

Women's Choice Center

of the Quad Cities

A Ministry of Life & Family Educational Trust

Better Choices For Life

2019 Spring Newsletter

HAPPY SPRING!

During this season of spring, Lent and Easter, Christians turn their thoughts to redemption and salvation through Christ's resurrection. At Women's Choice Center (WCC) it's been nearly a year since we started celebrating the redemption of our property and answered prayers. We served our first client here on May 21, 2018. Daily, we are blessed to meet desperate moms and families coming to our Center and Mobile Medical Unit, looking for their own hope to replace any fears that come from an unplanned pregnancy or needs after their child is born.

With your prayers, spreading the word about us in your daily lives among family and friends, and your generous and frequent donations that support our efforts, our Staff and Volunteers are able to transform lives through our services with special love and compassion. Thank You!

Since our move, it is a blessing to see God's work expanding every day:

- 24% increase in new Clients in our new location
- 300% increase in phone calls from abortion minded women
- 6 women have come for RU-486 reversal attempts; 3 births to date
- 80% changed hearts from abortion vulnerable to choosing LIFE

While we honor New Life in our hearts and ministry here at WCC, many of us are also being exposed to alternate views that are heartbreaking. Have you experienced a feeling of shock and deep remorse yourself? Does hearing recent news from states like New York and Virginia loosening restrictions on late-term abortions leave you speechless and silent and unsure what to say?

For those of us choosing to support LIFE, a lot of emotion and desire to be heard is stirring inside our hearts and minds again after the recent release of the movie "Unplanned". It's exciting to hear about its box office successes in attendance and earnings as well as women and men coming forward for healing!

Have any of these situations increased your desire to enter into conversations to share your voice and influence among your personal circle? Or, maybe you're ready and willing to be bold in your Christian beliefs, but circumstances or lack of confidence stifles your courage when opportunities arise?

Because we're firm believers that **YOUR VOICE MATTERS**, I'm excited to share that Scott Klusendorf, President of Life Training Institute and the author of "The Case for Life: Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture", has accepted the invitation to speak at our upcoming Annual Banquet, Tuesday, September 24. Scott is a renowned speaker and teacher for building self-confidence in articulating the essential truths and biblical view on issues like abortion, cloning, and embryo research, focusing on one key question: 'What is the unborn?'

We're in a period of history where there may be growing controversy, unverified ideas, fear, smear tactics, slander, or even hostility between different groups or group labels such as pro-life, pro-choice, conservative, liberal, right, left, etc. What do you do? What would Jesus do (WWJD)? Are we staying strong through these challenges?

Let me encourage us all to remain faithful and courageous if outside influences do intensify. In 2 Timothy 3:1 Paul warned, "In the last days difficult times will come". Our pregnancy center ministry is built on two truths the devil hates the most: the sanctity of human life, and the gospel of Christ which gives every person intrinsic worth and dignity. Just like many men and women in Bible times may have suffered, remember this important lesson: DO NOT BE AFRAID: OUR LORD WALKS AHEAD AND BESIDE US. Joseph was sold by his brothers as a slave, David was a public enemy and fugitive for years, and Paul was imprisoned but faithful in persecution. God led each to persevere and follow Him - much as He provides for each of us in these days of increasing resistance for the cause of LIFE.

We thank God for each one of you reading this and taking a personal stand to support our mission in the many ways you do that allows us at Women's Choice Center to "offer free services for the God-given task of helping women and families make informed choices for life by respecting human life from the moment of conception to natural death." Many of you have shared your voices past, present, and continue into the future and we THANK YOU! Your generosity in donations, time, and sharing with others in your circles allows us to continue serving the growing number of clients walking through our doors. May God richly bless you, protect you, and open doors to share your voice.

Linda Rubey, Executive Director

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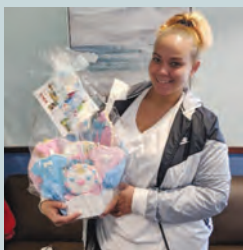
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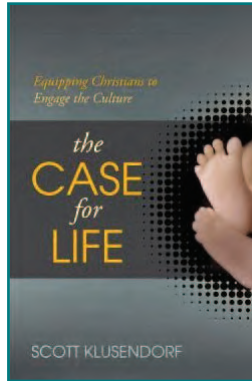


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Your Voice Matters



SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Choice Center Annual Fundraiser

Tuesday, September 24th, 2019

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf, IA

Scott Klusendorf of Life Training Institute points out there are only four differences between a preborn and a newborn, and none of those differences justify killing unborn children. They can be remembered through the acronym **SLED**:

Size: Does how big you are determine who you are?

Level of development: Are twenty-year-olds more human than ten-year-olds, since they are smarter and stronger?

Environment: Does being inside a house make you more or less of a person than being outside of it? Does being located inside his mother's body rather than outside of it make a child less human?

Degree of dependency: Does dependence upon another determine who you are? Is someone with Alzheimer's or on kidney dialysis less of a person?

The **SLED** tactic exposes the argument for abortion for what it really is: Unjust discrimination. Abortion-choice advocates deny that all human beings are valuable and deserve protection. Which ones don't qualify? The ones that are too small, not developed enough, in the wrong location, or too dependent on other people.

Meet Leah, Our First Baby Rescued By Abortion Pill Reversal*

On December 22nd, 2018, just a few days before Christmas, a beautiful baby girl was gifted to our world. Leah was greeted by her mother, father, and big sister Hannah, who all know what a priceless gift she is to their family.

Just seven months before Leah's birth, her mother, Marie, was sitting in a clinic preparing to end her pregnancy. "I had doubts the entire time I was there. I was so uncomfortable. I did not want to go through with the abortion, but I didn't have any family support and I felt like I had no other options," Marie shared. Consequently, she continued on with the clinic's process of meeting with a staff member, having an ultrasound and taking the first of the RU-486 chemical abortion pills. "It was such a horrible experience," Marie testified, "the clinic was filthy, and the counselor that met with me didn't provide any education. I could not even see the screen during my ultrasound. Afterward, I was taken into a small room with five other women and instructed to swallow the first pill. I felt so dirty."

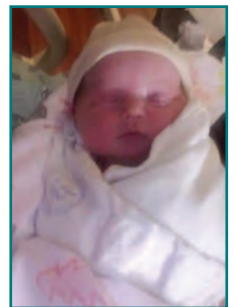
What Marie did not know is that while she was at the clinic, Dave, her ex-boyfriend and father of the baby, was researching ways to reverse the effects of the RU-486 pill.

He called the 24/7 hotline at APR (Abortion Pill Rescue 877-558-0333) and spoke with a volunteer, Debbie, who gave him information on the Abortion Pill Reversal. Debbie then reached out to Marie, and told her that the Women's Choice Center could administer the attempted reversal protocol.

At 9:30 pm, Marie contacted our after-hours help line, and just an hour later, our staff met Marie, Dave and Hannah at the Center. Marie was given her first dose of progesterone that night. "I was and still am so thankful for the help I received at the Women's Choice Center. They welcomed me with hugs and prayers, and not only lined me up with my prescription for progesterone pills, but also covered the costs for my first trimester."

Since moving to our new building nearly one year ago, seven women have come to us in desperate circumstances, hoping, like Marie, to give their child a second chance at LIFE. Please pray for continued success of these attempted abortion reversals. We thank you for your support and praise God each and every day for the miracles that continue here on Happy Joe Drive.

*All names have been changed for confidentiality of our clients.



Welcome to the world
Leah Marie!
Born December 22, 2018
8 lbs 15 oz. 19 inches long

Welcome Jenny!



Kenny and Jenny Nyquist

We welcome Jenny Nyquist, LPN, to our nursing staff. A nurse since 2015, Jenny has spent her career in various roles in health care. While during the week you can find her at the Center, on weekends she remains dedicated to work at Clarissa Cook Hospice House. *"I love hospice and don't want to give it up," she says. "When I saw the Women's Choice Center ad for a volunteer nurse, at first I told God that I didn't have time to add that"* she remembers, smiling, *"but the ad kept popping up, over and over again."* Jenny started volunteering weekly last fall, and in December she began working part-time.

Jenny and her husband Kenny, both East Moline natives, are proudly raising their own family: daughters Brooklyn, 13, Briley, 9, and son Levi, 18 months old.

You can also find their church home, Christ United Methodist, and their business of five years, Nyquist Roundhouse Martial Arts, in East Moline. Jenny teaches kickboxing and self-defense classes, while Kenny instructs in those arts as well as karate. He and Brooklyn both have black belts, and with a little encouragement from her daughter, Jenny is working towards hers.

Being involved in the community and growing in faith is important to Jenny and her family. She has especially enjoyed taking part in Cursillo retreats, and taking on leadership roles there in recent years. She plans to return for her third experience this spring.

Welcome to Our New Board Members, Jeanne and Laura!

JEANNE WONIO credits her mother with first raising her awareness about the need for pro-life work. *"When I was in high school my mom was on top of politics and concerned about the direction that legislation was taking," she said. "I joined her in volunteering, and I've been involved ever since."*

A Quad City native, Jeanne makes her church home at St. Paul the Apostle in Davenport. After graduating from St. Paul's and Assumption, Jeanne studied art at St. Ambrose, where she met her husband Rand. In forty years of marriage, they were blessed with six sons and two daughters. Today Jeanne is awaiting the arrival of her 15th grandchild, who's expected in May!

Jeanne was a longtime volunteer at our Center and a sidewalk prayer warrior for over 20 years. She was instrumental in bringing Helpers of God's Precious Infants here, and also led a number of other groups over the years, including Moms in Prayer. In addition to her pro-life work, Jeanne enjoys serving as a hospital spiritual care volunteer and works with New Kingdom Trail Riders.

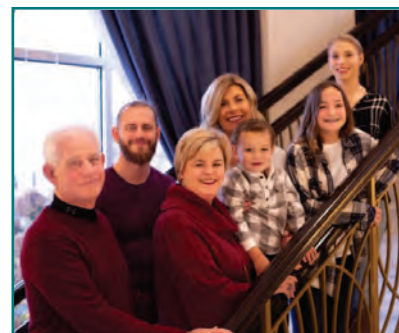


Jeanne Wonio

LAURA STAHLER grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, but she's been a Midwesterner since coming here for a job about 25 years ago. Laura and her husband of 23 years, Butch, attend St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Davenport. They are blessed with three daughters, all adopted from Russia. Anna, 19, and Sasha, 17, are both in college. Francesca, 13, is an 8th grader at St. Paul's. Laura's grown stepchildren are Tony, who lives in Chicago, and Sara, who lives in Arizona with her 4-year-old son Logan.

"Adoption is a beautiful thing, and an answer to my prayers," said Laura. "We may not have realized it during our five year struggle with infertility, but we were meant to have these three girls." Laura recalls that on the day of Anna's birth, she was at a CEW retreat, praying for a baby. *"I've always been supportive of the Women's Choice Center, and I feel blessed that my family and I were able to attend the Birth Parent Luncheon there," she says. "I was so moved by the stories told that day, and by the caring and warmth shown by the staff, and I realized what a really amazing place it is."*

In the community, Laura sells Medicare through her own business, Clarity Insurance, which she founded ten years ago. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, reading, travel, the outdoors, and spending time with the kids.



Laura Stahler and family.

Mark Your Calendars!

Come join us in the Women's Choice Center Chapel on the First Monday of each month, starting on Monday, May 6th, 2019.

The Chapel will be open from 5-7 PM with structured prayer/reflection from 6-6:30 PM.

Each month, a different Pastor from local church supporters will be leading that evening's prayer.



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Mission Statement

The Women's Choice Center is dedicated to offering free services for the God-given task of helping women and families make informed choices for life by respecting human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

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Redemption: Celebrating the first anniversary in our new building!



We need your help!

Please consider supporting our
2019 Redemption Project



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The Story

In 2018, Life & Family Educational Trust had a unique opportunity to purchase the former Planned Parenthood building in Bettendorf, which was directly across the street from our previous location. The building was on land that was prayed over and claimed for our pro-life ministry over 20 years ago.

The MIRACLES that have happened since relocating our LIFE saving ministry have been amazing!

Our fervent prayer is to pay off the one million dollar purchase price so that we can be debt-free again soon. We still need over \$800,000 to burn the mortgage.

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of those who supported our Redemption Project to date and PRAY that more pro-life advocates in our community and beyond will feel led to support the cause of providing much needed services for those experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Help us spread the word!