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THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT A PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS!

If you are wondering about this connection, may I share with you an example from just last month? A young woman came to us facing an unplanned pregnancy, and not sure if she felt able to carry her baby to term. As I listened, I became aware that it was financial hardship that caused her to be abortion - vulnerable, so I showed her our material support department at the end of her visit, and she was absolutely amazed to see the great generosity of many, many individuals in this community!

Further, we list on the back page the churches and agencies who have helped us to fill our shelves with diapers, and baby toiletries, and quality, new infant clothing and even new coats for children! This mother's face brightened to a big smile, and she was encouraged by the amazing kindness of you, our donors, to be determined to carry her baby to term! Several factors make it hard for our single moms to make ends meet.

As reported throughout this newsletter in factors stated by the Washington Stand and The Wall Street Journal in recent months:

Since too many stable, higher paid manufacturing and production jobs have gone overseas, the U.S. has become a leader in service-sector jobs like health care, and restaurant work, and these are low-paying positions with a high turnover rate of nearly double the national average.

In addition to relatively low wages and long unpredictable hours, such jobs provide little to no long term stability. Just to make ends meet, our clients often have to work two part-time jobs. The number of people working part-time who would prefer a full-time job has increased by nearly a million in the last year.

God worked though your support, enabling us to help over 120 families, leading to a total of about 1,000 visits last year.

OUR FRIENDS
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WITH JUST ONE
OF THEIR
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FAMILIES!

At this time of the year, when many churches celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we seek to update you on the status of pro-life efforts. Many of you will already know that the use of the abortion pill has exploded over the last several years, now accounting for 63% of all abortions carried out in the U.S., and largely blunting the impact of the 2022 Dobbs Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade.

According to the most recent data, there were just over one million abortions nationwide in 2024, a 12% increase since 2020. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) declared their willingness to reassess the risks associated with the use of the abortion drug, mifepristone, that is now widely documented as carrying an 11% chance of serious effects such as hemorrhage, infection and even sepsis. However, at the same time, the FDA have issued the green light to three American companies to produce a generic form of this abortion drug that blocks the pregnancy hormone progesterone from reaching the unborn child. These generic forms will lower the price, making it even more likely to be used. **Pray that God will move mightily to protect our precious unborn babes!**

We have written in previous newsletters about laws already in place that should impact the availability of the abortion drug — like the Comstock Act, which bans the sending of abortion drugs through the mail—a common practice to get them into the 21 states that have pro-life protections in place. This Act was never repealed, and simply has to be enforced.

However, like the 50-year War on Drugs, reducing the supply alone does not solve the problem. Reducing the demand is also essential. Family breakdown is a key driver for abortion. When divorce occurs, single mothers may cohabit, often for financial support, increasing the risk of unplanned pregnancy. This is the reason for our **Valentine month seminar**— strengthening existing marriages with proven skills and stressing the importance of placing Biblical principles as the foundation of a united home.

In fact, we prayerfully would like to start our monthly Date Night for engaged or married couples, which begins with a short challenge to grow in a particular area, and then inviting couples to disperse for a dessert-date to put it into practice.

Please pray with us for a leader couple/s!

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 19TH
6:30 TO 8:00 PM
HERE AT
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YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR SEMINAR ON THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES!

By identifying, understanding, and speaking your spouse's primary love language, you can work together to build a marriage that lasts!

In previous newsletters, we covered how to wisely counter the perspectives of many people that abortion is the answer to unwed pregnancy. In this newsletter, we would like to help you prepare ahead of time for any opportunity the Lord may give you to speak with someone who is actually considering abortion for herself. Increasingly, with the ease of access to the abortion pill, you may be the first line of defense for the life of the unborn baby, as the young woman may not even bother to visit a pregnancy center. On first realizing she is pregnant, all kinds of thoughts may come to her mind, so it is wise for us to prepare beforehand to be an effective advocate for life.

The first step, of course, when someone states they are planning to abort, is for us to pray and seek the guidance of God, Who created each and every life in His image and counts every single one of them precious in His sight.

The next step is for us to listen carefully to the reasons she may feel that abortion is the only answer. Even if we have a head full of statistics about fetal development and the risks of abortion, we will not be effective until we understand why this particular mother feels unable to carry the baby to term. Also, listening is one of the most deeply appreciated ways that we can show respect for her in the midst of her difficult choices.

When we have listened fully, usually a mother is more open to hearing the life-giving choices that she might make: adoption is certainly a Biblically-sound option if she feels unable to raise the child herself.

Further, our community has many resources to offer, and of course, we would be delighted to welcome her here at the Center to consider those options, if she is willing. Incidentally, if you choose to volunteer at the Center, and get to know some of our staff, it will much easier to encourage her to visit your friends!.

We do not show graphic abortion videos here, and have often seen how God uses the amazing 4D videos of the developing baby in the womb to cause mothers to choose life for their babies. We are called to “speak the truth in love” in Ephesians 4:15, and as simple a gentle question as “may I share with you some facts that may help you make an informed decision?” can often open the door for a useful dialogue. Social media often normalizes abortion as the answer, and yet does not even mention information about the risks of abortion, or even the prevalence of post-abortion trauma.

While at first, a mother may feel relief after an abortion, later she may come to deeply regret her choice, and long for God’s forgiveness and restoration, which our utterly redemptive God is merciful to provide. Nearly half of abortions in this country are repeat abortions, and sometimes simply sharing the truth of a new beginning, that is possible by God’s grace, can literally save the life of the baby.

We warmly invite you to visit us here at the Center, or have us visit your church, where we will gladly provide advice and materials to help you in this vital work! We are coworkers together for each precious unborn life!



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for our Moms and Babies!

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