



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



#### **Our Mission**

Nurses for Newborns provides a safety net for families most at-risk in order to prevent infant mortality, child abuse, and neglect by providing in-home nursing visits, which promote healthcare, education, and positive parenting skills.

Dear Friends & Community Members,

I never imagined I would be writing to you in the middle of a global pandemic which took us all by storm in March. In our nearly 30-year history at Nurses for Newborns, we have never faced a crisis of this magnitude and scale. Parents are losing jobs. Children are going hungry. Families are on the brink of homelessness. Social distancing measures are making it even harder for some parents and caregivers to access critical pediatric healthcare and provide crucial necessities for their babies.

Babies like Anna. And mothers like Tonya. A positive COVID-19 diagnosis would be scary for anyone, but imagine not being to take care of your baby? With the fear of spreading the virus to her family, Tonya has been distancing in her bedroom while her husband, Charles, cares for their children, 8-month-old Anna, and her 5-year-old brother.

"It's hard to hear them doing daily things and not being able to interact. It's even harder when one of my babies is crying for their momma and I can't go out and hug them," says Tonya. "They can't possibly understand why I don't come."

Thanks to generous support from our community, Nurses for Newborns is able to help. We are providing the family with what they need most: healthcare services, critical supplies, and resources to support the health and wellbeing of everyone in the family. "I don't know what I would do without our nurse checking in on us," said Charles. "These guys didn't come with instructions, and COVID-19 has made everything harder."

Baby Anna's family is not alone. Food insecurity and lack of essential baby supplies is affecting thousands of babies and families in our region and across the nation. At stake is the healthy growth and brain development of our next generation. And in time of need, we respond and come together for each other.

In response to witnessing so many families going without the basics, NFN partnered with the St. Louis Area Foodbank and the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank to distribute food, diapers and formula to anyone in need.

"Thank you so much!" said a tearful mother with 3 children in car seats, "My babies are hungry, and I got laid off last month."

To date, we have broadened our services to families via virtual formats, video calls, porch visits, and contactless deliveries. We have been able to continue providing care without missing a beat and while keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Through your generosity and the courage of families to give us a chance to partner with them, we are coming together at a critical moment in history. On behalf of all of us, thank you!

With gratitude,

Melinda Monroe, MA Chief Executive Officer



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#### **Our Vision**

Families of all babies will receive healthcare, education and support they need so that every baby will be healthy, safe and nurtured in their home and able to fulfill their full potential.

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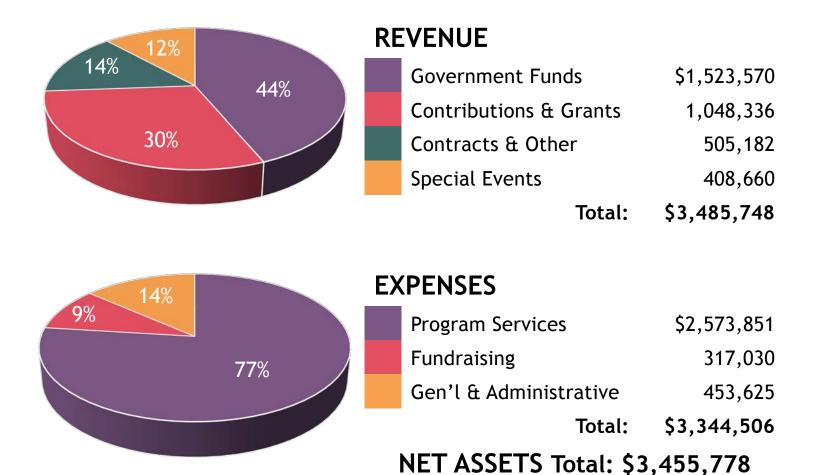
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## Missouri FY21 Statistics



#### How We Serve

Registered Nurses serve families through an evidence-informed home visiting model and provide core services including: 1) health assessments of the infant and mother, 2) extensive screening including maternal depression, infant developmental delays, and risk for child abuse/neglect, 3) teaching on infant care, safe sleep, formula preparation and breastfeeding, CPR and more, and 4) resources and referrals for needed services. Community Health Worker visits may be added to the care plans of families with additional needs.

Families enrolled are assisted whenever possible with donated materials needed for safe care. In addition to staff, NFN welcomes hundreds of volunteers each year who help manage the logistics of this work.



# Missouri FY21 Statistics







#### Service Summary

7,827 Nurse Telehealth Visits 2,553 Community Health Visits Social Worker Visits 188

**Total Visits** 10,568 97% of NFN babies received appropriate immunizations

99.7% of NFN babies were free from safety related injuries

#### Counties Served

Butler Perry

Carter Reynolds

Crawford Shannon

St. Charles Dent

Dunklin St. François

Franklin Ste. Genevieve

Howell St. Louis City

St. Louis County Iron

Stoddard Jefferson

Lincoln Warren

Washington Madison

Wayne Osage

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99% of NFN babies avoided unnecessary ER visits

99% of NFN moms avoided rapid repeat pregnancy

77% of NFN caregivers utilized community resources for further

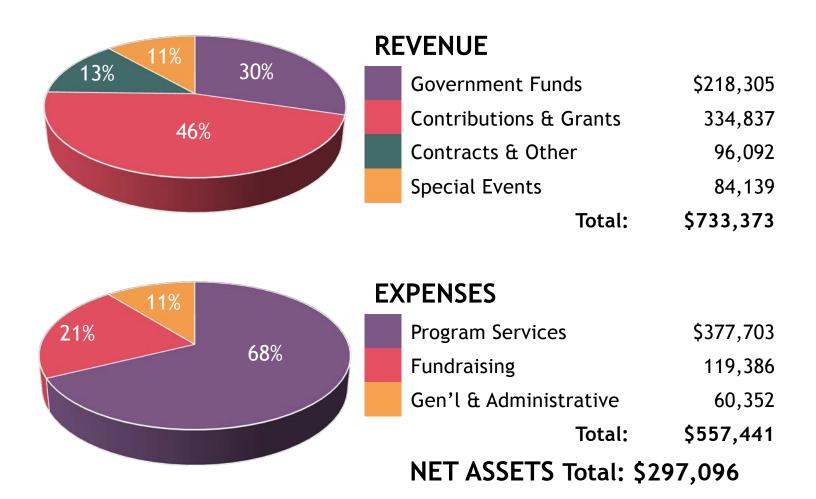
assistance

#### **Major Events**

A Night for Newborns Virtual Auction March 6, 2021



### Tennessee FY21 Statistics



#### Who We Serve

Nurses for Newborns strives to serve families in our service areas that need support around their pregnancy and care for their newborn. Most often, families face one or more challenges, like infant developmental delays, physical disabilities of the parent, mental health problems, domestic abuse, access to healthcare, poverty or social constraints that affect the welfare of the child and family.



# Tennessee FY21 Statistics

#### **Service Summary**

Nurse Home Visits 1,702
Infants Served 345
Caregivers Served 321

**96**% of NFN babies received appropriate immunizations

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#### **Counties Served**

Cheatham

Davidson

Maury

Montgomery

Robertson

Rutherford

Sumner

Williamson

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Night for Newborns Virtual Event April 17, 2021



# Missouri FY21 Supporters









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### **Our Values**

### **RESPECT**

Interact with the community and the internal team in a way that honors the dignity and importance of each person.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Maximize the gifts of time, dollars and talents that serve the mission, and to be accountable to these gifts

# **JUSTICE**

Serve the community without prejudice and with a commitment to inclusion and support of historically underserved members of its service area, working to end racial, geographic, social and economic inequities.

## **INTEGRITY**

Hold the trust of those it serves and those who serve as sacred, to act with fidelity to the NFN mission at all times, and to conduct business with transparency to its community, funders and partners.

### **EXCELLENCE**

Employ a rigorous program of continuous quality improvement that incorporates evidence-based practices in all aspects of agency leadership, nursing practice, staffing, policies and procedures.

"I am so thankful for this program. I am a single mother, and it has really helped to have someone check in on us. I am so grateful."

- NFN Mom

"This program is a lifesaver. Always very informative; going over and beyond to assist in any way possible. I'd forever recommend it to friends and family."

- NFN Mom



# **Success Stories**

Getting from TN





We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who cares so deeply about our mission, the families we are so honored to work with, and the babies we love and care for.

Thank you!!

### Some Ways to Get Involved

#### **Donate**

Government and foundation grants cover only a portion of our expenses at Nurses for Newborns. With the help of donations, we have been able to serve families for over 30 years. We accept donations over the phone, by mail, and through our website: www.nursesfornewborns.org

#### **Fundraisers**

We are always excited when community organizations come together and raise money for babies. It is a great way for friends to gather for a purpose while having fun. Call one of our offices if you need suggestions or guidance in setting up a fundraiser.

MO: 314-544-3433 TN: 615-313-9989

#### Volunteer

Nurses for Newborns values volunteers! We need both regular and occasional volunteers in our offices as well as at fundraising events.

Visit us online at:

www.nursesfornewborns.org

or call our offices to get involved and help us
better serve the community.