

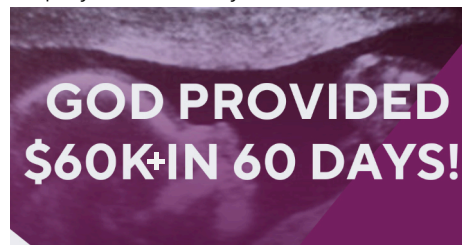
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WOMEN'S
CENTER

"60K IN 60 DAYS" - GOD MADE A WAY!

Did you hear? A generous church offered to match \$30,000 of gifts from Aug 1-Sept 30, with a goal to raise funds for our future ultrasound machines. (Later this year, we will begin the 1-year process of medical conversion so we can offer ultrasound services at both centers by 2026.) As we seek His wisdom for our future, God confirms time again that He is paving the way! Rejoice with us in yet another confirmation of His provision - the \$30,000 was matched in just 37 days! (At the time of this newsletter, gifts to

this campaign have totaled: **\$71,482.**) Over 25 donors - churches, individuals, even VBS kids - united toward one goal for Alpha, a greater reach for the Gospel. THANK YOU! We are praising God for His abundant generosity on display in our family of Christ.



"Thank you for caring & helping me have someone to talk to! It's so good. It's like lifting a big rock off my chest." This sweet text came to us recently from a client who has been struggling to pay monthly bills & feed her children due to an injury at work. Earlier this year, "Kim," (a client who is originally from Croatia) came to us for help. She had to choose feeding her kids over keeping power on in her apartment. We were able to brainstorm ways we could help her. Before she left, we shared the gospel, God's love for her, & how He could walk alongside her through life's challenges. "Kim" agreed to schedule a weekly Bible study. A few weeks ago, we found out that her husband was approved to obtain a U.S. visa to finally come to the U.S. to be with her and children! A job is already waiting for him. Because of generous donor gifts toward "family benevolence", we purchased a plane ticket for him to arrive on October 7th! When she found out, she texted, "This is a great gift since my birthday is on October 5th!" Rejoice with us for all the great things God is doing at Alpha! Our mission at is to glorify God, serve Him, and share Him with all those who enter into both our Ankeny and Des Moines locations! As believers in Jesus, our staff are sympathetic towards the various situations & the present needs of our clients. Alpha Women's Center exists primarily to glorify God by meeting the material & spiritual needs of our clients. We have seen that our clients are more open to hear the gospel when we take time to lovingly listen to them & meet their needs. **THANK YOU** for praying & giving to Alpha!

Director's Note

Did you know that Alpha has an educational focus as part of our non-profit distinction? It's true! We seek to inform, equip and encourage our clients and community as a positive presence that elevates biblical values and the sanctity of human life. This applies in our centers, on social media, at community networking events, in classrooms both public and private, and in our local churches - wherever the Lord gives us a voice! Recently, at the IARBC Women's Renew Conference as a workshop speaker, I was honored to speak about the heart of Alpha's mission while we examined together what it means to have a Gospel-minded, Pro-Life witness. The theme of the weekend was "Count it All Joy: Navigating the Difficulties of Life." Many thanks to our friends at IARBC for extending the invitation! It was a blessing to meet new friends in faith. Several sisters shared precious stories with me about their own experiences with abortion and the difficulties of unplanned pregnancy. What a humbling privilege! I am so encouraged to hear how the Lord is working to redeem and restore those around us at Alpha and beyond. He is doing great things in our midst!



Shelene Billups
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Did you know? We have a monthly Newsletter! Scan to sign up →



Are you following us on Social Media?

Stay connected with Alpha by finding us on Facebook at AlphaDSM & on Instagram at alpha_womens_center.

Baby Bottle Campaign

Total so far in 2024: **\$44,250.45**
(Nearly \$2,000 more than last year!)
Praise God! Your gifts help change lives. Do you still have a bottle from this year? It's not too late to turn it in.
Thank you!

DONATIONS

We're grateful for all donations, but these are what we need most! Please consider adding an item or two next time you shop, or use our Amazon Wishlist: <https://a.co/gVapyfO>

- DIAPERS - SIZES 4, 5, & 6
- WINTER CLOTHES - 18M AND 2T BOYS AND GIRLS
- GALLON ZIP-LOCK BAGS
- BABY WIPES

FULL-SIZE WOMEN'S PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

- BODY WASH
- SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER
- DEODORANT
- TOOTHPASTE

Drop-offs accepted at either location during open hours.

Amazon Wishlist



Fall Closet Swap

Out with the old, and in with the new - season of clothing items, that is! Our Resource Closet is ready for the cooler weather, thanks to the teamwork of Chloe and these freshmen from the Faith Baptist Bible College volleyball team!



INTERN SPOTLIGHT

Bella is currently in the nursing program at DMACC and has come to love Pediatrics and Mom/Baby specialties. She will be joining Alpha for the fall semester.



"I grew up in Urbandale attending First Federated Church. We started going to Saylorville during middle school for their thriving youth group. In high school I went to DMACC for my nursing assistant certification, which has allowed me to gain experience in adult & pediatric care at a local hospital. I worked with many caring nurses, & decided I could see myself in that career. I have always had a desire and passion to serve others.

Through these experiences, I have developed such a genuine heart for the women and children going through unexpected/difficult life circumstances. A friend at Saylorville told me Alpha had some exciting things happening as they develop different levels of care they provide, and recommended I look into an internship. I'm so excited for this opportunity!! I'm looking forward to serving women in the area through this ministry, and learning from the amazing women on staff. I'm praying that God uses this internship to bring glory to Himself!!"

"Wanda" walked into our center a few weeks ago, as she had many times before. She had never been one to open up to us but would just quickly get what she needed and then leave. We signed her in and expected the usual quick visit. However, this time our Assistant Director, Alne, took her back for the visit to our resource closet. A few minutes passed before we realized that they had been having a conversation for longer than she had ever stayed in the building! Then we overheard Alne praying with her. After "Wanda" left, we told Alne that what just happened was amazing, and that we had never been able to hold a conversation with her. "Wanda" came back again with her sister, and Alne met with her again. Her sister shared how she believes in Jesus and that it's hard being the only believer in her family. Alne got to pray with both of them. We praise God for using Alne to soften "Wanda's" heart and to encourage her sister in faith. Will you pray with us that God would save "Wanda?"

Servants Behind the Scenes

Alpha's Board of Directors! At our annual meeting we said "Well done!" to Don Godwin (pictured front right,) stepping down after more than 20 years of dedicated service to Alpha. What a legacy! We also said "Welcome!" to Jeriah Shank (pictured 2nd from the right.) God has been so good to us through these and all our former Board members. Please pray with us over the faithful five that are continuing in service for the year ahead, and also for God's provision as we seek to fill this area of need.



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