

Choose Life

NEWSLETTER



*Donna Landers
Executive Director*

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Whenever the doors are open at Choose Life, the Gospel is going out. This past fiscal year (Oct-Sep), we were blessed to be able to minister to 4,619 clients in a variety of ways...and praise God 280 made professions of faith in Jesus Christ! Romans 2:4b comes to mind, "God's kindness leads men to repentance". God's kindness and grace is evident to our clients through those serving so sacrificially at Choose Life. We are thankful for each one who serves alongside us.

I was interviewing a woman recently who desired to serve as a volunteer. When I asked the question, "How did you become a Christian?" I was taken aback by her answer. She said, "I've always been a Christian but I was saved when..." Personally, I had always associated salvation with Christianity but realized that many people do not. The word Christian, in the Greek, means "follower of Christ or Christ-like". We see clients all the time who are choosing to live an ungodly lifestyle, but who say they are Christians. I often wondered how that could be and was able to understand a little more through my conversation with this lady.

People think they are Christians for a variety of reasons...some people grow up in church and think they are "Christians" because their family claimed to be. Others may think they are Christians because they grew up in a Christian nation and still others may have had a onetime experience where they cried and even prayed ... but never sincerely asked Christ to come into their hearts and be their Lord and Savior. None of these experiences guarantee salvation. Jesus said there is only one way - through Him! John 14:6

This lady went on to say that it was later in her life that she actually "developed a relationship with Christ and her life began to change. She stated there is a difference in being a Christian and having a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. After much thought, I have to agree. As with many other words, our culture has changed the definition of the word "Christian". But, it truly takes that relationship she spoke of to be saved and live a victorious life in Jesus Christ! Encouraging each other and sharing this truth with our clients is what Choose Life is all about.

***You will keep in perfect
peace him whose mind
is steadfast, because
he trusts in You.***

Isaiah 26:3 NIV

C.A.R.E Commitment

We believe in the inherent value of every person. We're committed to serving with compassion and respect through assistance and education.

*Capital Campaign Receipts
through November 30, 2010*

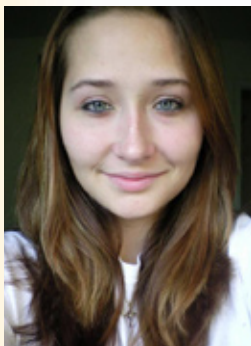
\$623,629

Capital Campaign Pledged

\$484,379



MY BIRTH MOTHER TESTIMONY



Memorial Day 2008 was one that changed my life forever. That was the day I learned I was pregnant. Looking back, I was filled with both pain and fear. I remember my mother sitting me down in my bedroom. The talk between us first resulted in my denying the possibility of being pregnant. Then we decided that I should at least try taking a pregnancy test. When mom returned with the test, my heart pounded—knowing what the outcome could be.

The results of the test were positive. My mind raced...I tried to think clearly...I tried to rationalize. I was overwhelmed with the news. I had no idea what was ahead of me for the next nine months.

On June 12, 2008 I had my first ultrasound. It revealed two babies! I was shocked, scared, and amazed. I really began thinking. I would need more support and began to lean toward adoption.

My mother and I looked into me staying in a maternity home for a while. We found one called Lifeline Village. I moved to the Village in late July. That place changed my life and the lives of my twins. There I found compassion, love and trust in ways that I truly needed. My parents were a big part of the support I received during my pregnancy also. During the time I lived at Lifeline, I grew up a lot. I gained more patience and understanding and learned more about who I am. I found strength in myself and made room for reconstruction of who I wanted to be.

I returned home in early October and began working with my adoption counselor to arrange everything. We met every two weeks and worked on getting through the emotional pain of the adoption process. In late November, we scheduled a meeting with the adoptive parents I had chosen. I couldn't have asked for a better couple. They were compassionate and understanding people. I was able to trust in them and feel comfortable with the adoption.

The last few months were a rollercoaster of pain. Something as small as walking through a public place and seeing mothers with their babies would make me cry. I was on bed rest for a good portion of my last trimester which meant that I was home alone often. Being home alone there was no one to hear me cry and tell me that everything was going to be okay. But being alone also gave me time to think about the adoption with a clear mindset. Sometimes, there were days that I felt so down that I couldn't imagine life without my twins. I felt like no one understood what I was going through.

"Placing" my twins for adoption changed my life. I had to grow up and make an adult decision for them. I had to face emotional pain on a level I could never have anticipated would hurt so deeply.

Good did come out of the process. The adoption made me a stronger, more compassionate person. The view I have on my relationship with Jesus is much better now. He stuck with me through everything and showed me that even what seemed impossible was possible. When things get tough, I just remember that we are capable of surviving whatever comes our way. I am still healing but part of healing for me is helping other birth families. I want to make beauty from pain.

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Top 5 Needs

1. Trained volunteer counselors for Saturday 9-12 and Thursday evening 4-6:30 pm
2. Subs (if you have been through training and would to serve as a sub periodically, call Denise or Annette at 256-533-3526)
3. Small baby items... pacifiers, socks, toys...
4. Vacuum Cleaner
5. Hand vacuum for stairs

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can think or even ask.
-Eph 3:20

WALK UPDATE

We would like to thank everyone who supported the 2010 Walk for Life! It was a success bringing in over \$42K in pledges (82% already collected).

There were 331 registered walkers and 1136 sponsors!

\$ Top 5 Churches \$

Grace Community
Madison Bible Church
Flint River Baptist
Westminster Presbyterian
Restoration Foursquare

\$ Top 5 Walkers \$

Norm Harris
Linda Morrow
Adele Simerly
Lynette Spearman
Nancy Readus

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

March 22, 23 and 24 . 9 am to 3 pm

There are many opportunities available to serve but all (except receptionist) require this 3 day training.

AREAS OF SERVICE –

- Abstinence Educator (time requirement: varies)
- After Abortion Recovery Support (flexible)
- Medical Clinic Support (approx 4 hrs week)
- Mentoring/Discipleship (flexible)
- Receptionist (approx 4 hrs week)
- Counselor – Client Advocate (approx 4 hrs week)

Bring a sack lunch...snacks provided

GOD'S PROVISION for His Ministry

Budget Requirements \$370,675

October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011

Receipts thru November 30, 2010 \$71,484

Budget Details Available at Office

TOUCHING MANY LIVES

Oct. '09 - Sept. '10 - 2010 Fiscal year

- Phone Calls: 3,738
- Office Visits: 4,619
- Ultrasounds: 1,362
- Spiritual Counseling: 3,823
- Received Christ/Recommitment: 280
- Pregnancy Decisions: 1,445
(Clients initially abortion-minded)

Give Honor to One Special Life. Give Hope to Every Precious Life.

HONORARIUMS

Maria Lupo
From: Anonymous

Jack and Betty Stokes
From: Anonymous

Tommy Glenn
From: Jane and Hayden Glenn

Malcolm Post
From: Jim and Mary Ann Cox

Melanie Cox
From: Jim and Mary Ann Cox

MEMORIALS

F. L. Jackson (father of Dr. Jimmy Jackson)
From: Tommy and Barbara Glenn

Debbie Adcox
From: Tommy and Barbara Glenn

Charles Anders
From: The Lollar Family

Billy Ray Stanfill, Jr.
From: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stanfill, Sr.

Bernice Peterson
From: Carole Griffin



30th Birthday Celebration

*Greater things are yet to be done...
in this city! Celebrate with us.*

*Come and magnify the Lord with us and
let us exalt His name together! Ps 34:3*

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Whitesburg Baptist Center

7300 Whitesburg Drive · Huntsville, AL

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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POSTAL REQUIRED AREA

SPEAKER: Shawn Carney, Co-founder of 40 Days for Life, Executive Director for Coalition for Life (TX), Pro-life media personality whose works have been featured on FOX, ABC, NBC, CBS and dozens of newspapers including, NY Times, Los Angeles Times, The Christian Post, National Catholic Register, Focus on the Family and EWTN radio.

If you would like to join God in what He's doing, we need

- Your prayer support
- Underwriters (\$1000, \$2500, \$5000)
- Table Sponsorship (\$250, \$500, \$1000 and \$2500)
- Decorating Team
- Telephone Team (Captain and workers)

Since 1981, Choose Life has served over 80,000 clients in our community. Choose Life continues to grow and expand its services each year. We are thankful that God continues to entrust us to share the gospel with women and their families. Next year we will be celebrating all that God has done the past 30 years. Volunteers and supporters are part of that story and we need your help to make this the best banquet ever. Please help us. Call or email Lynette Spearman today and find out more information. (256) 534-1996 or coordinator@chooselifehuntsville.org.

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Recovery Director
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Ultrasound Coordinators
- Kathy Hall
Life Choices Program Director
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PureConnections Director
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- Lynette Spearman
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