



# Save Abandoned Babies Foundation

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **SAVE ABANDONED BABIES FOUNDATION LAUNCHES PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT**

**When:** Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010  
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Chicago Fire House #98, A Safe Haven Location  
202 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611

**Who:** Dawn Geras, Save Abandoned Babies Foundation  
Katie Jannetto, Save Abandoned Babies Foundation  
Chet Coppock, Chicago Sports Personality  
Ashley Bradarich, Miss Illinois, U.S.A.  
Eric, Missy and Baby Sophie (Safe Haven family)

**What:** Kick off Photo Scavenger Hunt Contest

**Chicago, IL** –The Save Abandoned Babies Foundation (SAB) in an effort to increase awareness of the Safe Haven law will kick off a photograph contest, open to all Illinois residents 18 years old and older.

Learn about the Safe Haven law and the photo contest that will increase awareness of this life saving law. Hear why Chet Coppock and Ashley Bradarich are lending their support to this contest.

Come meet a very special family, and learn how the Illinois Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act forever changed their lives. Hear their story of taking Sophie into their home and hearts. Sophie's parents are stepping forward to help provide awareness of the Safe Haven law and its goal: to prevent the deaths of newborn infants.

These Safe Haven signs were first used when the Chicago City Council passed an Ordinance requiring every Chicago hospital, fire and police station to display them in a conspicuous place. The next step was passing an Illinois Law mandating every safe haven in the State follow the example set by Chicago. Currently there are at least 23 other States using this sign. Sadly, most people don't know what it symbolizes. The contest will bring the sign to people's attention resulting in their learning about the Safe Haven law, and saving the lives of more precious newborn babies.

The law allows parents a safe mechanism to anonymously relinquish an unharmed infant 30 days old or younger to staff at any Illinois hospital, police or fire station or emergency care facility. They can walk away with no questions asked and no fear of prosecution. The baby is then placed in a loving home for adoption, a home like Sophie now has.

The public is invited to attend.

There will be an opportunity for pictures and questions.

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