



# The **MISSION & HISTORY** of the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery

The CRISIS NURSERY is committed to preventing child abuse and neglect by providing emergency intervention, respite care and support for families with children ages birth through 12 years.

First efforts to establish the Nursery were in 1983, when the Junior League of St. Louis conducted research in the area of child abuse. Deaconess Hospital (now Forest Park Community Hospital) was secured as the site, and The United Way, along with the Coalition of 100 Black Women were among the first sources of funding.

On July 21, 1986, SLCN opened its doors for the first child. Over the years, 3 additional nurseries and 2 community outreach centers have been opened. **Since opening, more than 46,000 children have received care, and over 99% of children served have no further reported abuse or neglect.**

### Common reasons to turn to the Crisis Nursery:

- \*Overwhelming parental stress
- \*Lack of utilities, food or shelter
- \*Domestic violence
- \*Illness or death in the family

### FY 2007 Statistics:

- 4,695 children were admitted to the Crisis Nursery
- 4,909 families were provided counseling and support
- 1,390 Community Outreach Visits were conducted
- 283 Special Needs Children were cared for at the Crisis Nursery
- 24,268 Hours were volunteered
- 180,921 referrals were given to families in crisis

*Helping children and families weather the storms of life.*



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