

NEWSLETTER FALL, 2023

Christmas is Near!

And it's time for our last newsletter of the year..

She Chose Life About a year ago, a high school student, Kelly came into the center for a pregnancy test with her mom, Joy. Nervous that she was indeed pregnant, their fears were confirmed. The nurse was able to do an ultrasound and speak to her about her options. Kelly wasn't sure what she was going to do when she left, but Joy said she would support any decision she made.

In most situations like this, we come to expect that we probably won't hear back from a client and we many times we don't know what decision they have made. Not so with Kelly. One afternoon, she and her mom came back in unexpectedly and wanted to speak with the mentor who was in the ultrasound room with them. After a 30-minute conversation, Kelly decided that she was going to keep her baby! She was determined to make the best life she could for herself and her child.

Kelly gave birth to a beautiful baby girl and loves her unconditionally. Joy said to me, "I am so glad that we made the decision we did. Because if we hadn't, we wouldn't have her, and I don't know what we would do without her now that she's here."

Any time you receive a 'Not This One' text, you are being called to pray for an outcome just like this one. It's because of your prayers that this little one was given a chance to live!

Community Collaboration:

Life Choices has been joining 180 Ministries for a while now doing classes with women that stay there for 1-2 years as they recover and rebuild their lives from the devastation of addiction. It honestly is one of my highlights during the week to present and discuss a video course from our Bright Courses classes with the ladies there. We are just wrapping up a course called 'Unraveled Roots.' This course looks at abandonment, abuse, codependency, addiction, etc. We pray, discuss the topic, review scripture. God has truly been revealing to these women how much He loves them and is helping them. -Neisha, RN



Volunteer Spotlight

Meet our newest client advocate, Shira! She joined us 1 year ago with a teaching background, and is a ray of sunshine to everyone she meets! Outside of Life Choices Shira also serves with the Hospice Program for Hopewest. She enjoys time with her husband and her

family. Shira and her husband have 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren - Some live in the Denver area, some in Australia and one son and his wife live in Sacramento, California. Shira's love for the Lord reflects in all she does, and we are SO blessed to have her with us at Life Choices!

This Is The Season of Perpetual Hope.

Sacred Moments

When a new mother sees her baby for the first time and says, "I can see the baby's feet and hands! How cute." or when a mom sees her baby's heartbeat for the first time and she tears up and the father of her baby grabs her hand - this is sacred ground. I feel honored to get to be part of seeing their brand-new life for the very first time while conducting the Limited Obstetrical Ultrasounds with clients and their loved ones. We were recently (June 2023) blessed by the Knights of Columbus to get a brand-new ultrasound machine. The images are so much clearer than the refurbished 2016 machine. We had the new machine dedicated by the Knights of Columbus October 14th. We are so grateful to the Knights of Columbus for such a generous gift that brings joy and life to so many clients. Thank you! -Neisha Balleck, RN

A Note From Our Director ...



Colorado...there is so much to love about our beautiful state, majestic mountains, clear streams, and glacial lakes. On the western slope people are known to be friendly, hardworking, and honest. Sadly, over the last year we have seen some unsettling changes in our Centennial State. What was once a great place to vacation is now becoming an Abortion Destination. Women are coming from other areas across the country to end their pregnancy here in our state.

Colorado has passed new laws this year that make it harder and harder for pregnant women looking online for alternatives to abortion to reach their local pregnancy center. Search Google for "abortion alternative" and you will see pages of abortion providers, with no mention of

alternative choices. Pregnancy centers such as ours will only make the list if we pay exorbitant money to have good search placement. Additionally, our state has taken away a woman's choice to reverse a medical abortion by making the Abortion Pill Reversal illegal to dispense, deeming the drug (progesterone) dangerous, even though this drug is FDA approved and has been used by women for decades to help in preventing miscarriages. Pregnancy Centers like Life Choices are needed now more than ever!

We need your help. PRAY! Without ceasing...that is our first and foremost call. SUPPORT Life Choices, or your local pregnancy center. We are on the front-line battle not only with the state issues, but more importantly with real people that have real issues, fears, doubts, and struggles. Our mission is to be a light to those that need help; to support them through a difficult or unwanted pregnancy, to show love and compassion, not to judge but to offer hope and practical help.

Our giving has seen a dip this last year and we need to make up our shortfall for next year's budget. Please consider giving a one-time gift or even better, a monthly donation that helps ensure we are here to help her when she walks through our doors, giving her hope, purpose, and value. Your gift of any amount is appreciated, and blesses not only our clients, but generations to come! It truly is Kingdom giving! May God richly bless you this Holiday season and give you peace.... In his Grace, Gigi

2023 QUICK STATS:

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NEW CLIENTS

ULTRASOUNDS

CAR SEATS

NOT THIS ONE SHE CHOSE LIFE

DIAPERS

"GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THEM AND DO SO WITHOUT A GRUDGING HEART; THEN BECAUSE OF THIS THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BLESS YOU IN ALL YOUR WORK AND IN EVERYTHING YOU PUT YOUR HAND TO." **DEUTERONOMY 15:10**



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For It Is In Giving That We Receive

Your Generosity makes everything we do possible, and you are greatly appreciated! Contributions can be made by going to our website https://lifechoicesmontrose.org/support by accessing the QR code below (click 'support us'), or by using the envelope provided. We Thank You for your support!



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