

Julianna - CELEBRATING A LIFE TRANSFORMED!

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In this newsletter, we are celebrating the new—all the incredible new things God accomplished in our ministry in the year just completed! Among the great things He has done and continues to do is transforming the lives of the women and men we

serve. Here at A Woman's Choice, we love to see lives saved, praise God, but we also love to see lives changed by God's love and power.

Julianna* came to A Woman's Choice on the referral of a friend, which is one of the most common ways women in the community learn about us—word of mouth. Although not unhappy about her pregnancy, Julianna was overwhelmed by the circumstances in her life and needed help, so her friend encouraged her to come to AWC. During her first visit to confirm her pregnancy, Julianna already began to receive the help she needed, stating, "they were very informative with any resource I might need to help me take care of myself and my baby." Later, a follow-up visit gave Julianna the opportunity to witness the life growing inside of her. She shared that it gave her comfort to see the rhythm of the baby's heartbeat in the ultrasound.

After confirming her pregnancy, Julianna was invited to participate in our Life Steps program, where she would receive ongoing pregnancy and

parenting education, mentorship and support. This program proved to be exactly what she needed. In her words, "A Woman's Choice ended up becoming a lifeline for me! The counseling and parenting sessions honestly helped me get through some major life events. The client advocates at A Woman's Choice helped me exercise love and patience for myself."

The Life Steps program also provided help for Julianna with material items for her pregnancy and her baby. This support helped her in more ways than one, teaching her accountability and stewardship, and also helping her to feel value in providing for her children. "I get to pick out material items for my family. It's exciting and rewarding for me! It helps me feel like I am contributing for my kids."

Julianna's life was impacted by the support she received at AWC in many ways. With her new baby a month old now, Julianna states that she is extremely grateful to A Woman's Choice. "You saved my marriage, helped me reconnect with my kids through love instead of frustration, and reminded me of how special I am to my family and friends." We are so thankful for the evident differences in her life! One of our staff members who worked with Julianna made the comment that she has seen a complete change in her since her first visit with us. She says, "It's as if something lifted from her - the heaviness has disappeared. Her countenance and attitude are different...for the better!" Praise God! Please join us in celebrating Julianna, a life transformed!

**Name changed for privacy*

SAVE THE DATE! "WOVEN TOGETHER"

Our next annual fundraising banquet is shaping up to be one of the most memorable in the history of our center. With the theme, "Woven Together," based on Psalm 139:15, our intention is to weave a tapestry of stories together throughout the evening. We will share stories of lives saved, lives changed, and lives lived in the abundance of God's goodness and grace. This is a night you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars for Thursday, April 19th and save the date! (Please note, we moved the event from Tuesday to Thursday). We look forward to seeing you there!



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ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET



Rebecca's Heart A note from AWC's Executive Director

I love new things! Who doesn't? New shoes, new clothes, new gadgets, or that fantastic new car smell...it's all fun! With Christmas just recently passed, I am sure all of us are enjoying those "new things" we received as gifts from our loved ones. But much more important than the material things we enjoy that are new, I love the "new" that God brings into our lives every day!

One of those precious gifts that is "new" for us each day is the Lord's mercy. One of my favorite Scriptures tells about this gift in Lamentations 3:22-23: *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* This Scripture has ministered to me on many occasions. In it, we are promised God's steadfast love, new mercy every morning, and His never-ending faithfulness. What wonderful hope it provides when faced with the challenges of life.

It is this hope that we share with the women and men we serve. They come to us in often desperate situations where hope is lost. They can only see the challenges before them, and nothing beyond. But the Word of God has something "new" for them—a promise of hope for each one who will turn to Christ! What a wonderful gift to be able to share this message every day in our ministry!

So, as we reflect on the promises of "new" in Christ, I also want to reflect on all the "new" God brought to our ministry during the past year. We started last year with a scripture from Isaiah 43:19, trusting the Lord for the new beginnings and new opportunities He had in store for us during the year. And so now that the year has passed, and another new year is beginning, we can look back to celebrate all that God accomplished!

Please be sure to read through the newsletter to learn about some of those things we want to celebrate—a life transformed through our support programs, amazing growth in our medical services, and statistics that show an increase in clients served and lives saved—praise God! We want you to have the opportunity to rejoice with us, and we also want to THANK YOU! It is because of YOU that we have these testimonies to share! Because of your prayers, your love and support, lives are saved and changed every day! Thank you!



On January 21, 2018, we celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS). In 1984, Following the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973, President Ronald Regan issued a presidential proclamation to set aside this day each year to honor the value of all human life and pray for our country. Many of our supporting churches join us in this celebration by sharing a beautiful flyer about SOHLS and our ministry with their congregation. In addition, some churches also promote a BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN for us, which not only helps us raise much needed funds for the ministry, but it also spreads the word that we are here! **If you wish for your church to participate at any level (at any time during the year), please do not hesitate to talk with your pastor and get in touch with us so we can supply the materials you need.** A Woman's Choice will give you the flyers, the

baby bottles, and anything else you need to support SOHLS at no cost to your church! What a wonderful opportunity to recognize and stand together for LIFE! We hope you will join us in these special events, in praying for our ministry, and in sharing your passion for life with your friends and family.

WALK IN HER SHOES

Open House Ministry Tour
Tuesday, **January 30th**
5:30-7:30 PM
Allow approx 30 minutes.
BRING A FRIEND!

**LEARN HER STORY • WALK HER JOURNEY
DISCOVER THE OUTCOME**



**SAVE
the
DATE**



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MEDICAL CENTER UPDATE



One of the exciting new things we celebrated last year was the expansion of services in our medical clinic. Early last year, we reported that we began piloting a program to offer annual women's exams for uninsured women and in addition, we expanded STD testing for both women and men. As we start the new year, we want to give you an update on the impact of these programs.

The women's exams are offered through a voucher program and partnership with a local practice, Women's Care Florida Lakeland Ob/Gyn. Women can come to A Woman's Choice to receive a voucher to go to Women's Care Florida for services. In doing so, we meet a critical need for these women, but we also have an opportunity for even greater impact. Every time a woman comes to AWC for a voucher screening, she leaves knowing about the services we offer, so if she or anyone she knows faces an unplanned pregnancy, they know where to turn. More importantly, when she comes for her voucher,

she will hear the Gospel! Now that's an eternal impact! In 2017, we were able to offer **24 women wellness vouchers**. We are just getting started, so only God knows where it goes from here!

Along with the voucher program, we now provide STD testing to a much broader audience than ever before, to both women and men. In 2016, before the new program, we completed 78 STD tests for our clients. In 2017, with the new program in place, we provided **599 STD tests** to clients! That's 599 women and men who received a critical service, learned firsthand about AWC, and heard the Gospel during their visit. That's impact!

Because of these new medical services, our clinic has been very busy! One of the challenges that developed through the year was a lack of space. We are happy to share with you that God faithfully met that need for us! We were able to do a little bit of repurposing of office space to create additional rooms to serve clients in our medical clinic. We are thankful to **Addison Home Improvements** for helping us get this done!

With a new year ahead, we will continue offering these new medical services, reaching a broader audience with vital information about our ministry and the hope of the Gospel! Please continue to pray with us for God to direct us in all that we do through the ministry and to reach the hearts of those we serve.

NEW LIVES SEEN AND SAVED!

Reflecting on life in the womb, by 12 weeks, the baby already has sweet little fingers and toes, and many other incredible developments occurring! A Woman's Choice has the ability to provide ultrasounds so women are able to see the miracle of God's creation growing inside them. Quite often, that picture is the difference between life and death for the unborn child. In 2017, we provided **709 ultrasounds** and **86% of those women who were considering abortion ended up choosing life!**

Because we believe that everyone who needs our services should have access to them, they are provided free of charge. That does not mean they are "free." We get to share with women and men that our services are only available because someone who loves Jesus Christ paid the price for our clients' benefit.

As you can imagine this opens the door for us to share an even greater truth. God uses this simple act of a free pregnancy test or sonogram to illustrate to individuals the priceless gift He is offering in Jesus. To that end, we invite you to celebrate with us the **49 new salvations/rededications** we witnessed at AWC this year!

Thank you for all you do to partner with us in accomplishing these wonderful results! God bless you!

1,042
TOTAL CLIENTS

183
LIVES SAVED!

2,249
MEDICAL SERVICES

454
SUPPORT SERVICES

55
MALE CLIENTS

49
SALVATIONS/REDEDICATIONS

1722
STUDENTS IN OUR
ABSTINENCE EDUCATION
PROGRAMS



**AWC'S
STATISTICS
FOR 2017**

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Help for an
unplanned
pregnancy

inside:

***Celebrating the
New Things!***

CALENDAR *of* **EVENTS**

JANUARY 21ST Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

JANUARY 30TH Walk In Her Shoes
(Open House) 5:30-7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 2ND Silver Ring Thing
Heartland Church, Winter Haven

FEBRUARY 2ND, MARCH 2ND, APRIL 5TH First Friday

APRIL 1ST Happy Easter! He is Risen!

APRIL 19TH "Woven Together" Fundraising Banquet

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A Woman's Choice *education,*
helps men & women *medical care,*
CHOOSE LIFE *& support.*

Vision Statement: **a culture of life**
ENDING *& freedom*
abortion **IN CHRIST**
BY ADVANCING

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