



SAFE PLACE FOR NEWBORNS OF WASHINGTON SUMMER 2012

NEWBORN SAFETY ACT IS WORKING

SPNB has been trying for years to obtain accurate information for the public on the number of newborns who have been transferred to Safe Place locations. Leo O'Dore, SPNB treasurer has successfully worked his way through the state bureaucracy and was able to report to the SPNB Board that the latest information from the state is that twelve (12) newborns have made it to the Department of Social Health Services since 2009. This number indicates that there is a growing awareness of the Newborn Safety Act. SPNB believes that its efforts with the help of donations from the public has allowed SPNB to finance an effective educational campaign to inform the public of the law and has saved the lives of these infants. SPNB will continue its educational program.

ILLINOIS SURVEY

Every state has an organization similar to SPNB. The names of the various state organizations are different but each state shares the same goal of providing a safe place for the transfer of newborns. The Newborn Safety Act of Washington is modeled after other state laws. The collection of data related to the number of newborns saved by the establishment of Newborn Safety legislation has been difficult to obtain. Mrs. Dawn Geras President of the Illinois Save Abandoned Babies Haven Foundation has completed a comprehensive national survey to determine the number of newborns saved since 2002. The good news is that nation wide 2024 live newborns have been reported saved since 2002.

SPNB JOINS FACEBOOK

In its continuing effort to reach out to the public SPNB has explored many ways of communicating through posters, pamphlets, direct mail and speaking engagements. The explosion of social networking through the internet is an other avenue for communication. Ms. Krista Nguyen, a University of Washington student became aware of SPNB and its mission and after meeting with board officers and attending a board meeting volunteered to establish a Face Book page for SPNB. We

are grateful for the help Krista has provided. We know that SPNB has many supporters out there and invite you to “friend” us at <http://www.facebook.com/safeplacefornewbornswa>
We seek your comments, ideas and support.

SAFE PLACE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

An Illinois public Service Announcement has been refined for Safe Place For Newborns by Phil Sturholm a former cameraman for KING TV. The PSA is designed to be aired on TV as a message to the public that help is available to pregnant women in crisis and that a newborn may be transferred to staffed fire stations and hospital emergency rooms with in 72 hours of birth. A Spanish version of the PSA has also been prepared and translated by Julie Johnson. SPNB plans to send copies of the PSA to all of the TV stations in the state to be played throughout the year in their ongoing educational program about the Newborn Safety Act of Washington. SPNB is grateful to Phil and Julie for volunteering their the time, talent and effort for this project

Safe Place Board members with SPNB Signs

SPNB Secretary Margie Ingraham and President Joan Dedman visited the Bothell Fire Station after the installation of the required SPNB sign. On the right Margie Ingraham holds a poster that has appeared in busses in Spokane, Tri Cities and King, Pierce and Snohomish counties this past year



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Please consider a gift to Safe Place For Newborns of Washington. Your donation will be used to inform the public about the Newborn Safety Act. All donations are tax deductible.

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