



# NEWSLETTER

Providing hope beyond the crisis!



*A Mother's Hope...  
A Child's Life!*



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Everything seemed to be going well for Greg and Sarah. They had just purchased their first home a year ago and their daughter was adjusting well to first grade. They were excited when they found out they would be having another baby and started to save as much money as they could. They began getting their home ready and their seven year old daughter, Emma, was excited to become a big sister. Unfortunately, their joy was short lived. During Sarah's second trimester of pregnancy, she began experiencing sharp pains and knew something was wrong. At her Doctor's visit they were told, due to medical complications, the baby would need to be delivered immediately. At 23 weeks, Natalie was born weighing only 2 pounds 1 ounce. Despite dealing with lung disease, a heart murmur, difficulty breathing on her own, and problems with her eyes, Natalie continued to fight for her life. With all the unexpected medical bills, they did not have enough funds to make their next mortgage payment and they did not know what they were going to. Cradle of Hope stepped in to help this family with their mortgage payment and after four months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Natalie went home with her family.

***"This was the worst situation we've had to deal with and we didn't know what this would mean for our family. We are so grateful to Cradle of Hope. We have our home and now we have our family. Thank you so much!" -S***

2019 Crib Goal  
*2,000 Cribs*



*1,367 Cribs  
Raised so far!*

*We still need to raise funds  
for 633 cribs.*

# *Saving Lives*

ONE GIFT AT A TIME

**\$1,000**

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

**\$100**

*Provides a new, safe, portable crib ensuring that one baby has a safe place to sleep.*

**\$500**

*Provides limited child care so mom can find a job.*

**\$50**

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

**\$250**

*Provides utility assistance for one family for one month.*

**\$25**

*Provides diapers & wipes to a family in need.*

## *3,000 Families in 2019*

### Portable Cribs:



Distribute 2,000 cribs so every baby has a safe place to sleep.

### Rent/Mortgage:



Provide 500 families with rent/mortgage assistance so they can stay in their homes.

### Child Care:



Provide 5 families with child care for up to one month so mom can return to her job.

### Transportation:



Distribute 20 monthly transportation cards for mom to secure a job or visit the NICU.

### Utilities:



Provide 100 families with utility assistance for one month.

### Safe Sleep Training:



Provide 300 individuals with training to reduce Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and prevent accidental strangulation & suffocation in bed.

### Baby Shower Baskets:



Distribute 275 baskets filled with baby items to help mom and baby get started as a family.

### Medical Costs:



Provide 100 families with assistance paying medical costs.

# Get Involved

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

### CoH Office Assistant:

As a member of the CoH team, you'd answer phones, greet families that walk through our doors, file papers, help prepare for safe sleep classes, help create baby shower baskets, and assist with other office related duties. Please consider volunteering 4 hours each week or each month.

### CoH Thank You Note Writer:

We are in need of someone who can spend a few hours each week or each month at Cradle of Hope writing thank you notes to those who graciously make a donation.



## Collect Baby 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.

*71% of our moms have little or no support in their lives.*

*32% had premature babies and experienced medical complications.*

### Development Committee Member:

Do you enjoy mingling with other people and assisting with events? Development Committee meetings take place 4 times per year and when needed. We are also looking for volunteers to help plan for our Spring for Life Gala and specific event duties such as set up, clean up, check-in/out, soliciting sponsorships & donations, providing marketing materials, spreading awareness about Cradle of Hope, taking photographs, helping with the silent & live auctions, and more.

**If you are interested, please contact**

**Cynthia Godin at:**

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### Baby Items Needed

*(New Only)*

- Diapers (size 1)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Clothes (0-9 months)
- Baby Blankets
- Baby Hats
- Baby Socks
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Baby Shampoo & Lotion
- Target & Walmart Gift Cards  
*(we'll buy the items for you)*



# Board Member Spotlight



**Joseph Kueppers**  
Vice President  
(Board Member since 1991)

*"Cradle of Hope is a great organization that has provided help to women and babies throughout the state of Minnesota for over 45 years!"*

*"I donate to Cradle of Hope because the organization has an excellent record of sound fiscal management and is a good steward of the donations it receives."*

*"I support Cradle of Hope because of the great work of the organization in providing real support for mothers and babies."*

## 2019 Board

Laurie Murphy - President  
Joseph Kueppers - Vice President  
Brian Dobie - Treasurer  
Amanda Meyer - Secretary  
Kevin Brett  
Ryan Kaplan

## SAVE THE DATE

### *Cradle of Hope's 2020 Spring for Life Gala*

March 28, 2020

The Saint Paul Hotel: 350 Market Street, St Paul, MN 55102

Save \$25 - Code: SAVE25 (expires 12/6/19)

For more information go to:

[www.cradleofhope.org](http://www.cradleofhope.org) or call 651-636-3127

## Cradle of Hope Staff



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Executive Director



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Director of Programs



**Christina Solensten**  
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## 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.***

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