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Baby Violet gets a second chance

Since the Helderberg Baby Saver (HBS) was launched in 2014, a total of 12 babies have been safely relinquished through it. The first six babies came in over a period of eight years, with the last six being placed in the Saver within the past 11 months. The HBS is placed in the wall of Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Somerset West, and is a safe alternative for a desperate parent if they are planning to or are forced to abandon their newborn. The Saver is available 24 hours a day, every day. There are no cameras and it is safe to use anonymously. Babies coming through the Saver are checked by paramedics then transported to Helderberg Hospital for observation, whereafter Wandisa Child Protection and Adoption Agency gets legal permission to place them in temporary safe care for a prescribed period (while adverts are placed in order for parents to come forward), whereafter they are placed for adoption. Baby Violet was placed safely in the HBS last week, and was clearly loved. She was well dressed, healthy and clean. Three of the HBS First Responder team – Sophia Warner, Amanda-Lea Jones, and Karen



■ Baby Violet sleeps peacefully in her bassinet. This precious little girl is in safe hands, thanks to Helderberg Baby Saver.

Bufé – were on the scene within minutes, and accompanied the ambulance to Helderberg Hospital, and kept Baby Violet company while she was admitted. “We are very grateful that this precious little girl was safely relinquished, and not just abandoned. Her mother/parents made a brave decision for her future wellbeing,” said Sandy Immelman, founder of HBS. “It is clear that the need for Savers is escalating and we encourage everyone to join in with Baby Savers South Africa in the fight to have Savers legalised in this country in order to save these little lives.” Ms Immelman also expressed her gratitude to the wonderful staff of Helderberg Hospital. For more details, visit babysaver.co.za and babysaverssa.co.za and if anyone has any information pertaining to Baby Violet, call Renate Malan or Wandisa on 079 063 4144.

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