

A WOMAN'S CHOICE

Changing hearts. Saving lives.

SAVE the DATE!

Saturday, November 2, 2019,
A Woman's Choice will hold it's
10th ANNUAL Walk for Life!

While AWC has been in existence since 1987, we didn't begin our Walk for Life event until 2010. We are so excited to celebrate this milestone!

The Walk for Life is a fun, family-friendly, fundraising event that requires no prior athletic training or ability. We welcome all ages – even infants in strollers! It's easy! You just recruit your sponsors, and then come join us in saving the lives of babies that otherwise may not have any chance at life!

The success of our Walk is built on the number of "sponsored" walkers who participate, so to have an abundance of walkers, we need an abundance of churches sharing this information for us! WE NEED YOU to "walk the talk!!" If you could help us by serving as a Walk Liaison at your church, please contact Janet at janets@supportawc.com.

To register as a Walker and start your own fundraising webpage, access our Walk for Life Website @ www.awcwalk.com and follow the prompts.



CHEYENNE WALKED THE TALK AND CHOSE *Life*

Cheyenne* walked into A Woman's Choice thinking abortion was her only option. She was confused spiritually, and being pregnant was not part of the plans she had for her life at the time. The good news was that the father of her baby was not in favor of abortion and her family was very supportive of her parenting.

Even though Cheyenne still struggled with her decision, she decided to sign up for our Life Steps educational program during her pregnancy. As she attended the sessions every other week, Cheyenne began learning about fetal development and parenting. At the end of each session, her Life Steps coach prayed with her. Cheyenne gradually began to embrace the baby growing inside her and knew she could not follow through with the abortion. We are excited to share that Cheyenne chose life!

We know we cannot change our clients' minds on our own. Only God can transform hearts. It IS up to us, though, to remain obedient to the LORD as we counsel our clients and do our best to "walk the talk," displaying Jesus through our words and actions.

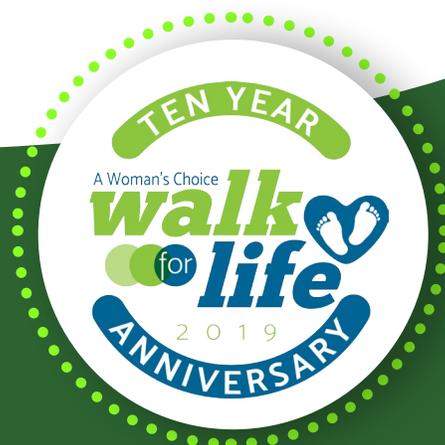


Cheyenne shared on her evaluation of us that what she liked best about our center was the "calm energy and positive people." She also commented that her initial Client Advocate "gave great wisdom and advice." Cheyenne's story is a great example of how we can influence lives by living according to biblical principles. Because her Client Advocate, her Life Steps coaches, and her support system "walked the talk," Cheyenne received encouragement to do the same.

*Name changed for privacy

"I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living."

Psalm 116:9





Rebecca's Heart

a note
from AWC's
Executive
Director

Our annual Scripture for the **Walk for Life** in recent years has been Psalm 116:9, *I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.* Both in context and out, this verse is rich in meaning.

My first thought in response to this Scripture is that we are all called to do what it says. As believers in Christ, we should be doing exactly that--walking out our faith every day in the here and now--in the time, place and culture the LORD has ordained for us. We can't just "talk the talk;" we must "walk the talk!" And it is through our walk that we glorify Him and He draws others to Himself. Praise God!

But as you read further through the passage from which this Scripture comes, you find that the proclamation to "walk before the LORD in the land of the living" follows deliverance from distress, sorrow and death. The LORD has delivered us so that we can walk before Him in the here and now. Isn't that awesome? Because of His mercy, grace, and goodness, He has heard our cry for help and saved us. Glory be to God!

And so now, we get to walk before Him in our land! It is not something we have to do--it is something we are given

the gift to do, all because of Him. Furthermore, we also get to share this precious gift with those around us, and at A Woman's Choice, that means with the women and men we serve. Like each one of us, before coming to Christ, they are afflicted and the "cords of death entangle" them. In the unplanned pregnancy they are facing, and often in life in general, they are desperate for hope. When they come here, they are crying out for help, like the Psalmist, and like you and me. So that is when we get to share the good news with them that "the LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion." He hears their cry and will deliver each woman, man and unborn child to LIFE, so that they too can "walk before the LORD in the land of the living."

THANK YOU for "walking the talk" with us! When you support A Woman's Choice, you are not just saying you stand for life, you are doing something about it, and we are grateful! I hope you will join us in actually walking out what we believe and stand for at our 10th Annual Walk for Life! I will look for you there. God bless you!



WALK in HER SHOES

Open House Ministry Tour

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Allow approx 30 minutes

BRING A FRIEND!



Learn her story ... walk her journey ... discover the outcome.

TEEN IMPACT 2019

Teen Impact 2019 had a great summer! 11 high school students, including six new to the program, formed our Leadership Team, who all must commit to abstain from drugs, tobacco, alcohol and pre-marital sex in order to be a member. By signing the Impact Team contract, the student leaders are pledging that they are ready to commit to making healthy life choices. When the leaders sign the contract they are agreeing to “walk the talk.”

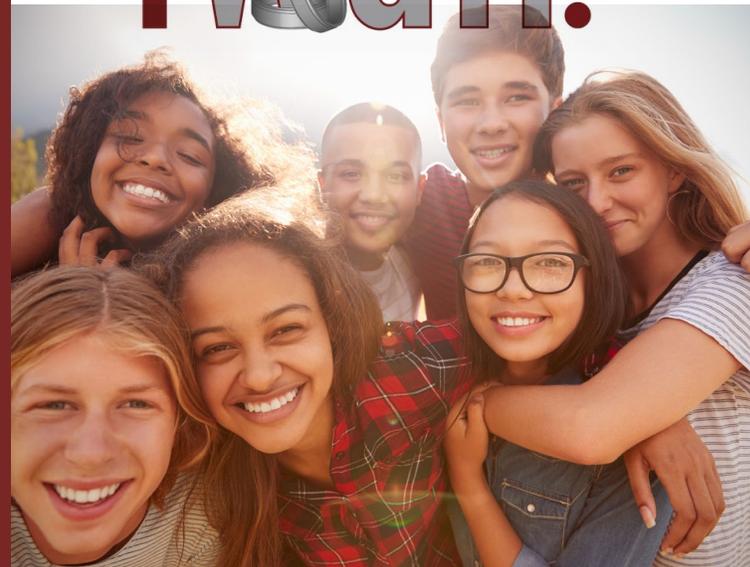
This summer, the team boldly presented a powerful and positive message to their peers. 306 teens in the Polk County Boys and Girls Clubs, Kelly Rec Center TASK program, Lakeland Dream Center, Parker Street Ministries, and other youth programs in the community heard the message of abstinence through a variety of skits, pantomimes, and interactive games. In addition, the team covers topics such as teen pregnancies, STD’s, rape, sexual abuse, refusal skills, bullying, and healthy boundaries in dating relationships.

Another critical objective included in the presentations is the opportunity to start over. We are very aware that many teens have made choices in their past to engage in the “at risk” behaviors, so we teach them that they can always make a fresh start, making better choices and implementing the skills taught through the lessons. In doing so, we instill hope for their futures - giving them the tools to be successful in marriage and in life. If your high school student is interested in being a member of our Summer Impact Team 2020, please contact Aimee Almon at aimeea@supportawc.com.

Two grants, one from the George W. Jenkins Fund within the GiveWell Community Foundation and the other from the Libertore Fund for Children, completely funded our 2019 Summer Teen Impact Program. Through their generous spirits and love for children, these benefactors gave us the opportunity to share the importance of making healthy life choices with hundreds of young people in our area. Thank you so much!



iWait.



iWAIT – SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION

Our SHARE Director, Aimee Almon is not just busy overseeing our Summer Impact Team. Throughout the school year, you will also find Aimee teaching “Sexual Health and Relationship Education” (through iWait curriculum), to middle and high school students at Christian and Charter schools in our community. You will also find her at the Polk County Jail, working with adjudicated youth. Through the iWait program, teens are empowered to develop self-respect, character, and integrity. They learn how to set boundaries in regards to sexual behavior while learning the traits of healthy relationships.

Aimee also has a team who presents to church youth groups (up to 3 weeks long). She is passionate about teaching students the skills to lead a life centered around biblical principles. She desperately wants our youth to learn at an early age how important it is to set healthy life goals and follow through. She encourages them to “walk the talk.” If you would like more information about how you could bring the iWait program to your church or school, please contact Aimee Almon at aimeea@supportawc.com.

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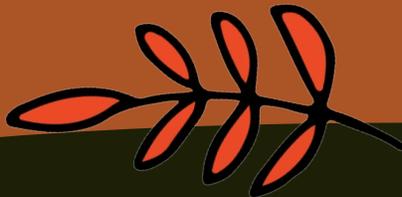


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Walk the Talk!

Calendar of Events

- October 1** "Walk in Her Shoes"
Open House Tour
5:30-7:30 p.m.
- October 4** First Friday
Downtown Lakeland
- November 2** 10th Annual Walk for Life!



MISSION STATEMENT:

A Woman's Choice helps women and men choose LIFE for the UNBORN through CHRIST-centered education, MEDICAL care and SUPPORT.

VISION STATEMENT:

Ending abortion by advancing a culture of LIFE and FREEDOM in CHRIST

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