



**Old National Bank - Bob Jones Family Community Room**  
**Riverside Drive at Main Street**  
**Downtown Evansville**



May 10th – Children’s Museum (cMoe)  
Tour Planned

## Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

**Santa  
Clothes Club**

President Emily introduced our speakers. Jen and Olivia Savage with Safe Haven Baby Boxes. The organization was started by Monica Kelsey who saw the service while on a mission trip and brought it to the USA. A Baby Box is a safety device provided under state's Safe Haven Law and legally permits a mother in crisis to safely, securely, and anonymously surrender if they are unable to care for their newborn. A Baby Box is installed in an exterior wall of a designated fire station or hospital. It has an exterior door that automatically locks upon placement of a newborn inside the Baby Box, and an interior door which allows a medical staff member to secure the surrendered newborn from inside the designated building.

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Olivia was introduced by her mom, Jen. Olivia is 11 years old and is well versed about Safe Haven Baby Boxes. There are two boxes in Evansville where newborns can be brought to be given up. So far, the two in Evansville have not been used. They are located a Fire station # 3 at 4<sup>th</sup> and Fulton Avenue. The other one is located at Firehouse #16 on Washington Avenue near Green River Road. Many of the babies come from college towns. The mother puts the baby in the box and remains anonymous. They have 30 days to change their mind and start the process to get her baby back.

Most states have a law that covers baby abandonment. There are 142 boxes in 9 states. Once every three days they are used by mothers. 95% of these babies are born at home. If you want more information, go to [www.shbb.org](http://www.shbb.org)

Remember, Our next meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> will be a tour of the Children's Museum (cMoe) in Downtown Evansville.

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