

# A WOMAN'S CHOICE

*Changing hearts. Saving lives.*

## BRIDGES

We are so thankful for the women and men who give their lives to Christ at our center – 98 last year alone! We also want to see them grow in their faith and relationship with Christ. Just like us, they need a home church, where they can be connected and discipled. That is where our new “Bridges” Program comes in--helping our clients connect to the church that is the right fit for them. With this program, we are building bridges from our center to the local church!

Bridges is a weekly Bible study for clients we are launching at AWC on August 23rd. Our vision is to meet over lunch on Fridays for an hour and have committed volunteers come and interact with our clients. We want those volunteers to build relationships with our clients, so they can then invite them to church.

We are so grateful for the vision for this exciting new program! But we need YOU to make it a reality. We need volunteers to lead, serve, and participate in the weekly program. This is an urgent need, so please pray about it, and as God leads you, please contact Jamie Rogers at [jamier@supportawc.com](mailto:jamier@supportawc.com).



## MIA'S FEAR *Transformed* INTO *Life*

Mia\* came to A Woman's Choice facing difficult circumstances. She recently had a baby and went through a traumatic labor experience. She also suffered from post-partum depression. She believed abortion was her only option.

During her visit, Mia's advocate listened to her and showed her sincere compassion for the struggles she had endured. She also shared about God's love for her. They talked about trusting in Christ to carry her through all things she faced in life, including this pregnancy and subsequent labor. Together, Mia and her advocate discovered the underlying reason for her abortion decision was fear! Going deeper, Mia agreed that fear was not of God.

Mia's advocate shared that although Mia did not believe in abortion, she felt it was the only option. It was a matter of the heart. Mia heard the truth, but God had to work in her heart to cultivate a transformation, and



release her fear. God replaced Mia's fear with His love and faithfulness resulting in Mia choosing life for her baby!

Mia's story is another example of our LORD Jesus Christ showing himself to us in tangible ways. We know we do not have the power to change hearts, only God does. It is such an honor and a privilege to see God at work to save a life. He takes the crisis out of pregnancy! All of us at AWC are grateful, thankful, and blessed to rejoice with Mia! Please join us in praying for a healthy pregnancy and a smooth delivery.

\*Name changed for privacy



## WALK in HER SHOES

Open House Ministry Tour

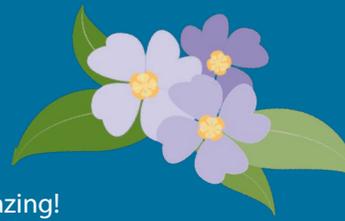
Monday, June 24th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

(notice the change from Tues to Mon)

Allow approximately 30 minutes.

**BRING A FRIEND!**

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



# GRATEFUL, THANKFUL, BLESSED!



## Rebecca's Heart

a note  
from AWC's  
Executive  
Director

At A Woman's Choice, we truly are GRATEFUL, THANKFUL and BLESSED! It's not just a catchy saying to hang on the wall (although I do admit I have one! ☺), it is what we truly feel in our hearts! We have so much to be thankful for in our ministry—the Lord is so good!

First of all, we are thankful to be here—just that this very ministry exists here in Lakeland for more than 32 years, and that God has allowed us to be a part of it! What an incredible privilege it is that the Lord gives us the opportunity to participate in His work of saving and changing lives.

We are thankful for every precious baby who has been born because his/her mother chose LIFE after coming to A Woman's Choice! And we are thankful for every woman and man who gave their lives to Christ after hearing

the gospel here at AWC! God's work is amazing!

We are also grateful for the lives that are transformed through the ministry! We thank God for every woman who is set free with post-abortion healing. We are blessed by the young people who learn to make better choices with their sexual health. And we are thankful for the women and men who are growing as parents, in relationships, and in their faith through all of our support programs.

We have so much to be grateful for, and one of those things is YOU! We are grateful, thankful, and blessed that YOU are a part of our ministry family!

*Thank you! You are part of the joy that is in our hearts!*



## LAKELAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LEDC) AND FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER (FWC) BLESS AWC!

On Friday, March 22, we had a team of nine from the LEDC invest in our center for a full day by painting several rooms/hallways, and redecorating our men's counseling room. They also provided breakfast and lunch for us! What a blessing we received from their tireless work! They spent almost 10 hours here that day. They were dedicated to beautifying our center and making it a warm, inviting place for our clients. We truly are grateful and thankful for their service, as well as, their positive energy and laughter along the way.

On Saturday, February 23, the FWC Missions team showed up at our center with 48 volunteers! Their goals were to clean up all the brush behind our back building, make well over 200 baby gift bags (we give these to all of our clients who choose life), and paint the long hallway in our main building,

as well as, our client waiting room. Well, they completely overwhelmed us by all their hard work! They were so committed to getting the job done with expertise. What an amazing day it was to see so many Christ followers come together to invest their time and energy in our center.

We invite you to come and see for yourself the transformation LEDC and FWC accomplished so you can experience firsthand why we feel so grateful, thankful and blessed!



# "BUILDING the KINGDOM for LIFE" – Recap



Our 2019 Fundraising Gala is in the history books and what an amazing evening we had! We bathed the room in gold and purple to depict our LORD's royal kingdom. Our client testimonies greatly impacted our guests and we were incredibly grateful for the opportunity to introduce Lisa and her precious new baby boy, Ashton, whose life was saved at our center.

Rebecca shared a vision for the ministry to **"Do more, reach more, and go deeper!"** In **doing more**, we wish to increase the medical services we provide - including additional STI testing and participating in the abortion pill reversal protocol by providing free ultrasounds to those clients who want to stop the process and save their babies. In **reaching more**, we plan to launch an aggressive social media campaign to reach more women and men where they are...online! In **going deeper**, we plan to offer a Bible study we are calling "Bridges," to help our clients grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Dr. Tony Evans delivered a powerful message of hope. He referenced Jeremiah 29:11 as a well-lit verse in a very dark chapter. "I have a plan for you sayeth the Lord, a plan for your well-being, and not your calamity, to give you a future and a hope." He went on to reference our ministry as a "well-lit location in a very dark place." He said many of the ladies who come to see us are in a dark place, "an unplanned pregnancy, maybe the abandonment of the father, questions about whether or not they will continue their education," and then they come to see us...and we shine a light in their darkness. He challenged our guests to support us and "allow this 'kingdom lighthouse' to shine bright!"

We are happy to report that our guests rose to the challenge! Our goal was to raise \$250,000. We are grateful, thankful, and blessed to share that through pledges and gifts received we raised \$306,119!! Thank you so much to every one of our supporters for helping us as we... together...build His kingdom for LIFE!

We also want to give special thanks to our Gala underwriters for their kindness and generosity so that all of those funds can go straight to advancing God's kingdom through the work we do at A Woman's Choice. If you see any of the following people or businesses in our community, please extend our gratitude to them!

Dr. & Mrs. Glen Barden through the Givewell Foundation

The Colinas Group, Inc – Engineering and Environmental Consultants

Jim Durham & Family

Drs. Doug and Carol Ebersole

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## ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

As you can see from the photo, our friends at LEDC gave our men's counseling room a facelift. We are also very grateful to Badcock Home Furniture & More who donated two recliners and a side table to make it more "manly." Now, the only thing missing is men to fill those seats! We have plenty of expectant fathers who need counseling...what we lack are volunteers to deliver it! If you are interested in serving as a male advocate, please contact Jamie Rogers at [jamier@supportawc.com](mailto:jamier@supportawc.com). We are praying for YOU to come and we will be grateful, thankful and blessed when YOU answer the call!

**MEN  
NEEDED  
HERE!**



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Blessed!**



## Calendar of Events

**June 24** "Walk in Her Shoes" Open House  
5:30-7:30 p.m. *Note: This is a Monday!*

**June 25** Lakeland Chamber – Nod to Non-  
profits Tour at AWC! 8:30 am.

**July 18 thru  
August 29** Birth of a Family – Building  
Families God's Way – 7 consecutive  
Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All couples welcome!  
Participants receive a completion certificate that is  
good for a discounted marriage license. Register by  
calling Jamie Rogers at 863-683-2341.

**November 2** 10th Annual Walk for Life!



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### 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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