



Birthdays by You 

BOX of  Balloons
and so much more.

YOU'RE INVITED

To help advance Box of Balloons mission to make each birthday
happy and every child celebrated!

When: Now

Where: Your Hometown

Please RSVP to Box Of Balloons Contact@boxofballoons.org
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Our Mission

Box of Balloons is a non-profit organization on a mission to make each birthday happy and every child celebrated. Every child deserves to feel special, be celebrated and have a memorable party. Unfortunately that is not possible for many families. In America 22% of children live below the poverty level. We believe that a birthday celebration can give families the joy and hope they may be missing.

Our focus is to ensure each child feels special and celebrated on their birthday. A child's birthday should be happy despite a family's current situation, living conditions, or financial status.

Our fundamental goal is to provide joy, hope and celebration for the child and their family.

Our Vision

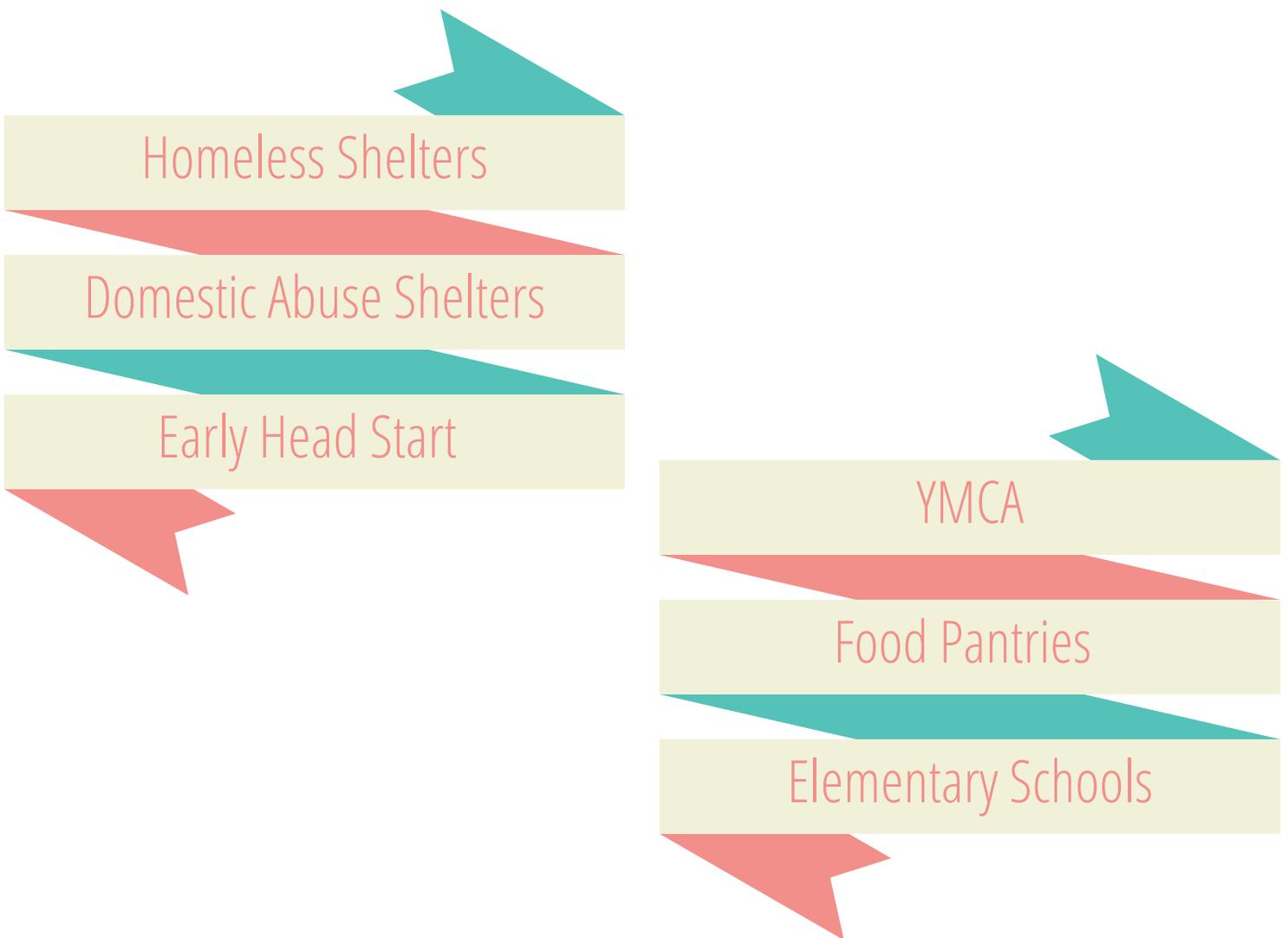
Our vision is to have a Box of Balloons team in every major city throughout the United States fulfilling birthday wishes and empowering parents. We see communities coming together to provide happiness and hope to families from the East coast to the West, North to South and beyond. In just over a year we have put roots in five states servicing a total of ten cities with local chapters!

We project that over the next five to seven years we will attain over 7,500 community volunteers within 75 BOB chapters and gain the ability to celebrate 3,750 children annually!



Who does Box of Balloons give birthday boxes to?

Each chapter has it's own unique needs and resources. Because of this, each chapter leader is responsible for finding our where their community 'needs' are. However, one thing remains the same for every chapter...the children who we give birthday boxes to are identified throughs social workers, community leaders and organizers as deserving and in need of a little happiness in their lives.



Homeless Shelters

Domestic Abuse Shelters

Early Head Start

YMCA

Food Pantries

Elementary Schools

Our Founders Story

Birthdays are special and worth celebrating because people are special. Every single person in this world has a birthday. Whether you are living with an abundance of resources or with very little every single person has a birthday that should be happy and celebrated.

I had a variety of party themes for my birthdays growing up including a horse theme, luau, geology lover party complete with safety goggles, gems and hammers, a spa party and more! The parties were filled with love, laughter and feelings of “you are important”. Fast forward a bunch of years and now I am married and a mother to three little boys. They are wild, energetic and party animals. From their very first birthdays we have had creative themes with over-the-top decorations, sweet treats and oodles of family and friends. Each of my boys look forward to their special day all year long, they dream up big celebrations and enjoy planning out games and favors for their friends.

A couple years ago when it seemed like we were in birthday party overdrive attending a different little friends party each weekend it hit me...there are lots of kids in the world not getting a party. My heart hurt bad, every single child should feel loved and special on their birthday, the one day each year it can be all about them. Knowing that it isn't possible for all parents or caregivers to give their children a birthday party I still felt like that can't and shouldn't be an excuse; there are hundreds, thousands of people with more than enough and huge hearts willing to help.

With that Box of Balloons was started, on a mission to make sure every child is celebrated and each birthday is happy. A overwhelming generous team of volunteers, donors and businesses have all come together in the past two and a half years to provide birthday boxes filled with all the necessary party supplies for children in need. We work with homeless shelters, domestic abuse shelters, school districts and more to give parents a box that is not only filled with tangible party supplies but also the hope they may need.



NICOLE MOLL CELEBRATING EVERY CHILD

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Nicole Moll has always belonged in a social justice milieu. She pursued both bachelor's and master's degrees in social work. She worked as the director of the children's ministry at her Sun Prairie church for five years. And she's had multiple roles in education and recreation, creating programming for children, before staying home to raise her own.

A friend prompted Moll with the question, "We all love having birthday parties for our kids. What if we did this for other kids?" The idea lingered, and the more Moll thought about it, the more she realized, "I really believe all children should be celebrated. And we all have a birthday. We're on a level playing field."

So in 2013, Box of Balloons was born to create birthday party kits for organizations that serve children in need, curating the perfect box for each kid's celebration. The organization partners with school social workers, domestic abuse shelters like the one at Domestic Abuse Intervention Services in Madison, and organizations such as Porch Light and Head Start.

Figuring out how to start and run a nonprofit came with a learning curve, but that clearly hasn't stopped Moll from growing Box of Balloons from a local group to 14 chapters in eight states. Now, Moll aims to expand the nonprofit nationally with a chapter in every state.

"We've had feedback from parents saying this was the first time their kid ever had a birthday party," Moll says. "We've had people tell us that it's something on their minds but that they can't provide. The feedback from social workers is similar, that they are limited in time and resources, but they know how important it is to provide this to the children and to have this as a memory in their lives." —Jenie Gao

InSpiring Woman 2016 - Happiness Nicole Moll

by Brooke Schumann



Can you imagine a world without birthdays? Some of children's fondest memories come from birthday celebrations with decorations, party favors, games, and time with family and friends. Let's not forget about the cake, either.

Nicole Moll, from Poynette a winner of InSpire Magazine's InSpiring Women contest, felt a deep connection to her birthday celebrations growing up as well. She and her two younger sisters would spend all year planning the theme for their birthday parties. Now, a mother of three boys, Nicole sees just how much of an impact birthday celebrations have on children.

That's why she started, "Box of Balloons." "Box of Balloons" is a non-profit organization that sponsors birthday parties for children in need. The box literally contains an entire party within it, such as decorations, cupcakes, party favors, and other helpful supplies. The organization works directly with social workers to get requests from children in need, so the "Box of Balloon" team can create a list to fulfill the requests for each child. Volunteers purchase particular items that they selected to be responsible for, and piece by piece the box begins to form a uniquely themed birthday. The box is brought to the child and they get to enjoy a specially crafted party just for them.

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“Box of Balloons” did take years of planning in the beginning. It was an idea Nicole had thought about for a long time, because there were challenges to overcome with all of the details. She was concerned about the parents or caregivers of the children not feeling involved. She said, “I have a degree in social work, and I kept thinking what would the parents be doing? We are strangers coming in throwing parties for their kids while they are doing what? Standing there feeling bad or awkward.” Nicole wanted the experience to reach not only the kids, but also the parents. As a solution, they began to work with social workers, which allowed for parents or caretakers of the children to play a role in opening the box and setting up the party for their child with no-strings attached.

The Sun Prairie community was where “Box of Balloons” filled its first two requests. After that, it was a hit. Nicole said, “After our first two, it really took off. We now have fourteen chapters in eight different states and we’ve given almost 600 birthday parties in two and a half years.” Nicole expressed that “Box of Balloons” would not be possible without all of the people who were so positive in the beginning who supported her. She stated, “We have an awesome group of volunteers helping and contributing.”

Not only has Nicole implemented this successful, uplifting non-profit, but she also sponsors children in need in Guatemala. She first went to Guatemala on a mission trip in college working in coffee fields and building a women’s center. While she was there she met a little girl who was five years old and decided to sponsor her. She returned back to Guatemala multiple times to visit her and her family. She would continue to sponsor her until she was 16 years old. Then, when she returned to Guatemala with her husband many years later for another mission trip, she began to sponsor another child she met there.

She exclaimed, “Now, I have another connection to go back.” Nicole’s love for serving others permeates all areas of her life. She volunteers at Heartland Community Church in Sun Prairie, The Road Home in Madison, she is a part of the Women’s Ministry, and serves as a member of the parents club at her children’s school.

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Nicole loves being such an active member in her community. She said, "I don't like to sit idle. To some people, it is relaxing for them to sit around. However, every – time I curl up on the couch, I wonder what else could I be doing? Being busy is something that energizes me. I know time is so limited, and I want to do the most that I can do for other people and make the most of my time." Nicole has enjoyed being able to see her children initiate their own want to give back to the community.

Recently, Nicole's three sons and herself created their own special event. She explained, "It is so cool, this past summer we made a day called, "Throw Kindness Friday," where we would collectively think about what we could do to brighten someone's day. One day, we brought iced coffee to lifeguards. Another time, we brought pizza to the homeless in Madison." So where does this inspiring woman get her inspiration from? She shared, "Biggest thing for me is God – I want to be his hands and feet. When you love God, you love others. That is something I live by. I want my kids to know that is what my mom did, and that's what I want to do."

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and so much more.

Box of Balloons currently has 22 chapters in 13 different states.

It is our goal to have at least one chapter in every state
(hopefully more)!

