



## Osage Ambulance District Base 3 Adds an Anonymous Surrender Option

**Belle, MO, November 4, 2025** - Saving lives just got a little easier in Belle, MO, as our newest baby box will be blessed on November 4th. The newest addition represents a significant step forward in our mission to provide a safe and anonymous alternative to surrendering an infant. Located at 1001 East First St., Belle, MO, our new location will offer a secure and compassionate option for parents in crisis and help ensure every infant has a chance for a safe and loving future. Across the country, there are 393 Safe Haven Baby Box locations, with 10 in the State.

"The Safe Haven Baby Box in Belle, Missouri, became a reality thanks to the dedication and generosity of so many," said EMS Chief Joshua Krull. "This completely donor-funded project wouldn't have been possible without our local advocates, generous donors, Osage Ambulance District staff, and the support of both the Ozark Central and Osage Ambulance District Boards of Directors." Krull also recognized the Osage County Health Department, 20th Circuit Chief Juvenile Office, Gasconade-Osage Division of Social Services, and Deputy Chief Joshua Cohen, who served as the on-site project manager. "Each of these partners played a key role in bringing this life-saving resource to Belle."

Safe Haven Baby Boxes was founded by Monica Kelsey on a mission to end infant abandonment. In addition to baby boxes, the organization provides a confidential National Hotline, 1-866-99BABY1. Twenty-three states have a Baby Box presence within their state. Kelsey shared, "We have seen time and time again that preparation can save and change lives. We never know when or where we will be needed, so it is crucial to have options for mothers in crisis. I am grateful for local advocates who take our mission to their community."

Since 2017, 70 infants have been safely and legally surrendered in a Baby Box. The National Safe Haven Crisis Line has assisted with over 176 handoff surrenders. Each year, the numbers increase with more baby boxes available across the country. Surrendered infants are adopted by families who have registered as foster-to-adopt. The Local Department of Family Services coordinates the adoption process.

For more information, please contact Monica at [monicakelsey@safehavenbabyboxes.co](mailto:monicakelsey@safehavenbabyboxes.co)

# **PROGRAM**

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**WHAT:** Blessing of the Osage Ambulance District Base 3 Safe Haven Baby Box

**WHERE:** 1001 East First St., Belle, MO 65013

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 4 PM CST

**SPEAKERS INCLUDED:**

- Monica Kelsey, Founder, Safe Haven Baby Boxes
- Joshua A. Krull, EMS Chief
- James "Pudd" Mitchell, City of Belle Mayor
- Nikki Holdmeier, Chief Juvenile Officer

**BLESSING AND REMARKS:**

- Sheriff and Chaplin - Mike Bonham

**FINAL REMARKS:**

- Monica Kelsey, Founder, Safe Haven Baby Boxes (unlock box)

**SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:**

[Safe Haven Baby Boxes Website](#)

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