



Dear Community Supporter,

On January 18, 2020 the Bay Area Crisis Nursery (BACN) will welcome over 350 guests from across the Bay Area to our 20th annual Crab Feed. **It's the biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are asking for your support as an in-kind donor to make our annual Crab Feed our most successful event yet!**

BACN has been open since 1981 and are the only crisis nursery in the Bay Area. It is a short-term residential home for children ages newborn to 5 years and meets a vital need in our community. Open 24 hours every day, parents can bring their children under a wide range of circumstances including domestic violence, homelessness, medical emergency and/or respite breaks. The children stay with us from one day to one month, giving the parents time to resolve their problems. Our mission is simple, yet powerful—"to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing supportive services to families."

Since its creation, we have rocked to sleep and held for comfort 38,000 children. It costs around \$170 a day to keep a bed available for a child in need. Children sometimes stay for a week, like the young boy who came to us while his mother had surgery and didn't have any extended family to care for him. Sometimes children will stay as long as one month, like the toddler whose mother was escaping domestic violence and needing a place for her three-year-old to go while she worked two jobs to make enough money for a safe place to live.

Although our services are provided at no cost to the community, running BACN costs money. We are 100% funded by private and corporate donations and community fundraising all without government funding or grants. Our financial needs can only be filled with help from generous friends like you. **We need your help to do what we do.**

Choosing to donate goods or services at our annual Crab Feed Auction makes a HUGE difference to the nursery. Through our extensive donor contacts and community of supporters, social media, printed materials and acknowledgments at this large event, we hope to create a return on your donation and your generosity. Attached, please find our in-kind sponsor form for your tax-deductible donation.

We always love to hear from you. Please feel free to reach out to us at events@bayareacrisisnursery.org if you have any questions about sponsorship, donations, or just want to find out more about the Bay Area Crisis Nursery.

We are so grateful for your support and we thank you from the very bottom of our hearts.

With Sincere Gratitude,
The Bay Area Crisis Nursery

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