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Mimms to speak at dedication of the 29th Safe Haven Baby Box in Arkansas April 22

PARAGOULD – A dedication and “blessing” of the 29th Safe Haven Baby Box in Arkansas and the 336th location nationwide will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, at Paragould Fire Station No. 2, 700 U.S. 49, Paragould.

Rose Mimms, executive director of Arkansas Right to Life, will represent Safe Haven Baby Boxes at the dedication, which also will include Ellen Riggs of the Junior Auxiliary, Rep. Jimmy Gazaway, Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge, Mayor Josh Agee, and County Judge Rusty McMillon. Jared Pickney, non-denominational minister, will offer a blessing and additional remarks.

“Arkansas Right to Life is pleased to speak on behalf of Safe Haven Baby Boxes at the blessing of the 29th Arkansas Safe Haven Baby Box at Paragould Fire Station No. 2,” said Mimms, adding, “The Safe Haven Law and Safe Haven Baby Boxes in our state offer mothers and fathers the opportunity to surrender their infant without fear or shame when unable to parent themselves, knowing that their child will be cared for and loved by the first responders and by a forever family in adoption.”

Monica Kelsey founded Safe Haven Baby Boxes in an effort to end infant abandonment. In addition to baby boxes, the organization provides a confidential National Hotline, 1-866-99BABY1. Twenty states have a Baby Box presence. Since 2017, 58 infants have been safely and legally surrendered in a Baby Box. The National Safe Haven Crisis line has assisted with more than 150 handoff surrenders. Each year the numbers increase with more baby boxes available across the country. Surrendered infants are adopted by families who have registered as foster to adopt. The local Department of Family Services coordinates the adoption process.

Additional information on Safe Haven Baby Boxes is available at shbb.org. Kelsey may be reached at monicakelsey@safehavenbabyboxes.com.

Arkansas Right to Life, the state’s oldest and largest pro-life organization, is an affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, the leading voice of the voiceless dedicated to protecting all human beings threatened by abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. For more information visit artl.org.