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### **268 Newborns Given a Chance at Life A Safe Haven for Newborns Coming to the Aid of Newborns**

**Miami, Florida** - A Safe Haven for Newborns, The Gloria M. Silverio Foundation, a 501(c)3, not for profit organization, assists distressed pregnant women from all walks of life in their moment of crisis with a confidential toll-free 24/7 multilingual helpline. Sixteen years after it was established, the Foundation is fulfilling its mission and has given 268 newborns a chance at a life with loving, caring parents that will nurture and guide them as they grow up instead of being left in an unsafe place increasing the chances of their demise. The Foundation is often the last recourse for the young expectant mothers who are hiding their pregnancy and are scared; and, who themselves feel abandoned by their own family and feel they have no where to turn. To date, over 5,000 pregnant women have turned to Safehaven for support in their most difficult time.

The Foundation offers several programs to assist the expectant mother to make the decision that is right for her and her baby. Some of the resources available to them include counseling, parenting skills, health related issues, adoption and confidentially placing the newborn in a safe haven location. The program is available in all 67 Florida counties and has been recognized nationally as the prototype for setting the standard for affiliated programs in the states of Kansas and Missouri and the country of Panama.

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Newborns, seven days or younger, can be left at hospitals and 24/7 staffed Fire/EMS Stations without fear of legal repercussion and no questions asked. These locations are easily identified by the Safe Haven signage displayed at their entrance. The Foundation provides a professional, web-based curriculum to hospitals and first responders so that they are prepared to receive the newborn.

Every year the Foundation hosts “A Wonderland in Safe Haven Gala”, celebrating the lives of the precious newborns. This year the event will take place on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Inter-Continental Miami hotel located in downtown Miami. The evening will begin at 7 PM with a reception and silent auction; followed by dinner and dancing. Proceeds from the event go to fund the many programs the Foundation offers. The Gloria M. Silverio Foundation is an all volunteer organization.

As Nick Silverio, founder of The Gloria M. Silverio Foundation, strongly believes and continuously says, “If we only save one life, it will all be worth it.”

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