

## Baby Saver now part of Child Welfare protection

The Helderberg Baby Saver is pleased to announce that it is now affiliated to Child Welfare South Africa: Helderberg.

"It made sense to become part of an existing organisation in the Helderberg whose focus is also on protecting babies and children," says Sandy Immelman, founder of the Helderberg Baby Saver. "We are very grateful to their welcoming us as part of their team!"

This community-based facility offers a safer option of abandonment than to

discard an unwanted baby than a dustbin or drain. It is a special safe built in the wall of the Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Schapenberg Road, Somerset West, where mothers can place their infants. When a baby is placed in the safe, an alarm is triggered and an appointed respondent collects the infant.

The inspiration behind Baby Saver facility is "Baby Amber", who was found alive by a homeless man and his dog on 8 February 2014, after being abandoned on the riverside in

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Andries Pretorius Street.

Since its inception, three babies have benefited from the Baby Saver and been given a chance at life. Babies placed in the Saver go through an adoption process managed by Wandisa Child Protection

Organisation.

Child Welfare South Africa: Helderberg is one of the oldest volunteer-driven organisations in the country, established in 1956 with the mission "to promote the development, interests, safety and well-being of children within the context of family and community, and to safeguard the rights of children."

Its main emphasis is on child protection services, particularly in the Helderberg, which is why the partnership has been formed.