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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018

Matt and Amy's Hope

After unexpected medical emergencies, Matt and Amy were drowning in bills when Cradle of Hope stepped in to help.



Matt and Amy have been married for three years and both work full time. They earn enough money to pay their bills and have a small amount left over. Once they found out they were pregnant, they set this extra money aside, as little as it was,

anticipating all the costs associated with the birth of their daughter and knowing that Amy would be without work, or an income, during her maternity leave. They were hopeful about the birth of their daughter as were their families.

However, four days after the birth of their baby, Amy had to return to the hospital for surgery due to complications from the pregnancy. Nine days after the birth of their baby, Matt had neck surgery and shortly after, he returned to the hospital due to a life-threatening staph infection. They were not prepared for these medical emergencies or how this would financially affect them.

Amy returned to work much sooner than expected and had been making partial payments but was falling further and further behind with paying bills. Additionally, over \$500 of each paycheck was being withheld to pay insurance costs that were not paid during her maternity leave. A public health nurse had been trying to help her, but several agencies already told her they didn't have any more funds available. Her landlord was willing to work out a payment plan and both their families helped out with some expenses.

She felt like she was drowning and that's when Cradle of Hope stepped in to help.

"We will forever be grateful for your kindness and support through the hardest time in our life. Your help with paying our rent and a surprise baby shower basket gave me hope in a time when everything else seemed to be failing me. When my daughter is old enough to understand, I will tell her about how you made it possible for us to be where we are today. Thank you!"

Goal
\$504,156



\$410,575
Raised

Saving Lives

One gift at a time

\$1,000

Provides rent/mortgage assistance to prevent family homelessness and ensures a home during the pregnancy.

\$100

Provides a new, safe portable crib for one baby.

\$50

Provides transportation for mom to secure employment or visit her baby in the NICU.

\$25

Provides diapers and wipes to a family in need.

\$250

Provides utility assistance for one family for one month.

3,000 families in 2018

Portable Cribs:



Distribute 1,600 portable cribs so every baby has a safe place to sleep.

Rent/Mortgage:



Provide 425 families with rent/mortgage assistance so they can stay in their homes.

Child Care:



Provide five families with child care costs for up to one month so mom can return to her job following unpaid maternity leave.

Transportation:



Distribute 20 monthly transportation cards so moms can return to work after unpaid maternity leave.

Utilities:



Provide 50 families with utility assistance for one month.

Training:



Provide 390 individuals with infant safe sleep training which helps reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Baby Shower Baskets:



Distribute 500 baskets filled with essential baby items to help mom and baby begin their life together.

Medical Costs:



Provide 10 families with assistance paying medical costs.



5 Reasons to attend Cradle of Hope's

SAFE SLEEP TRAINING

Here's a list of reasons you should attend the Safe Sleep Training. We want our babies to always be safe, and that includes sleeping safely.

3,700 babies die each year

Each year, more than 3,700 babies die due to SUID, some of these deaths are preventable!



It can happen to anyone.

In Minneaota alone there are more than 50 babies that die each year due to SIDS or other sleep related causes of infant death.

Education!

You will learn the best practices for keeping your baby as safe as possible while sleeping including action steps like the ABC's of Safe Sleep.

ABC



FREE CRIB

Upon completion of the training, you will receive a free, safety-approved portable crib for your baby.

FREE Baby Shower Basket

You will also receive a baby shower basket that is filled with new baby items like diapers, wipes, clothing, bottles, and more!



www.cradleofhope.org

WHEN:

Every Tuesday
at 2:00 pm

WHERE:

Cradle of Hope
1970 Oakcrest
Ave, Suite 104,
Roseville, MN
55113

WHO:

Women who are
pregnant (third
trimester)
or have a
child under 12
months.

Limited spots in
each training.

Call to reserve
your spot today!

651-478-1417

Collect Items for BABY SHOWER BASKETS

There are many pregnant women who have little, if any, support as they contemplate the birth of their baby. Help us to encourage them to continue their pregnancy by collecting baby items and donating them to Cradle of Hope. We will distribute these items in the form of Baby Shower Baskets to support these moms for choosing life and let them know they are loved.

- Diapers (newborn or size 1)
- Baby Wipes
- Diaper Rash Ointment/Cream
- Onesies (0-12mo's)
- Sleepers (0-12mo's)
- Infant Clothing (0-12mo's)
- Bibs
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion
- Baby bath towels and wash cloths
- Baby blankets
- Infant toys and rattles
- Infant board books (colors, textures, animals, shapes, alphabet, etc.)
- Adult backpack (use as a diaper bag)
- Cards (for words of encouragement)

* All baby items in new condition.

* Donations help keep our cost low.



CoH Office Assistant Volunteer

As a member of the CoH team, you'll assume duties that help families in crisis feel supported and able to choose life for their unborn babies. You must fully support CoH's mission, be able to positively interact with others, be a warm and friendly voice to callers requesting information about CoH, and be interested in taking calls from pregnant women and families in crisis.

If interested, please call Cynthia Godin at: 651-478-1418 or email: cradleofhope@cradleofhope.org



Saving Lives Spotlight

The Clysdale Family has been involved with Cradle of Hope since it was founded by their friend and neighbor, Ann Dickinson. Charles "Chuck" and Sharon Clysdale involved their children, Matt, Cathy, Chris, David, and Ann, and as a family they were invested in helping families in crisis to experience hope. They spent countless hours trying to determine how they could financially help pregnant women in serious need of help due to unplanned pregnancies. When the Clysdale family took ownership of Maguire Agency in the 1970's, they graciously donated office space for Cradle of Hope. Maguire Agency's approach is refreshingly different and surprisingly personal. "We believe the more we know about you, what you value and your potential risks, the better suited your insurance coverage will be." To this day, the Clysdale family and Maguire Agency continue to help Cradle of Hope achieve our mission. Chris Clysdale served as Cradle of Hope's Board President for several years, Cathy Clysdale assists with our accounting, and Matt Clysdale, the current President of Maguire Agency, raises financial and material support so Cradle of Hope can continue to operate and save lives!



Save the Date!

Cradle of Hope's 2019 Spring for Life Gala
"Hope Beyond the Crisis"

April 13, 2019

Metropolitan Ballroom: 5418 Wayzata Blvd, Golden Valley, MN 55416

Early Bird Discount: Buy 1 ticket for \$75 and get 1 ticket free.

Go to: <http://handbid.app.link/COH2019>

Use code: BOGO

Offer expires: 12/31/18

MISSION

Cradle of Hope encourages life by providing financial aid to women and babies in crisis, especially those women who might not choose life because of financial pressures.

2018 Board

Chris Vatsaas - President
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Amanda Meyer - Secretary
Brian Dobie - Treasurer
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Ryan Kaplan
Latifah Kiribedda
Laurie Murphy

Meet the CoH Staff

Executive Director



Darlene Kopesky joined Cradle of Hope with over 15 years leading programs for homeless children and

families for The Salvation Army in Cambridge, MA. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Boston University and a Master's degree from Cambridge College.

Program Director



Cynthia Godin comes to Cradle of Hope with over 15 years of experience working with local communities, nonprofit agen-

cies, governmental agencies and advocates to develop statewide human services programs. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in child psychology and a Master of Arts degree in human services administration.

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