

Safe Haven Baby Boxes was founded by Monica Kelsey because of her passion to do everything possible to save lives and her own story of being abandoned as an infant. During a ministry outreach in Cape Town, South Africa, Monica saw the “Baby Safe” in a wall of a church and began inquiring about how this “baby safe” operated and if it was effective. Living Hope Ministries placed the box in the church after some boys playing soccer found a newborn boy in a garbage bag on the soccer field with his umbilical cord still attached. The baby boy was saved and adopted by a parishioner and at his dedication the Pastor was determined that no baby should be left in a garbage bag to die, so they installed the “Baby Safe” with instructions as well as a hot-line number for help. The ministry stated that since installation 5 years ago, 7 babies have been placed in the Baby Safe and hundreds of women have called the hot-line and received help before abandoning their babies.

In December of 2014, a baby girl was found dead in a park in Indianapolis, wrapped in a sweatshirt and left in the cold. She was given the name “Amelia Grace Hope” and was given a beautiful funeral and final resting place, honoring her short life. Safe Haven Baby Boxes is determined that Amelia Grace Hope’s death not be in vain and that there is much work to be done in the state of Indiana educating young women and men about the Safe Haven Law as well as providing a last line of defense in the form of the Safe Haven Baby Box. Safe Haven Baby Boxes also markets and promotes the Safe Haven Laws across the state and operates a 24 hour hot-line, which will be manned by trained volunteers in Crisis Pregnancy Counseling. Pam Stenzel, who has years of experience in counseling pregnant teens and families in crisis will train all hot-line volunteers and oversee the operation of the hot-line. Safe Haven Baby Boxes will also participate in training first responders. Monica Kelsey, who is a medic with the Woodburn, Indiana fire department and Three Rivers Ambulance Authority (TRAA), has been involved in training first responders.

Safe Haven Baby Boxes are now operating in three of the 50 states in the United States. As an organization that prides itself on not only saving babies but also saving women from a life time of guilt, our goal is to be in all 50 states by the year 2025.