



**Safe Haven**  
Baby Boxes

# **BRINGING SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES TO CLEVELAND, GA**

# It's about compassion and prevention



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Intermountain Layton Hospital  
Layton, Utah



# What is a Safe Haven Baby Box?

**A Safe Haven Baby Box is a secure, temperature-controlled device installed at a fire station or hospital**

Safe Haven Baby Boxes offer a compassionate and secure option for mothers in crisis who are unable to care for their newborns. Designed with innovative safety features and installed on the exterior walls of fire stations and hospitals, each box ensures the safe and anonymous surrender of infants. The exterior door locks automatically when a newborn is placed inside, and an interior door allows medical personnel to promptly and securely retrieve the baby, ensuring immediate care and protection.

# Deeper Explanation

The Safe Haven Baby Box is a state-of-the-art device. It NOW legally permits a mother in crisis to safely, securely, and anonymously surrender her newborn. The baby box is a temperature-controlled safety device provided for under a state's Safe Haven Law. The box is installed on the exterior wall of a firehouse or hospital.

Before the box is active, tests occur at every stage of design, development, and deployment. It features multiple alarms in the device which alert first responders of a surrender. The box's alarms are tested weekly to ensure there will be no failures. None of these alarm systems have ever failed. The staff responsible for the box is trained on how the device operates.

The parent opens the door to the Baby Box, which triggers a silent alarm and a call goes to 911 dispatch. The infant is placed in a medical bassinet. A sensor located on the inside of the box triggers a second 911 dispatch call. The exterior door automatically locks upon the placement of a newborn. Within five minutes the infant will be rescued by first responders. An interior door allows a medical staff member to secure the surrendered newborn from inside the designated building. The infant will be quickly taken to the hospital for medical evaluation.



# Why This Matters Here?



- > White County is a rural community blessed with many strengths, supportive neighbors, strong values, and the beauty of our mountains. Yet the same characteristics that enrich our life here can also add extra layers of difficulty for pregnant mothers and newborns in crisis.
- > In rural communities like White County, where access to maternal-health resources, transportation, and 24-hour facilities is more limited, having an additional lifeline makes a meaningful difference (travel distance to major hospitals, fewer specialized providers, and greater logistical barriers).
- > This is an opportunity for our community to be proactive and lead in the State of Georgia. By taking this step early, we're showing that we prioritize both public safety and compassion.
- > This isn't just a resource for the public, it's a tool that supports our first responders. It creates a clear, controlled process for handling these situations, rather than leaving them to respond to unsafe or unpredictable scenarios. It allows fire and medical personnel to act quickly, efficiently, and safely, with a system already in place.
- > At the end of the day, this is about prevention. In moments of panic or desperation, people don't always make safe decisions. Providing a secure, anonymous option can be the difference between a tragedy and a life saved. Even if it's used just once, that's one life protected.



Deron P. Wilson, Fire Chief

Billy Petite, Deputy Fire Chief

We are proud to announce that Henry County Fire Rescue is partnering with Safe Haven Baby Boxes in bringing a life-saving initiative to our community.

The Safe Haven Baby Boxes program provides parents in crisis with a safe, legal and anonymous option to surrender a newborn when they are unable to provide care. Our goal is to help prevent infant abandonment by increasing awareness and accessibility of Safe Haven laws.

Over the next three years, four baby boxes will be strategically installed throughout Henry County at select fire stations to ensure access for parents in crisis. To successfully implement and sustain this program for the next ten years, our goal is to raise \$100,000.

Support from generous community members like you is essential to making this initiative possible. Your contribution will directly help protect vulnerable infants and provide critical resources for families facing difficult circumstances.

We invite you to support this important effort by making a donation using the link below, or by mailing your donation to:

Safe Haven Baby Boxes  
Memo: Henry County Fire Rescue  
PO Box 185  
Woodburn, IN 46797

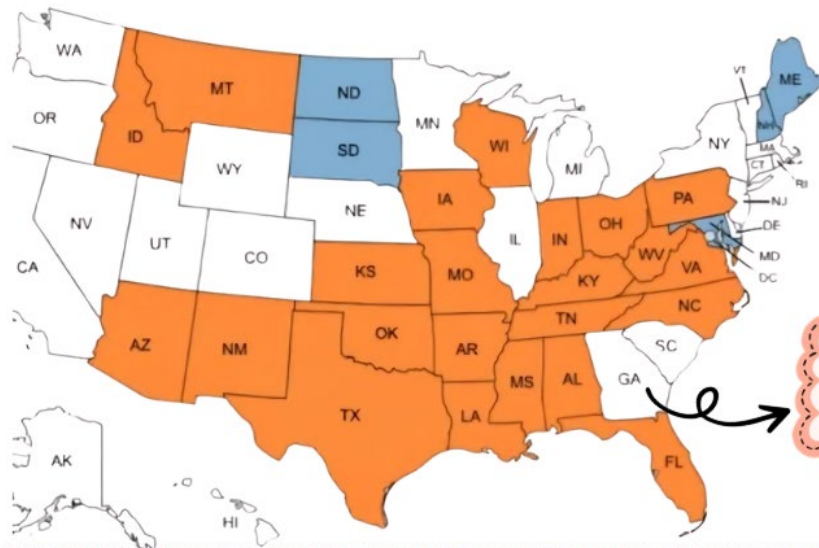
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All donations are tax-deductible.

We appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you to provide these life-saving devices to our community.

Warm Regards,

Deron "Pat" Wilson, MBA, CFO, MIFireE  
Fire Chief  
Henry County Fire Rescue



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# Road to Active Baby Box

Baby Box goes live and available to aid infants with parents in crisis.

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Training for Safe Haven Baby Box provider personnel.

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Alarm is set up and tested. It must reach 7 successful days of consecutive testing.

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Baby Box Unveiling and Blessing occurs.

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Baby Box delivered and installed by licensed contractor.

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Baby Box order is placed and approximately 4 weeks later the box is produced. During this time the location will search for a licensed contractor to install the box and an alarm system company.

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Contract for SHBB is reviewed by attorney and fundraising begins.

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Contract (Lease and Service Agreement) is signed with location and initial fee is sent to SHBB.

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Meet with your community leaders, fire station, or hospital administration to review the Safe Haven Baby Box Program.

# Contact Info & Questions



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