



Ministry Report



Making Pittsburgh a Sanctuary City for Life!

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Our medical directors are board-certified physicians serving as directors over our medical programs. This vital team assures that our medical staff upholds the highest standards of professionalism and care. They also provide orders for all tests and treatments and read every ultrasound scan.

Our Executive Director

Amy Scheuring

Executive Director Amy Scheuring was one of the original founders of Network of Life in 1985, and has served in all aspects of the organization. Amy holds a master's in education from the University of Pittsburgh, serves as Vice President of the PA Pregnancy Wellness Collaborative, a statewide pregnancy center coalition, and is a member of Heartbeat International's President's Council. She is an author and speaker and was awarded Heartbeat's Servant Leader award in 2020. Amy and husband Tom have two grown children.

The World Has Changed,

a letter from our Executive Director

Precious Friends,

After serving with this ministry for nearly 40 years, I can honestly say it never gets old. At every encounter our clients share intimate and deeply personal facets of their lives. In our offices there is freedom to express and confess brokenness, fear, dysfunction, confusion, and sexual sin. We are often the first to know our clients' secrets, the first to see their unborn child, and sadly at times, the only ones who will mourn when that child is aborted. And, as each client shares their story, we have an amazing opportunity to bring the love of Christ and the message of hope to their unique and personal experiences.

Our pregnancy centers opened soon after the disastrous Roe v Wade decision when abortion was mandated in every state at any time and for any reason. In 1992, Pennsylvania championed the Abortion Control Act which boldly challenged the ruling and opened the door for States to add common sense protections for women and the unborn. Our state was also the first to direct funding toward abortion alternatives. The modest program allowed small pregnancy centers to form in nearly every county in the state and has been replicated in states across the US.

But the world has changed. Our "keystone" state has recently defunded the centers offering alternatives and is threatening to rescind the hard-fought protections for women and babies. Our work has been publicly maligned, misrepresented, and vilified in the media. Legislation is already being written that will restrict our work and limit our ability to offer medical services like abortion pill reversal. And here at home, our city has been named a sanctuary city for abortion.

We are literally at a point where we are advocating for our very existence.

It is time to take up the fight with compassion and clarity. I hope this annual report will inspire you to stand with those most vulnerable. Young moms and dads, and the tiny babies they carry, need your voice and your engagement now more than ever.

Because of you, we've been able to expand our reach and work to become a sanctuary city where life is welcomed and supported. Thank you for your partnership in this holy work!

Amy Scheuring
Amy Scheuring
Executive Director



Mission

Our mission is to empower those most vulnerable to abortion to choose life

Vision

Our vision is to build a culture of

- Defending unborn children
- Meeting the needs of those at risk & unprepared for pregnancy
- Healing those traumatized by abortion
- Inviting our community to embrace a Biblical view of sexuality

We believe that these four distinctives are the key to our success.

We Are Faith Based

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is central to all that we do.

We Value People

We are intentional about loving people where they are while opening up opportunities to be all they can be. We serve both men and women regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or creed.

We Are Medical

Three Medical Directors oversee our team. Each Center is staffed by RNs. Ultrasounds are performed by RDMS specialists and read by our Physicians. STD testing & treatment is available at all of our locations. We provide abortion pill reversal to those who've begun a medical abortion.

We Are Transformational

Our programs foster long term relationships. Our Centers are located in easily accessible areas near those with the greatest need so that face-to-face encounters can continue. Life Support, Doctor Dad, and Breathe After Abortion Care are vital long-term programs that allow healing, growth, and life transforming relationships.

What is the Network of Life



"I have no choice... I have to get an abortion." By 2009, we had heard these words far too often. As two local pregnancy organizations merged to form a city-wide network, we wanted every woman to know that she did indeed have a choice and that her choice for life would be supported during her pregnancy and beyond. We chose the name Women's Choice Network and the name continues to reach women who are considering abortion.

But there has been an important shift in our culture since 2009. We've recognized a need to impact not only our clients but our culture, which is thirsty for compassion and clarity. In 2023, we expanded our vision to more effectively impact a broader audience. The Network of Life is an "umbrella" over our direct client services, our education for the community, and our outreach to churches. You will see the new Network of Life name and logo on our partner website and in our printed materials. Our three medical pregnancy centers continue to be the centerpiece of our work and will continue to operate under the name Women's Choice Network.

We continue to serve with the same mission in mind, but a new name that includes all of the many resources and programs that build a culture of life in Pittsburgh. Our supporters and partners are the vital foundation of this new and expanding network. Your gifts, prayers, and volunteerism support the same mission but with a name that is more welcoming and descriptive of our vision to see our city become a sanctuary city for the unborn!

Client Highlight: Transformed by Grace

Ashley was embracing a lifestyle of instant gratification, used her job earnings for nightly parties, feeling carefree and removed from responsibilities. Her life took an unexpected turn when a pregnancy test revealed an unforeseen reality. Overwhelmed with fear and self-doubt, she confided in the father, who advocated for abortion. Succumbing to uncertainty, Ashley agreed to terminate the pregnancy. During her appointment, she learned she was 7 weeks and 5 days pregnant and took the prescribed pills to halt the baby's growth.

However, doubt crept in during the interlude, leading Ashley to regret her decision. Desperate to reverse the process, she sought online solutions but found only discouraging results. Despite initial grim responses from medical professionals, her persistent search led her to an abortion pill hotline, offering a glimmer of hope. They prescribed high doses of progesterone to reverse the abortion pill's effect and save the pregnancy.

After Ashley's visit to our North Side center, our ultrasound technician confirmed that everything was proceeding well, and her baby was healthy. Ashley expressed gratitude for our dedicated staff, who assist women seeking to reverse their decision to abort.

DID YOU KNOW? the abortion pill can be reversed

The abortion pill or "medical abortion" is now the most common abortion method in Pennsylvania. But administering progesterone and following with ultrasound has been proven to successfully reverse the effects of mifepristone if taken within a short window of time.

Ashley & her daughter Thaliyn



Our History

In 1985, the world was a very dangerous place for the unborn. Nearly one half of all pregnancies in Allegheny County ended in abortion. It was estimated that more than one in four women had suffered a past abortion. In response, a small prayer group in the North Hills began seeking ways to offer alternatives and support to women considering abortion. On the other side of town, a steering committee in Monroeville had formed with similar goals. In May of 1985, the North Pittsburgh Crisis Pregnancy Center opened its doors and by the following Spring, the Monroeville Crisis Pregnancy Center opened inside the Monroeville Mall.

These two ministries flourished throughout the 90's seeing thousands of young women at multiple locations for pregnancy testing, and peer-to-peer counseling. As the culture shifted, so did the strategy and by 2003, both organizations had converted to a medical model employing doctors and RNs to provide ultrasound services and STD testing onsite. In 2009, the two groups combined to become Women's Choice Network, a city-wide network of services with a focus on African American women who were suffering a disproportionate number of abortions in Pittsburgh.

In the decade that followed, thousands more were reached and in 2022, we documented over 7000 babies that had been rescued from abortion. Women's Choice Network has now reorganized as the Network of Life to allow for the expansion of programs and community education. The three medical clinics, still called Women's Choice Network, continue to serve as our centerpiece programs for those most vulnerable to abortion. Those clinics are currently located in North Side, Monroeville, and Oakland.

DID YOU KNOW? we serve men

We encourage our clients to bring their male partner to their appointments. The father of the baby is the most influential person in a woman's decision about her pregnancy. Early engagement of the father is crucial. Last year, over 160 fathers were present at the initial ultrasound. Men also visit for STD testing and treatment.

Monroeville pregnancy center offers women an alternative

By DAVID SCHREENGOST
Editor

Jane is quite a confused young lady.

Just a few short months ago, she graduated at the top of her high-school class. She was smart, pretty, popular and headed to college.

But now it seems her whole world is crumbling around her. She graduated at the top of her high-school class. She was smart, pretty, popular and headed to college.

All the signs were there, but she had no way of being sure. She was afraid to talk to her parents, even her friends.

She never expected this. She never expected to become pregnant. Not her.

Where can Jane go with her problem? Who can she talk to? According to Gail Daniele, she has a place to go where trained people who understand her situation can help her deal with it.

Daniele is a co-director of the Monroeville Crisis Pregnancy Center, located in suite 317 of the Monroeville Mall Office Complex. Volunteers at the center provide support for women facing a crisis or unexpected pregnancy.

The center, which has only been in existence since February of this year, is one of four such centers in the Pittsburgh area. The community service organization is non-profit and privately funded by local individuals and churches.

Thirty-three local volunteers are the backbone of the center. They are professionally-trained by the Christian Action Council on how to deal with women in a crisis pregnancy situation.

Plum resident Daniele and center's other director, Virginia Krusemacker, work hard to help women with crisis pregnancies. To make an appointment, call 373-2775.



CARING COUNSELORS -- Gail Daniele (left) and Virginia Krusemacker work hard to help women with crisis pregnancies. To make an appointment, call 373-2775.

Community News Photos

will be there to help." Daniele stressed that the final decision is that of the woman faced with her about her specific situation and discuss all the facets of her life involved in her decision," explained Daniele. "We tell her to talk to the people in her life and formulate a game plan. Then she can move on to the decisions she needs to make."

The Monroeville Crisis Pregnancy Center is open Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 2 to 5 p.m.; and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Daniele feels that women are unaware of their existence or the center's services.

How We Serve: Our Signature Programs

Pregnancy Testing & Ultrasounds

“Seeing my baby’s heartbeat gave me the courage to cancel my abortion.” By offering ultrasound inside our centers, couples see their tiny child, created in the Image of God. 80% will choose life after viewing their ultrasound.



STD Testing & Treatment

Those visiting for STD testing are at highest risk for unintended pregnancy and abortion. Young adults are tested at no charge and are introduced to strategies that address the whole person—physical, emotional, intellectual, social, and spiritual— in a context of our Christian faith. Those with positive STD results are offered treatment at no charge in our centers.

Abortion Pill Reversal

“Medical abortion”, also known as the abortion pill, has become the method of choice. Many women immediately regret their abortion decision. Thankfully, our centers provide abortion pill reversal (APR) to serve those who have regrets after beginning the abortion protocol. Within a three day window of time, women can reverse their abortion pill effects with this safe, simple protocol.

Men’s Outreach & Doctor Dad

The father of the baby is the most influential voice in a woman’s life. While he is a critical partner, he may be reluctant to enter the conversation. His voice is often marginalized during the decision making process and beyond. Our Men’s Outreach seeks to engage dads from the first moments of pregnancy and beyond.



REAL Talk

REAL TALK is a ten part video series created especially for youth groups and high schools. Educators and students love the content, fast paced videos, and the handouts. Now available as a streaming product online, users can stream presentations anytime from anywhere. REAL TALK is both entertaining and effective in reducing sexual activity. Visit Essentialspeakers.com

Life Support Classes

Our pre-natal, post-natal, and healthy relationship Life Support sessions open up opportunities for spiritual discussions, new direction, and lasting change. We assure that after making the choice for life, moms and dads along with those seeking a new beginning will have access to the resources they need. Our Life Support program partners directly with The Nest, a children’s resale boutique in Pittsburgh. The Nest offers clothing and furnishings for infants and children up to size 8 and demonstrates our commitment to care for clients’ children for years to come.



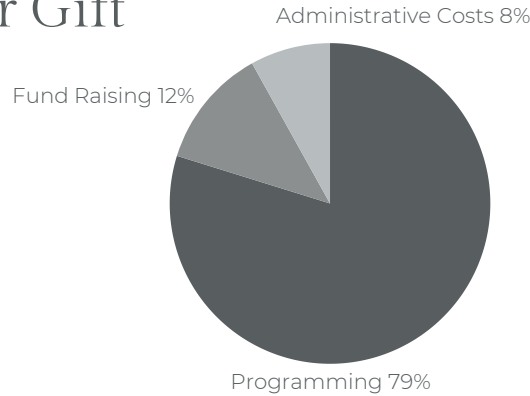
BREATHE After Abortion Care

“I felt loved—like I could finally be open about my past.” Those with an abortion in their past find healing and recovery in a safe confidential setting led by those who extend grace, forgiveness, and answers.

How we use your Gift

According to our 2022 audit, 79% of our annual expenses are utilized for programs that directly serve our clients.

Additionally, 12% was used to raise funds and the remaining 8% was for administrative costs.



Our Impact in the Past Three Years

4731 appointments were made in our clinics

3320 unique clients were served

1216 received a free pregnancy test

1139 clients saw their sonogram in our clinics

2040 were tested for STDs. 8% were positive

122 returned for treatment at no cost

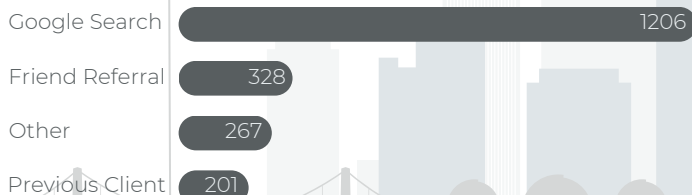
256 men were cared for by our men's outreach staff

163 men attended their child's first sonogram

258 clients are actively enrolled in our Life Support educational programs called Bright Course

300^{Approx.} moms choose life for their babies each year after visiting our centers

How Our Clients find Us



A Sanctuary City For Life

On Friday, June 24, 2022, just hours after the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision, the Mayor of Pittsburgh declared Pittsburgh to be a sanctuary city for abortion. "Pittsburgh is for you," Mayor Gainey said, "If you want to get an abortion, come to the city of Pittsburgh." That same weekend, other local officials proposed (and later passed) three ordinances to strengthen abortion clinics and threaten pregnancy centers like ours. That announcement repeated Mayor Gainey's wording that referred to our city as a "haven for those seeking abortion."

But What if...



What if... our city and its surrounding neighborhoods became known for something quite different? What if this were a sanctuary city for the unborn, where we declared, "Come to Pittsburgh where you are safe! Come to a place where we will care for you and for your baby!"? Since 1985 it's been our mission to reach those most vulnerable to abortion and empower them to choose life. We connect the faith community in the Pittsburgh region to a Christ-honoring network of life-affirming services that speaks to the eroding culture. To become a sanctuary city for life, we have a vision to grow in three ways:

Programs... The pregnancy center of the future will place women's health at the center. Expanding pregnancy wellness programs that honor both mother and unborn child will be the priority. Our medical and services staff have outlined new services that aid those at risk and those unprepared for parenting to meet their needs during and after pregnancy. These programs directly impact key outcomes that have been demonstrated to improve maternal health, fetal health, and fatherhood engagement.



Prayer... The Road Crew is our prayer network, a group of 300 prayer warriors who pray weekly to remove the obstacles and point people to the truth. We hope to increase to over 1000 Road Crew warriors by the end of 2024. To join, simply email us and request to be added.



Promotion... We have an opportunity to promote our mission in ways that provide clarity and compassion to a culture that celebrates death and propagates confusion. Abortion remains legal in PA and the marketplace is flooded with online abortion providers that separate women from authentic healthcare. Restrictions that protect women are threatened and funding, once used to provide abortion alternatives, has been revoked. Education and accurate promotion of our mission is vital. Competing in the marketplace to reach our target client is more difficult and expensive than ever. But we know that strategic promotion will reach our communities and transform lives.

As our opposition seeks to expand abortion in PA and redefine it as "good for women" and "every woman's right," we remind our communities that every life is valuable and worthy of protection. We can also remind our culture that abortion hasn't empowered women and families. It hasn't delivered on any of its promises. It leaves women more alone and further separated from their divine purpose. We can declare that there is no situation that God can't work for good and no action that is beyond His loving kindness. Our staff provides these same words of encouragement every single day.

DID YOU KNOW?
most of our clients aren't teenagers

42% of our clients are between 20 and 24 years of age (PA shows that about one-third of abortions are suffered by this age group). Perhaps most surprising is that those over 30 (35%) and those with one or more children at home (63%) are the most likely to choose abortion.

How Can You Make a Difference?

We have a big vision for our city. Becoming a sanctuary city for life will not be easy. Your partnership is needed now more than ever before. Our budget will increase over the next three years as we expand our network of prayer, programs, and promotion.



Here's how that will look:

- Hiring additional staff to provide new medical programs and care that improves maternal and fetal health outcomes
- Expanding our communication to enhance our awareness programs that correct the record and convey the truth about the impact and effectiveness of pregnancy centers
- Increasing our client advertising so that every woman knows that her choice for life will be supported
- Raising our budget to 1.5 million by 2026

Three Ways to Give:

- Send a check to Network of Life, PO Box 15034, Pittsburgh 15237
- Go to our website and click "Donate"
Networkoflife.org
- Choose a specific program or service from our Giving Catalog at
Givingcatalog.life



Partner with Us:

Your engagement is necessary. Here are 10 ways to make a difference in our ministry:

- Give generously. Every dollar is carefully stewarded for impact. Don't do the math... just do your part
- Bring a speaker to your church or civic group
- Come to a Volunteer Training Seminar offered in the Spring and Fall each year
- Enroll in the Road Crew and pray with us each week
- Bring eight people to our Fall Banquet
- Organize a Baby Bottle Campaign or help with a current campaign
- Bring your pastor or priest to one of our centers for a tour
- Register to help with our Client Christmas Toy Drive and party
- Stay informed about legislation that limits our work and respond with compassion and clarity to advocate for the unborn
- Fund one specific project that God has put on your heart to cultivate. We'd be thrilled to meet with you to share more about specific programs

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