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**Brigid's Path Treats 21% More Babies in 2019**

*New Report Highlights Non-Profit's Impact on Community*

**KETTERING, OH (April 16, 2020)** – [Brigid's Path](#), the first newborn recovery center in Ohio, today released its [2019 Annual Report](#).

"2019 was our second full year of operation, and we continue to see so many lives transformed with grace, support and hope," said Jill Kingston, executive director, Brigid's Path. "We're proud to show the community the ways our non-profit is helping make big changes possible for families in Ohio."

[The report](#) includes information on numbers of families served, resources provided and more successes from January to December 2019. Highlights include:

- Brigid's Path cared for **40 babies** in 2019 – a **21% increase from 2018**
- **Every family** with a baby at Brigid's Path in 2019 needed trauma therapy and lacked reliable transportation; **70%** of the families lacked safe housing. Brigid's Path is able to help connect families with the local resources they need to address challenges like trauma, transportation and housing while their newborn is treated at Brigid's Path.
- **Anyone can refer a baby or family to Brigid's Path.** In 2019, top referrals were from Child Protective Services (35%), moms/families (27%) and local hospitals (27%).
- More than **120 volunteers gave more than 13,000 hours** of their time to Brigid's Path in 2019, cuddling babies, doing laundry, cleaning the facility and more.
- **Without Brigid's Path, 24 babies would have been placed immediately into foster care from hospital care in 2019.** Instead, the organization was able to help families bond with their babies and connect with resources to help identify options for the future.
- Since welcoming its first baby in December 2017, **Brigid's Path has cared for 84 babies and families facing the challenges of substance use disorder.**

"We often get requests for our outcomes from physicians, community members and other organizations who want to support us – and I get it. As human beings, we all want to know that something we're investing in is making a difference," said Kingston. "When we're dealing with people and lives, we also

have to trust that the good work we're doing to help families make the best choices they can will pay dividends we'll never know."

As a licensed Children's Crisis Care Facility for the state of Ohio, Brigid's Path focuses on serving families impacted by addiction. [Its primary work](#) is to care for infants born exposed to an addictive substance like prescription medication, opioids or other drugs. The organization employs the latest therapeutic techniques – both medicinal and nonpharmacological – to help babies be as comfortable as possible while they experience withdrawal. Brigid's Path also works with community partners to [provide resources](#) for families to achieve the stability that will help them care for their children for both the near- and long-term.

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### **About Brigid's Path**

[Brigid's Path](#) was founded in 2014 to care for babies and mothers in crisis with grace, love and hope. Our primary work is to care for infants born exposed to an addictive substance like prescription medication, opioids or other drugs, while also working with community partners to provide low-cost, holistic services to our families. We embrace and empower each baby's family to thrive.