

# Executive Summary

## Who We Are

In 1981, Sister Ann Weltz established the Bay Area Crisis Nursery (BACN), which remains the only crisis nursery in the Bay Area offering free, voluntary and confidential services. A crisis nursery is a place a family can temporarily place their young children in a time of personal crisis.

## What We Do

We prevent the abuse and neglect of young children by providing support to families who are under stress or in crisis. We provide a warm, safe, loving and homelike environment for children of families in crisis. Over the past 30 years, there have been over 22,000 admissions. Last year, there were 1,203 admissions.

## How We Do It

Our nonprofit organization has two sites providing 24-hour residential care for children: the Nursery for children birth through age five, and the Dahlstrom House for children age six through eleven. Here children receive shelter, food, clothing, toys and tender care while parents develop a plan of action to resolve the crisis and / or alleviate the stress.

## Who Supports BACN

BACN's operations are funded solely by donations from individuals, businesses, the faith community, service clubs and organizations, private foundations and fundraising events. We receive no government funding. Services are provided at no fee to our clients.

## Who operates BACN

BACN is run with a volunteer Board of Directors, management team, and a staff of 15 devoted to child care. The management team coordinates the operations, volunteers and fundraising. In addition, we are augmented by over 100 childcare volunteers, allowing BACN to maintain its focus on the children.

## WHY We Do What We Do

BACN believes that child abuse is preventable. Helping parents in crisis before an incident occurs is our core tenet. As a result of the support we provide, we help parents and their children grow into a healthy family with a minimum of stress.

# FAQ's & Statistics

## Numbers at a Glance

**30** years in operation

**1,203** admissions last year

**100%** not for profit organization

**4,700** sq. ft facility with 20 beds for young children ages birth to 5 years old

**6** bed home for older children ages 6 to 12 years old

**100+** volunteers

**3** annual fundraisers

**24** hour a day, 365 day a year service provider

**1** mission to prevent child abuse

### What is a crisis nursery?

BACN is a short term residential care facility for young children of families in a time of personal crisis. We service families with parents who care but temporarily can't cope with overwhelming, stressful life emergencies.

### Who are the clients?

Among the many diverse socio-economic families that seek support from BACN, one commonality is the overwhelming desire to find relief from extraordinary and immediate stress. Some are homeless; some have substance abuse problems or are fleeing domestic violence. Some have a history of mental illness; others have a medical emergency. Most clients reside in the greater East Bay.

### What makes BACN unique?

BACN is the only crisis nursery in our geographical area; we are funded by private donations without any government assistance; and our services are provided at no charge to the clients.

### Why is the BACN model successful?

We stop the clock 24 hours at a time, allowing time and resources to combine as prevention to child abuse before an incident within the family occurs.

Our goal is to bridge the need for emergency childcare while providing a support network of resources and services to ensure both parents and children form a healthy family.

To ensure continued success for the family, BACN also provides a Respite Care program allowing monthly respite support of the children. This allows our clients the time they need to acquire additional services for continued stress reduction for the family.

# Success Stories & Quotes

## A young Mother seeks help from Bay Area Crisis Nursery

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Finding herself a single mother of twin 6 week old babies, this mother suffered from overwhelming stress. Additionally, this mother was taking prescription medicine but the use had turned into abuse. Her babies were admitted to the safety of BACN while the mother located a residential treatment program. Shortly afterward, the family was able to live together under the care of a residential treatment program, which provided the mother with the services and resources she needed to grow into a successful family.

## Unexpected crisis leads Father to BACN

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A Mother dropped her child off for a scheduled custodial visit to the Father, but never returned to pick up the child. Father would have lost his job if he did not return to work as scheduled, yet had no available childcare options. Child was admitted to BACN, and Father referred to childcare resources. Within a short time, Father and child were living together permanently and doing fine.

## One step away from homeless, Mother seeks out BACN

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A single, unemployed Mother found herself about to lose her apartment due to financial distress. Under extreme stress and fearful of losing her child if she became homeless, Mother sought out BACN where her child was admitted, and she was referred to housing agencies and employment resources. Family was reunited, with housing stabilized and employment found.

*"It seems everything about this place is designed to nurture. Safety, protection, fun and a sense of home... you know this is a special place."*

*Corporate volunteer, employees at her firm made Easter Baskets for the children.*

*"In my own experience, I had nowhere to go with the baby. Usually when a crisis hits, it's unforeseen and (the people at the Bay Area Crisis Nursery) are there in that instant."*

*Former client, later a volunteer*

# Mission & Management

The purpose of the Bay Area Crisis Nursery is to prevent abuse and neglect of children by providing support to families who are in stress or crisis. Our primary service is providing a warm, loving, homelike environment for children birth through eleven years of age by offering 24 hour residential care. This service is free, confidential and voluntary.

Our other primary care is a Respite Care Program. The Respite Care Program is designed to be an ongoing support to families after the immediate crisis. It consists of planned pre-arranged two to four day stays. This service plays an important role in improving family coping patterns and reducing the risks of child abuse.

Our plans for expansion in the coming years include the establishment of an additional home for older children and the establishment of a transitional housing program for families. Providing a second home for older children will better serve families with children between the ages of 6 to 12 years old. Establishing a transitional housing program for families will allow them to obtain and maintain housing, easing the threat of homelessness. These families can then learn the skills needed to be successful and stable.

## Board of Directors

Linda Pettie

AT&T

President

Joyce Wong

USP Postal Service (retired)

Vice President

Herb Hellsten, Jr.

Chevron (retired)

Treasurer

Louann Ginn

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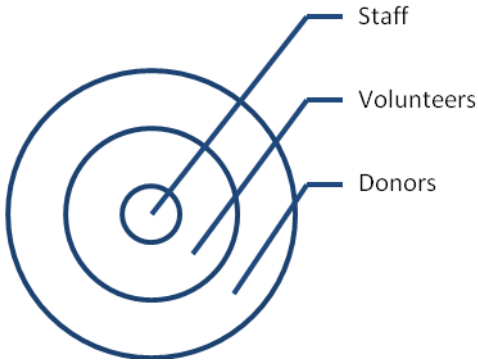
Bill Gallagher

Karen Scott-Hultman

Ann Wright

Sister Ann Weltz (Founder)

# Who Supports BACN



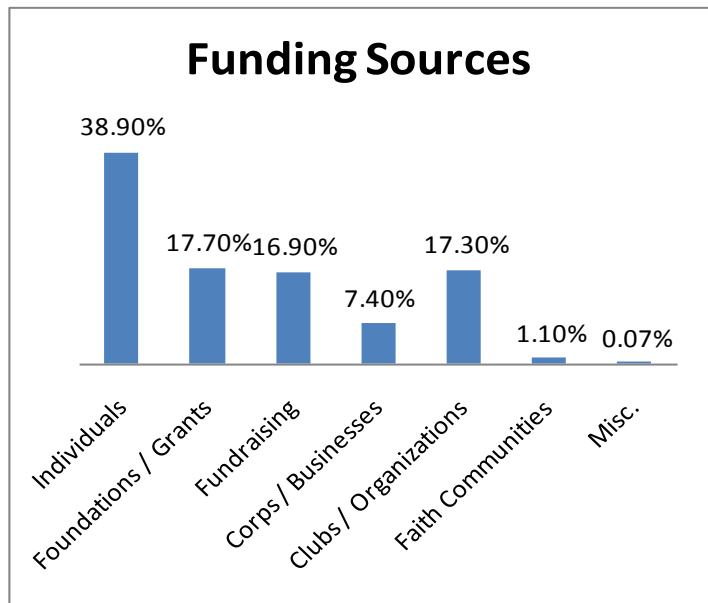
*The Bay Area Crisis Nursery is a privately funded non-profit organization that receives no government funding. We do not seek federal, state, or county funds because such sources often require proof that abuse has occurred before services can be provided. Our proactive approach enables parents in crisis to seek help before an incident occurs.*

With an annual operating budget of just under 1 million dollars, we rely completely on donations from individuals, businesses, the faith community, clubs and organizations, private foundations and from fundraising efforts. It is through the generosity of the overall community that we can continue to provide safety for the children and support for parents during times of stress or crisis.

Our primary support comes from individuals, foundations, clubs, organizations, businesses and faith communities who donate monetary funds, goods and services. We host three fundraising events per year to raise funds and connect with our supporters. Lastly, a strict cost controls allow our funds to stretch further.

In addition, BACN is generously augmented by a large society of committed volunteers. The time and energy they devote to BACN and the families we serve is truly inspiring.

We could not operate without the many, many helping hands that spend time with the children, donate their time to projects, and offer themselves in service to BACN.



# Partners: The Media and BACN

Bay Area Crisis Nursery is a gateway organization, dedicated to helping children and their families in times of extraordinary stress. We often see evidence of how larger social, economic and urban issues are affecting our local communities and the families in which we are of service. Available to share our experience with the local media, we can provide your organization an accurate and real life interpretation of the issues currently in the news. In the process, we hope to help build awareness of our organization and our mission to prevent child abuse one child at a time.

## Our Expertise:

Child Abuse Prevention

Local Family Stress Issues

Community Resources

Community Volunteerism

Family Success Stories

Issues in the Non-Profit Sector

## News we would like to share:

Upcoming community events in which we participate, including holiday gift drives

Spotlight on extraordinary volunteers who significantly impact the local community

Profile of successful families who have overcome obstacles to grow and thrive

How local service and faith organizations organize and support nonprofit organizations

# Events and News

## Annual Events Calendar

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### Spring

- Casino Grande Fundraiser, Blackhawk Auto Museum
- Volunteer Dinner

### Summer

- Key Supporters Annual BBQ

### Fall

- Annual Yard Sale
- Fall Gala at Diablo Country Club

### Winter

- Holiday Toy /Food Drive

## Latest News

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