas the Flame Group of the Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church provides a beautiful "Giving Tree" so members of the congregation can donate beautiful new clothes and toys to children in our community. Many of the gifts come to the children staying at the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries. Clothes for infants and toys for the toddlers and preschoolers are given to the children who otherwise may not experience the joy and excitement of Santa coming to their house.

Thanks to the Flame Group and all of the generous parishioners at Our Lady of Assumption Church!



Thanks to our Many Donors!

Thank you to the generous people and organizations who donated to the Crisis Nurseries from November 1, 2003 to January 31, 2004.

We would like to give special recognition to Cory Lutchansky who raised \$1,816.54 in cash and over \$3,200 in donations through her Del Oro Senior Project. Thanks Cory, we really appreciate your amazing effort!

Individuals

Joyce Adamson
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Total Home Show: Buy a Ticket, Make a Donation

The Northern California Manufactured Homes Association and Plus Events are making possible a substantial donation to the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries by donating \$1 from every ticket sold for the Total Home Show.

The Total Home Show, which features nine, fully built and decorated homes, returns to Cal Expo for six days, March 27-28-29 and April 2-3-4. Tickets are available at the door.

We think this generous partnership is most appropriate: members of the Manufactured Homes Association and the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries both provide safe and secure housing for families and children.



Wish List Donations

The response to our Winter Newsletter Wish List was amazing, bringing in over \$11,000 in diapers, formula, clothing, toys, blankets, and wish-list items. Donations included several car seats, a bike, a 3-wheeler, and a DVD player. Every single thing is welcomed and put to good use in the Nurseries. We thank your good hearts from the bottom of ours!

Individuals

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Sacramento Crisis Nurseries Wish List

Household

- Paper Towels
- Laundry Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Dishwasher Soap
- Comet
- Anti-Bacterial Liquid Soap
- Lysol
- Hand Sanitizer
- Dish Towels, white linen
- Dish Cloths
- Latex Gloves
- Sippy Cups, 6-12 months

Food

- Grocery Gift Certificates
- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn)
- Canned Tuna (in water)
- Soup

Linens

- Mattress covers, plastic
- Pillow covers, plastic
- Bath Towels

Children's Clothing

- Galoshes
- Jackets - (toddler's and children's sizes)
- Sleepers
- Infant sleepers with fold over hands

Bathroom/ Personal Needs

- Diaper Genie Refill (Large)
- Toothbrushes
- Hairbrushes
- African-American Hair Products
- Lice Combs
- NIX

Miscellaneous

- Target Gift Certificate

Special Needs

- Diaper Genie (Large)
- Cassette Tape Player



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 Rotary Club of Sacramento Breakfast
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The Obelisk is Here!

For over a year, you've been following our Obelisk Tile Project. Hundreds of you have purchased tiles to provide a lasting memory of your children, grandchildren, friends and companies.

The Obelisk has now been constructed, thanks to the generous support of time, talent and materials. The carefully painted tiles are being fired and will soon be mounted on the 8-foot structure located outside the North Nursery.

The top four tiles have been purchased. The good news is that we still have room for roughly one hundred more tiles

for \$100, \$250 and \$500, which will be mounted on the sides and the base of the Obelisk. Many businesses and organizations have stepped up to purchase \$500 tiles. We hope you'll do the same. We will even help the artistically challenged among you.

Thank You to our Contractors

Our grateful thanks to the wonderful Obelisk contracting team: Joe Kerekqarto and Greg Erath, John F. Otto, Inc. who coordinated the project; Nicole Color, for layout and initial



plans; Kenneth L. DeBruhl, Kleeeman Roebbelen Contracting, for plans and permits; Bob Austerman, Austerman Inc., Austerman Concrete Cutting, for demolition; Bruce Mann, Townsend & Schmidt Masonary, for material and labor; Kevin Golding,

Bar Steel Services, Inc. for rebar; Shawn Herderson of Orco Construction Supply for grout; and Norm Eilert, for concrete.

We'd also like to recognize and thank everyone who's purchased a tile since our last newsletter:

- Cynthia Besemer
- Sally Davis
- Laura DuPriest
- CMSH Electrical
- David & Eria Goller
- Carol Lurey
- Susan Matheews
- Alma McAlpine
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- Art & Sue Scotland
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