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Safe Haven Surrender at Marion General Hospital

MARION, INDIANA (JULY 9, 2026) – Last month, a mother in crisis safely surrendered her newborn at Marion General Hospital in Marion, Indiana. This infant was handed to the hospital staff at the Baby Box location. The infant is now in the care of the Indiana Department of Child Services and will be placed with an adoptive family through the state's established adoption process.

Safe Haven Baby Boxes founder Monica Kelsey said, *"We are grateful this mother trusted our program on one of the hardest days of her life to keep her baby safe. When communities are prepared for safe surrender, vulnerable members of those communities are protected."*

Right to Life of North Central Indiana played a key role in bringing awareness of the Safe Haven Law to the region through educational campaigns across Indiana counties and funded the Marion General Hospital Baby Box installation.

Since 2017, **83 infants have been safely surrendered in Baby Boxes nationwide**, and more than **200 additional infants have been safely surrendered through face-to-face Safe Haven handoffs**.

The National Safe Haven Baby Boxes Crisis Hotline (**1-866-99BABY1**) is available 24/7 to provide confidential support, information, and Safe Haven options to parents in crisis.

For more information or to find a Baby Box location, visit **www.shbb.org**.

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