

NEWSLETTER

Providing hope beyond the crisis!



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



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.

Prenatal visits were going well for Esther and Raheem but they were worried because, in the past, Esther delivered a stillborn baby. Raheem was working full time but was laid off due to COVID-19. Esther was working until she was forced on bedrest due to many medical complications. Their bills began to pile up. A few weeks later, Angel was born at 24 weeks weighing only 2 pounds 3 ounces. She was critically ill and required an extended stay in the NICU. Miraculously, Angel continued to heal and grow until she was allowed to go home. Esther's medical complications eventually stabilized and Raheem was able to find some part time work. With your donations and support, Cradle of Hope (CoH) was able to provide a portable crib, a baby shower basket, and rent assistance.

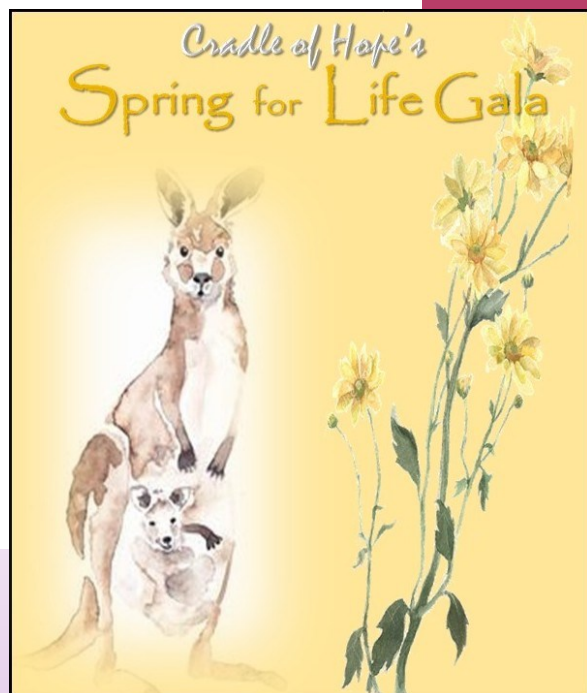
"We are so grateful for your help. Angel has a safe place to sleep and clothes to wear. I don't know how to thank you - we have our home!"

The Coronavirus has significantly disrupted all aspects of our lives. Schools implemented distance learning, summer programming was cancelled, most CoH families are without jobs, and many are isolated causing an increase in depression and suicidal thoughts. A sense of hope is fleeting while the stress intensifies. Their constant fear of eviction is now a daily worry. With your help, we can restore hope to these families.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

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Get Involved . . .



DATE CHANGE

Cradle of Hope's 2020 Spring for Life Gala

September 19, 2020

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

To purchase your tickets or view auction items go to:

<https://handbid.app.link/Gala20>

To receive UPDATES, please send your name & email address to: dkopesky@cradleofhope.org

3,000 Families in 2020

(3,346 families served in 2019)

2020 PROJECTS

Rent/Mortgage:



Goal: Raise \$10,000 to help 20 more families. We help about 40 families each month. Due to COVID-19 we are now receiving at least 20 applications each week. To help more families, we have been distributing approximately \$500 per family.

Portable Cribs:



Goal: Raise \$13,000 to distribute 200 Cradle of Hope Lullaby Cribs. We distribute 200 portable cribs each month. Starting July 1, 2020 we will be distributing our NEW Cradle of Hope Lullaby Crib reducing our cost to \$65 per crib and allowing us to continue, and possibly increase, distribution to those in need.

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Summer Sweepstakes:

Enter for your chance to win cash or a gift card (*Target or Amazon*) each day during the month of August. Complete the sweepstakes tickets attached to the calendar and mail them to Cradle of Hope with your optional donation.



Baby Items Needed for Baby Shower Baskets:

- Diapers (size 1)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Clothes (0-12 months)
- Baby shampoo & diaper cream
- Baby Blankets, toys, & books
- Target & Walmart Gift Cards
(we'll buy the items for you)



Cradle of Hope Staff

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