

# Life Notes

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**CAN 2016 BE OUR BEST YEAR EVER?**

There is no guarantee, of course. But 2016 could be the year we reach more individuals in our community more than ever before. This could be the year more moms and dads choose life for their babies than we've ever seen before. This could be the year when more solid, two-parent families are created as a result of time spent within our doors. In short, 2016 could be a year we look back on and say, "The culture in our community clearly shifted this year."

So I ask, What would happen if every single one of us offered to take our commitment to this work one step forward in 2016? This could strengthen our outreach, build our effectiveness with those we see and yes, create a true cultural shift in our community.

What does one step forward look like for you? If you've never made a financial gift to us, a monthly gift of say, \$10 or \$25 would have a tremendous impact, especially if hundreds of us made that decision.

Or if you are already supporting us financially, could each of us take one step up in our giving with an extra few dollars here or there? Imagine what would happen if every financial partner decided they could give a little more each month.

Many of us have time. You may be gifted in administrative tasks, or event planning. Or perhaps you have two ears and an ability to listen to someone who is hurting. If so, we can train you to come alongside our clients and patients during their time of need. One step forward. That's all it takes. And if hundreds decide to take that one step, it would be fascinating to see what God's hand can do when so many say "Yes" to His call. To give, go to [www.lifechoicecenter.org](http://www.lifechoicecenter.org). To find out more about volunteering, call us at 816-887-5100 or email [director@lifechoicecenter.org](mailto:director@lifechoicecenter.org). We've got a place for you.

**2015 Accomplishments**

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Center Visits                   | <b>1,046</b> |
| Individuals and Families Served | <b>200</b>   |
| Verified Births                 | <b>60</b>    |
| Professions of Faith            | <b>2</b>     |
| Participants—Parenting Classes  | <b>152</b>   |
| Material Items Distributed      | <b>6,567</b> |

**A SELFLESS ACT OF GIVING ON HER SPECIAL DAY**

Mackenzie Covey's birthday was December 23rd. As anyone with a December birthday can tell you, it's sometimes overshadowed by the celebration of another glorious birthday. But, for several years, Mackenzie has had friends and family donate items for local organizations in lieu of personal gifts. This year she chose to donate her "gifts" to two organizations, one of them being Life Choice Center. Mackenzie and her mom dropped off diapers, wipes, bottles, and booties. On her special day, Mackenzie was thinking of others. We truly appreciate these gifts and so do the families that will benefit from her kindness.

Awesome job, Mackenzie!



Mackenzie Covey with LCCW Staff member, Stephanie Surls

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**Touching hearts and saving lives . . .  
One at a time.**

**Alternatives Clinic Client Services Hours:**

**Mondays: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**  
**Prenatal Clinic begins at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m..**  
**Thursdays 10:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m. &  
2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

## Community Gifts for Life



Shari Keilig, Linda Baldrige  
Betsy Sanders, Donna Scholtes

The ladies of Bethlehem Lutheran Church decided that the Christmas tree in their church lobby looked too empty. So, they set out to have it filled with all sorts of baby supplies, and did so with the Center in mind. Generosity always has a way of making Christmas sparkle just a little more, and these special ladies made our Center shine! Through their generous efforts they collected: 4 boxes of diapers, 2 large boxes of wipes, many baby clothes, blankets, a breast pump, bath towel, wash cloths, crib sheet, toddler coat and gloves.

Thank you so much ladies!

The Strasburg Baptist Kids Group got motivated to do a drive for the Center. They reached out to their church family asking them to bring in a wide variety of baby and maternity items and their request did not go unanswered. Their family answered back with diapers, wipes, baby clothes, infant toys, large fleece blankets. Talk about “ask and ye shall receive.” These kids took that to heart and Life Choice Center reaped the benefit. Incredible, don't you think?

It is through efforts large and small that LCCW continues to be able to assist the members of this community that are in need. And it is through the loving and generous efforts of people like you that make this community great. If you are looking for ways that you can help, call Life Choice Center at 816-887-5100 for more information.

