



NATIONAL SAFE
HAVEN ALLIANCE

2021
IMPACT REPORT



ABOUT THE NATIONAL SAFE HAVEN ALLIANCE

MISSION

The National Safe Haven Alliance equips Safe Haven Providers and parents facing unplanned pregnancies with safe alternatives that prevent infant abandonment while providing holistic care for both parents and babies.

VISION

The National Safe Haven Alliance ensures every parent who is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy is given the resources and opportunity to create a safe post-birth plan for their baby.

VALUES

- Trust
- Respect
- Empathy
- Protect and Value Human Lives
- Confidentiality and Anonymity

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Dear Safe Haven Friend and Supporter,

2021 has been a year of change and continued growth for the National Safe Haven Alliance (NSHA). As the pandemic began winding down we saw an increase in calls from parents in desperate need of assistance. Because of your generosity we were able to provide support, resources and vital outreach in the most challenging of circumstances leading to more than 115 babies saved. Many families that called received support for temporary placement of a child, allowing the parent to utilize services to improve their situations. Our team was also equipped to support Safe Haven providers; who received signs and training needed to support mothers and parents facing traumatic circumstances.

The continued growth of the organization has resulted in exceptional program development, outreach and increased resources.



In an ever changing environment, the importance of providing for the needs of parents and children is vital and because of you we are able to change lives and give hope. NSHA will continue to strive for excellence providing education, advocacy, and direct support for parents and providers. Thank you for recognizing the needs that exist for babies, children, parents and the community, you are actively changing the world!

With deep gratitude,

Heather Burner

HEATHER BURNER
Executive Director

“We cannot become
what we want by
remaining what we are.”

Maya Angelo



SAFE HAVEN STATISTICS

SINCE 1999

4,505

BABIES SAVED

1,604

BABIES
ILLEGALLY
ABANDONED

IN 2021

115

BABIES SAVED

33

BABIES
ILLEGALLY
ABANDONED

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

THE LOVE PROJECT

In 2020, NSHA created the **Love Project**, which encompasses our **Baby Shower Sprinkle** and **Love Bundle** services. This project provides direct support for parents that need help getting on their feet, whether they choose to parent, place their child for adoption, or relinquish their baby using the Safe Haven law. Through the **Baby Shower Sprinkle** program, NSHA gives an extra dose of love for a mother or parent who have chosen, in the midst of difficult circumstances, to parent their baby. We will send a baby shower in a box, full of love, gift cards, and precious gifts.



While the Love Bundle program is designed to provide encouragement, kindness, and support to parents in need. This is a special project for parents that choose adoption or to surrender their infant using the Safe Haven law.



This choice is not made easily for a parent, and we are here to offer support. The Love Bundle gift includes gift cards, a bible, a journal, a note for the parent, jewelry, and a surprise gift. Through the Love Project, NSHA can show love and give hope to a mother or parent when they need it most.



BABY LOVE BAGS

Baby Love Bags are infant care packages that include a newborn diaper, receiving blanket, baby hat, and onesie. These items are placed in a sealed plastic bag and have the Safe Haven decal on the front. These bags are given to Safe Haven providers all over the U.S. to use when a baby is brought to the location. College students, pregnancy centers, businesses, women's groups, and churches have come together and deliver to Safe Haven providers in their communities. It is truly an amazing outreach opportunity!

KEEPING MOTHERS & INFANTS TOGETHER FUND



The Keeping Mothers & Infants Together Fund has led to increased support for parents that call the NSHA 24/7 crisis line and feel that they may not be able to parent their baby due to a lack of vital resources. We can fill the gap! This fund has helped women that are homeless, have no job, have other children and are desperate for help. We will help them get back on their feet because of your support.

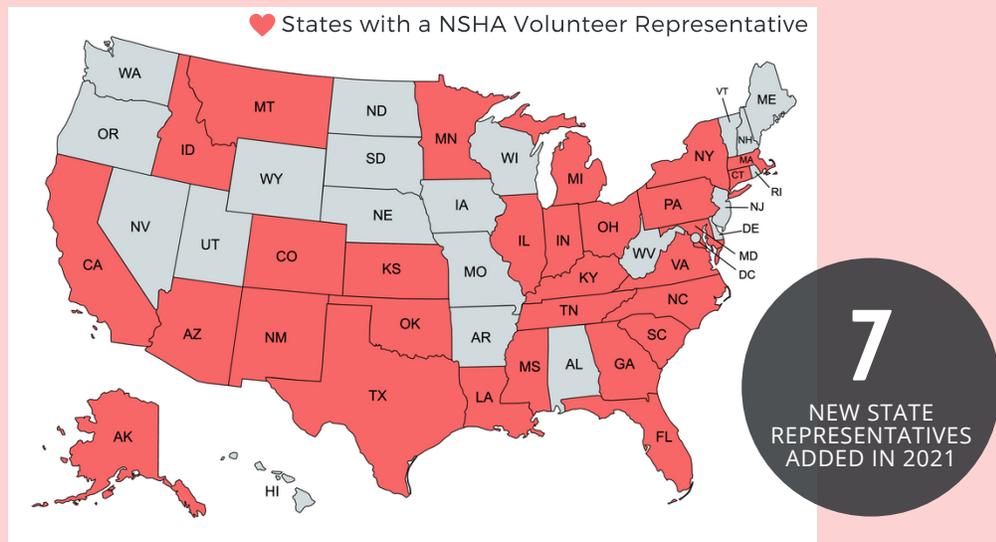
HOMES FOR HAVEN

Homes For Haven was developed as an awareness and fundraising project to increase the reach in communities across the country. This campaign provides Safe Haven education to realtors and encourages them to donate a small amount of a home sale to NSHA. This is an exciting program that will increase funding to provide housing for pregnant women in need of a safe place.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers and NSHA State Representatives are the lifeline of the organization. The addition of seven new state representatives and 33 new volunteers in 2021 has led to increased partnerships with community resources, direct support for parents, and increased awareness of life saving options.



INFANT ABANDONMENT PREVENTION CONFERENCE

Beginning in 2018 the NSHA staff have worked diligently to provide up to date information, training, professional development and renowned speakers in a coordinated event for Safe Haven providers, social workers, healthcare providers, child and pregnancy outreach advocates and the public. This event has grown each year and is creating best practices and an intricate support network across the U.S.



2021 CONFERENCE PRESENTERS & TOPICS



REBECCA WILSON
CDC REPORT: ARE SAFE HAVEN LAWS EFFECTIVE?



DR. EMILY DOUGLAS
2020 HOTLINE ANALYZATION REPORT



BETH MARRON
SUBSTANCE ABUSE & PREGNANCY



LORI BRUCE
INFORMED-CARE: REFRAMING CHILD ABANDONMENT LAWS, POLICIES, & PRACTICE



JENNIFER ROUSSEAU & JUDY FRIEDRICHS
SAFE HAVEN TRAINING & SIMULATION FOR PROVIDERS



CYNTHIA COLLINS & DR. LAURA LEDERER
CREATIVE OUTREACH & FUNDRAISING IN TIMES OF CRISIS



HELP IN ACTION



Every call received by our 24/7 Crisis Hotline comes with twists and turns as new or expecting parents are facing a life-altering crisis. For example, in 2021, we received a call one early Friday morning from a mother who had just given birth to a healthy baby boy. She and the baby's father were students at a local state university where they had met not long prior.

Unfortunately, given the complex situation, they had hidden the pregnancy from their families and were now calling NSHA for support.

These new parents had many questions and uncertainties as they considered surrendering their newborn under the Safe Haven Law. Faced with one of the greatest decisions of their lives, they decided to place their newborn with a temporary placement agency for one week while they considered parenting, adoption, and Safe Haven relinquishment.

While the infant was cared for, our Crisis Hotline Team referred the parents to a local adoption agency to gather additional information. We also prepared them to share the news with their families if they so choose. Throughout the week, the parents wavered several times. Our team provided high level support to answer all of their questions, connected them to local resources, and even provided emergency infant supplies following the temporary care period.

After careful consideration, the parents of this beautiful boy decided to share the news of their newborn son with their families, ultimately leading to their final decision to parent the infant with the support of family and friends. This is a perfect example of how our Crisis Hotline Team provides parents with all their options and the support they need to choose the best path.

Welcome to the world baby boy!



BY THE NUMBERS

24/7 CRISIS HOTLINE

In 2021, NSHA's 24/7 Crisis Hotline and office line received more than 550 calls from parents and providers in need of assistance. The Crisis Response Team assisted parents by providing safe options for their baby, including parenting support, referrals to local resources, trusted adoption information, and Safe Haven direction, per their state's law and Safe Haven process. The NSHA crisis hotline is now serving two state agencies to provide professional and confidential support for parents.

378

HOTLINE CALLS

156

OFFICE CALLS

115

BABIES SAVED BY THE
SAFE HAVEN LAWS

70

PARENTS DIRECTLY
SUPPORTED

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

Safe Haven signs and proper training has led to increased support for parents and has provided a safe place for babies. In 2021, NSHA provided 218 signs as well as up-to-date training to 61 Safe Haven providers across the country.

61
PROVIDER
TRAININGS
HOSTED

12
FIRE
STATIONS

8
HOSPITALS

2
POLICE
STATIONS

38
PREGNANCY CENTERS,
ADOPTION AGENCIES,
COMMUNITY HEALTH
AGENCIES



218
SAFE HAVEN
SIGNS
DELIVERED

ONLINE ACTIVITY

Since NSHA's website received an amazing update in 2020 to a more user-friendly and informative version, more than 12,000 people have visited our website and NSHA has received more than 1,000 inquiries for information, volunteer opportunities, as well as education and training.

With a presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, we are able to further our prevalence. Through our various social media platforms, we were able to reach over 30,000 people and welcomed over 300 new followers. Among these platforms we we had over 90,000 engagements from all over the world.



NSHA

90K+

SOCIAL MEDIA
ENGAGEMENTS

300+

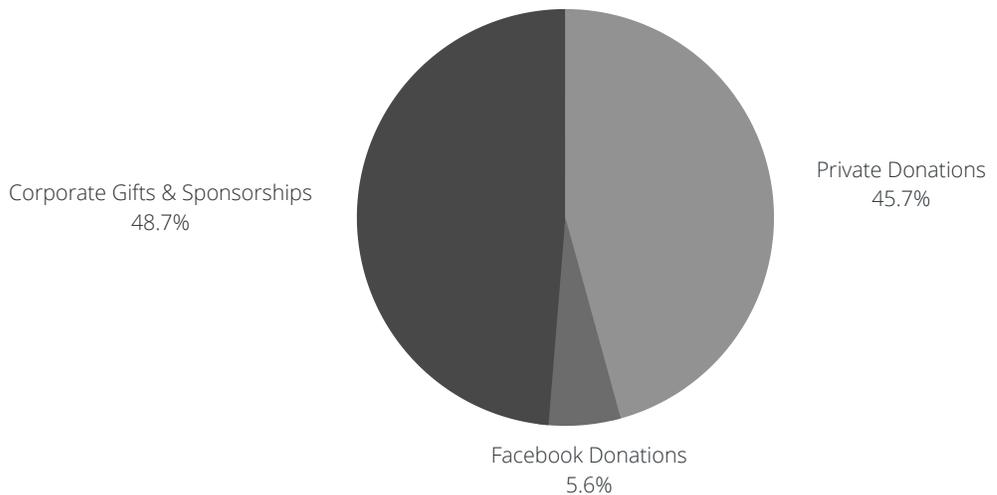
NEW SOCIAL
MEDIA
FOLLOWERS

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



\$74,352

Through mindful stewardship of our finances in 2021, we were able to provide help to parents through an active approach to providing for their needs. Our mission to fill the gaps where needed kept families together and allowed parents to make a safe choice for their baby. Your support provided: rental assistance, living expenses, clothing, food, gift cards, baby items and much more.





THE DREAM TEAM

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Indiana	Ohio	
Kansas		
Kentucky		

TOGETHER, WE WILL SAVE PRECIOUS LIVES!

This year was full of opportunities. We thank you for partnering with us, supporting our mission, and sharing Safe Haven information with others. It is an honor to partner with you in our efforts to prevent infant abandonment and equip parents and providers with safe alternatives. We will continue to encourage and care for parents facing unexpected or crisis pregnancy situations.

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