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Finding Hope

When she arrived at the Center, her demeanor was cautious and guarded. This young woman we will call "Sarah" was new to the area and a girlfriend had brought her in for a pregnancy test. The potential father was not in the picture. Sarah had taken two home pregnancy tests, both were positive, but she was having trouble accepting that she might be pregnant.

As she visited with Jo, one of our volunteer counselors, Sarah shared that her childhood was fraught with physical abuse, sexual abuse, and a violent rape. Because of her traumatic past, she confided that she has a fear of men and public places that are not familiar. Sarah also tends to be distrusting of people in general. Jo listened compassionately as Sarah shared about her abusive past. Jo then talked with her about the Lord. Sarah confided that she sometimes struggles with why God had allowed so many horrible things to happen to her but went on to share that she has been attending a local church and has a close relationship with God.

Next, Sarah took the pregnancy test. The result was positive and Jo assured Sarah that with God's help she could have this baby and be a good mother. Jo prayed with Sarah and an ultrasound was scheduled for a few days later. By the time she left the first appointment, Sarah appeared more calm and relaxed. In her exit survey, she wrote that she felt the comfort and care at the Center right away when she had arrived.

When Sarah returned for her ultrasound, she cried when she saw her child for the first time. Sarah was bonding with her baby. This was a very intense and emotional moment for her.

Because of faithful supporters like you, Life Choice Center was there to be the hands and feet of Jesus to Sarah and many others like her. Sometimes all people need is a little love, encouragement, and prayer to be able to face an unplanned pregnancy. Thank you for making this ministry possible.

A BEHIND THE SCENES VOLUNTEER

On Wednesday mornings, and generally most Friday mornings, we will find Sue Bedosky hard at work in the far back of the center. Usually she has a stack of charts 1 ft. high that she reviews, making sure the counselors have entered all correct information. Sue is an *enthusiastic* user of sticky notes that let the volunteers know what they have missed. There is apprehensiveness now among volunteers when checking their mailboxes. One "nameless" volunteer came up with F.O.S.N. Syndrome...Fear Of Sticky Note!

Where did Sue get her super chart review skills? She is a retired RN. Why isn't she one of our part time nurses? "Because I really love numbers, organization and projects." So, she works on our statistical reports, which is very detailed and quite a task. She does a great job! Her third project is co-coordinating the Annual Golf Tournament, which for a time had her at the center almost daily. This gets her out in the front scenes for just a bit, while she and Linda talk to prospective sponsors. Though she says, "I'm not really outgoing, I just had to learn to speak out."

Sue does have some interests and time outside of the center which includes two children, three grandchildren and a new dog, which she recently went through obedience school with! She also loves her church family at Freeman Baptist, who were instrumental in connecting her with the center. And of which she is now the church liaison, promoting things like the Walk for Life, May 16th!



Sue Bedosky

"I am passionate about the Center and in awe over all they provide for individuals in our community. More people need to know!"

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This newsletter is dedicated in the memory of Nicole Birmingham.

**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.**

American Heritage Girls—Extraordinary Service for Sanctity of Life

Each of the young ladies pictured below are a part of a wonderful group called American Heritage Girls. A.H.G. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. This particular group is Troop 0134, they meet at Faith Baptist of Raymore and consist of girls from all over Cass County.

When they heard that Sanctity of Life Weekend was coming up, they decided to do a collection of baby items to donate to the Center. Each girl went to her friends, family and church members and asked for gifts of diapers, wipes, baby clothes, baby bottles and other misc. baby accessories. The group also decorated little bags filled with a note pad, pen, socks, Kleenex, chap stick, lotion and candy for new moms.

The result was incredible and the timing was perfect from God as we were completely out of wipes! The families served by Life Choice Center were richly blessed!

