



Copley Fire Department Adds an Anonymous Surrender Option

Akron, OH, August 2, 2025 - Saving lives just got a little easier in Akron, OH, as our newest baby box will be blessed on August 2nd. The newest addition represents a significant step forward in our mission to provide a safe and anonymous alternative to surrendering an infant. Located at 1260 Sunset Dr., Akron, OH, 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 365 Safe Haven Baby Box locations with 15 in Ohio.

The Safe Haven Baby Box in Akron, OH, would not have been possible without the local advocates, Discount Tire, and the Copley Community, who worked tirelessly to bring this resource to their community.

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-four 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, 63 infants have been safely and legally surrendered in a Baby Box. The National Safe Haven Crisis line has assisted with over 153 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.com

PROGRAM

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WHAT: Blessing of the Copley Fire Department Safe Haven Baby Box

WHERE: 1260 Sunset Dr., Akron, OH 44321

WHEN: Saturday, August 2, 2025, 11 AM EST

SPEAKERS INCLUDED:

- Jessi Getrost, Safe Haven Baby Boxes
- Chris Bower, Fire Chief
- Jim Schulte, BOT President
- Steve Holsenback, Chaplain

BLESSING AND REMARKS:

- Steve Holsenback, Chaplain

FINAL REMARKS:

- Jessi Getrost, Safe Haven Baby Boxes (unlock box)

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

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