

# Where the Choice is Life!

## The Mission

Our mission at Women's Choice Network is to reach those most vulnerable to abortion and empower them to choose life. When we opened our doors in 1985, the world was a very dangerous place for the unborn. Nearly half of all pregnancies in Allegheny County ended in abortion. Women's Choice Network continues to lead with programs and services that keep us relevant in today's ever shifting culture. And because of this, we can document 7,180 little ones who were rescued by the end of 2022.

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

### 1 WE ARE FAITH BASED

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

### 2 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.

### 3 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 and treatment is available at all of our locations. We provide Abortion Pill Reversal to those who've begun a medical abortion.

### 4 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**.



## Memorable Moments

What does a "successful" year look like? How do we measure the impact of your giving? At WCN, we track every service, every client visit, and every encounter at each of our locations. At year's end, it is fairly easy to give you the metrics and the data (and I think you'll agree that it's been a successful year).

The stories of transformation and redemption are the true success of our ministry. Changed hearts, changed lives, renewed hope and restored relationships measure eternal outcomes. We hope you enjoy reading some of the year's memorable moments.





## A Women's Choice Network Wedding

For many of our clients, abortion is their first reaction to an unplanned pregnancy. When given a list of options, ending the pregnancy is usually at the top. Marriage is not even on the list. But your support changes all that.

When "Cicely" visited last week, she was surprised to learn she was pregnant. The next surprise was a ring. During Cicely's ultrasound, "Gregory" presented a beautiful engagement ring and said, "Let's do this and soon!" Finding a church, a pastor, and a wedding venue the last week of the year was challenging. Our staff persevered, and within a week, we planned the wedding of "Cicely's" dreams right inside our North Side Center. The wedding was our last appointment on our last day open in 2022. Compete with candles, cake, punch, flowers, music, a cookie table, staff, and local vendors helped Cicely and Gregory share their vows with close friends in attendance.

While pinning on the groom's boutonniere, executive director Amy Scheuring was aware of his seriousness about the ceremony and the impact of this moment. He was nervous, excited, and a bit overwhelmed. During the ceremony, friends and family were silent and tearful. Many were hearing traditional wedding vows for the first time. It was a solemn and holy moment. And afterward, the joy spilled into the reception room and then onto East Ohio Street as the small wedding party danced and celebrated up and down the sidewalk. Marriage is God's gift to illustrate unconditional love, covenant relationship, and creativity in procreation. We are so grateful to God for His gifts.

**This wedding was a gift to the couple, their child, their family, and our community.**

## HOMELESS, LOST, & WITHOUT HOPE

Homeless, lost, without hope. Haley's life had hit bottom long before we met her. It was an unplanned pregnancy that brought her to our doors. Haley thought that life was over for her. This pregnancy impacted her in nearly every way, and she felt that abortion was the only way forward. Haley left our center and returned to the drugs and degrading lifestyle that would lead to death, but Jessica, a WCN staff member, would not let go.

Jessica reached out week after week to offer support and encouragement to Haley. As a result of Jessica's persistence, transformation and trust began to take root. Haley felt valued, loved, and cared for. She delayed the abortion, then abandoned the idea altogether. Jess helped her to reconcile with her family and find a permanent home. When her little boy was born, Haley repeated what we hear countless times,

**"I didn't save my baby... my baby saved me."**



## OUR 7,000th BABY SAVED

This year, our wonderful staff, Board of Directors, and a few close friends celebrated a huge milestone in our ministry. Since we opened our doors in 1985, we've served and cared for moms who felt unprepared for pregnancy. We've kept careful track of our outcomes documenting every decision for life. In July, one of our clients gave birth to Aryiah (pictured to the right) our 7,000th baby! Imagine, 7,000 decisions for life! 7,000 little lives have been saved from abortion. 7,000 moms were spared from a life time of regret. 7,000 fathers became dads. 7,000 families transformed. We celebrated 7,000 big sisters and little brothers. 7,000 first steps, first words, snuggly hugs and toothless smiles. We celebrate because every life is precious and worthy of our protection. At years end, we have reach 7,181 lives saved!

Thank you for helping us reach 7,000 more!



## SUPREME COURT OVERTURNS ROE V WADE

Welcome to the first "post-Roe" generation! This decision certainly causes celebration for anyone who respects the sanctity of human life. We have witnessed history in the making. We celebrate because the decision allows for the conscience of the people to speak, and act to determine if and how abortion may continue. We should continue to expect strong reactions. Pray and give thanks! And take time to pray for our culture and for the safety of our staff inside our centers. Tensions have been accelerated and exacerbated by the decision. Protests and actions by both sides have grown increasingly dark, violent, and destructive. Our Centers are on heightened alert, security has been increased, and policies are rehearsed regularly.

How do we respond? Love one another. Our world needs compassionate care. Rather than trying to win an argument, let's work to win relationships. Listen with love to those who may debate the decision. Gently share the truth in love. Pray for those most impacted. Unplanned pregnancies will continue. Women's Choice Network Centers need prayer, volunteers, and support.

## OUR CLIENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

"Dear WCN, Thank you for the party and the gifts. This is the only Christmas party I was invited to each year. And this year's party was the best!"

Our wonderful moms and dads work all year to make life better for their growing families. They attend our Life Support classes and groups. They learn life skills and develop ways to be better parents in classes like Doctor Dad. Our staff follows through to go beyond a transactional medical service and provide transformational care. We celebrate all they do once a year by throwing a party just for them. Hundreds of brand new toys are collected through the efforts of Fill That Truck and Walnut Grill Restaurant Group. This year Hebron Presbyterian Church hosted the party where over 80 adults and 110 pre-schoolers enjoyed an old-fashioned Christmas party.



## PASTOR TOOLKITS

The swiftly shifting culture presents unique opportunities for the Church to lead. The voice of Christians in a dark world can bring light, truth, and compassion to a hurting world. The Celebrate Life Toolkit brings resources and strategies together to help build a culture of life in our congregations and communities. Every congregation and parish group is unique. The Pastor's toolkit provides a steady stream of various curated resources. Rather than a "one size fits all" program, the toolbox contains a variety of materials and assets. Our goal is to equip leaders with a readily available collection of helpful tools organized for various audiences.

For more info visit [www.mypregnancycenter.org](http://www.mypregnancycenter.org) or email [amym@womenschoicenet.com](mailto:amym@womenschoicenet.com)

## HOW THE NEST GIVES BACK

In March, generous supporters like you helped us collect hundreds of items for mothers and babies fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. In only one week, enough diapers, formula, boots, shoes, socks, feminine products, and Tylenol to fill one half of a shipping container and were sent to a Pastor in Lviv!

In December, The Nest partnered with Allegheny Center Alliance Church and Embrace ministry to provide 250 refugee children with a Little Birdie Box. These boxes were filled with clothing items donated by our generous community members.



# Our Services

## PREGNANCY TESTING AND ULTRASOUND

"Seeing my baby's heartbeat gave me the courage to cancel my abortion." Our advertising seeks to engage those who are most determined to abort their unexpected pregnancy. 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 in our Centers.

## LIFE SUPPORT

One on one or in small groups, our pre-natal, post-natal, and healthy relationship tracks 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.

## MEN'S OUTREACH & DOCTOR DAD

When making a decision about an unplanned pregnancy, 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 sidelined or marginalized during the decision making process and beyond. Our Men's Outreach seeks to meaningfully engage dads from the first moments of pregnancy and beyond. Doctor Dad is a four session seminar that teaches non custodial fathers basic infant care and parenting skills in a small group setting.

## 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. Clients as well as friends in the community are welcome to contact us to find healing, hope and restoration.

## THE NEST

The Nest is a children's resale boutique offering clothing and furnishings for infants and children up to size 8 at pocket book friendly prices. Featuring new and nearly new clothing for little peeps, The Nest is a community shopping destination situated in Pittsburgh's North Side. The Nest Futures Program is an internship experience for our clients providing resume-building retail and service sector experiences to young women who have been impacted by the work of WCN. Every sale helps to save little lives!

## ABORTION PILL REVERSAL

"After you take the first pill, it's like the lights go out and Satan says, 'gotcha.'" Many women immediately regret their abortion decision. Within a three day window of time, women can reverse their abortion pill effects with this safe, simple protocol.

## REAL TALK

REAL TALK is a 10 part video series developed by our Essential Speakers School Outreach Team. Born out of 30 years of experience reaching students, REAL TALK gives educators a vital tool to promote healthy relationships. Educators and students alike love the content, the fast paced video and the worksheets. Now available as a streaming product online, teachers can stream up to 10 presentations anytime from anywhere. REAL TALK is both entertaining and effective in reducing sexual activity. Visit the site at [www.essentialspeakers.com](http://www.essentialspeakers.com)

## Thanks to You

In 2022, we served 1,169 unique clients. 405 had positive pregnancy tests, 433 ultrasounds were provided (some women receive more than one), 321 women chose life for their babies (just over 80%), and 110 men and expectant fathers were served through our Men's Outreach.

Since opening our doors in 1985, we can document 7,181 little lives that have been saved, but countless others have been changed through the gospel of Jesus Christ and the love and care of our Client Services staff, The Nest, and our Post Abortive Care.

## HOW DO WE USE YOUR GIFTS

According to our 2021 audit, 76% of our annual expenses are utilized for programs that directly serve our clients. 15% is allocated to raise funds and 9% covers our administrative costs.

