

BABY BOX

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The 6th Safe Haven baby box in Arkansas is now in place at a fire station in Maumelle. It's the 82nd box in the nation where newborns can be safely dropped off by anyone not ready to care for a child. An unveiling and blessing ceremony was held on Sunday to celebrate the installation. The CEO and founder of Safe Haven Baby Box, Monica Kelsey, says after being abandoned herself as an infant she wanted to be able to provide a place where infants could be surrendered safely.

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“...any of that.”

The box has both heating and cooling capabilities and locks once an infant is inside, so only medical personnel can retrieve the child. The box then triggers a 911 call or silent alarm, ensuring the process is quick. Kelsey says the organization provides counseling to mothers who are considering surrendering an infant.

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“...why they're there.”

The other baby boxes in Arkansas are located in Benton, Jonesboro, Rogers, and Springdale.