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“OH MY WORD! THIS IS WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO AT ALPHA!”

A TEXT LIKE THAT will likely grab your attention! “Jessie” came in for a pregnancy test, which was positive. Single. A teenager. Her boyfriend wanted her to abort. But Mom was there. Mom said that she had come to Alpha, too, when she was younger. She also had a positive pregnancy test and she had a choice to make. Mom chose life and that baby was Jessie—now her baby was having a baby. Jessie decided that she wants to keep her baby. And there was not a dry eye in that room. Praise the Lord—He is still in the heart-softening business!

“All I want to do is tell hurting women how much Jesus loves them, like what was done for me. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do just that.”

~ Alpha staff member

ENCOURAGING UPDATE ON IOWA’S HEARTBEAT LAW!

IOWA’S HEARTBEAT LAW was originally passed in 2018, but it was blocked by injunction after the Iowa Supreme Court asserted a “strict scrutiny” standard on laws limiting abortion. However, the Iowa Supreme Court in 2022 overturned this standard, opening the door to reconsidering enforcement of Iowa’s Heartbeat Law, and Gov. Reynolds requested that the injunction be lifted. In February, The Family Leader filed an amicus (friend of the court) brief in the case, which was signed by 62 legislators. Another 16 legislators signed on to a concurrent brief, also asking the injunction to be lifted. That totals 78 Iowa legislators taking a stand to protect unborn life! Iowa Supreme Court justices and their clerks will look over all submitted briefs in the next few months. Then the Court will hear oral arguments in the case on Tuesday, April 11. (*The Family Leader* 2/21/23)

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

A Pastor asked me if I would consider speaking at a Men’s Banquet—had I ever done that before? I said no, and asked what he had in mind. He said, “Men are half the problem—women don’t get pregnant by themselves.” He’s right! I shared about the ministry at Alpha and how men can take a stand for life. I also shared that since the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe last June, Alpha thought it wise to install a security system in Des Moines with 24-hour monitoring, at a cost of \$1/day. At the end of the evening, those men gave an offering which covered nearly 3 years of monitoring—what an encouragement!

Jeanie Thomas

Executive Director



BABY BOTTLE DONATIONS

BOTTLES LAUNCHED in January in coordination with SOHL Sunday. Total so far = \$17,000. This is what my desk has looked like the first several weeks of the campaign. (Doesn’t everyone use ice cream buckets to make their bank deposits?) Looking forward to seeing how God provides again this year!



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know you can give to AWC through your workplace via UNITED WAY. You can also give through PAYPAL using the “Donate Now” button on our website: www.awcdesmoines.org



OFFERING HELP FOR TODAY & HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

DONATIONS

Though all donations are welcome, the following items are particularly needed!

Please consider adding one or more of these items to your list for your next shopping or garage sale trip!

DIAPERS - SIZE 3,4,5,6

BOYS / ALL SEASONS
18 MOS.—2T

GIRLS / ALL SEASONS
18 MOS.—2T

GALLON ZIPLOCK BAGS

BABY WIPES

FULL-SIZE WOMEN'S PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

BODY WASH

LOTION

DEODORANT

Drop-offs accepted at either location.

INTERN SPOTLIGHT

ALPHA HAS 2 INTERNS THIS SPRING. Bethany is working in Ankeny with a focus on Office Administration. Chloe works in DM with a focus on Women's Counseling. We're pleased to be able to accommodate these requests, and to give these young women the opportunity to see ministry "up close and personal." And I like to have them around, because it's helpful to hear the perspectives of college-aged women.



HOW CAN I HELP?

ONE OF THE PRIMARY WAYS to help is to PRAY. This is a spiritual battle, and prayer is our primary weapon. We need to be using our weapons regularly! Have you ever prayed for God to end abortion? For lives to be saved...eyes to be opened...hearts to be softened? If you prayed for God to overturn Roe, wasn't that AMAZING to see Him answer that BIG prayer?! And shouldn't that drive us to pray more?

REPORTED REASONS WHY WOMEN HAD AN ABORTION IN 2022

Elective & unspecified reasons: 95.7%
Other physical health concerns: 2.5%
Abnormality in the unborn baby: 1.3%
Rape and incest: 0.3%
Risk to the woman's life or a major bodily function: 0.2%

lifelinks.io/killing-exceptions

LIVE ACTION

WHY BABY BLANKETS ARE MORE THAN JUST A GIFT

"SO THAT I CAN SHARE with our youth...how do you use these blankets?" The Youth Director wanted to help the teens make the connection between their blanket-making activity and the ministry at Alpha. (Maybe you've wondered, too.) We give a new baby blanket to a woman who has a positive pregnancy test, as a tangible reminder that this unborn baby is REAL. We give blankets to Moms when they give birth and bring the baby in for a New Baby Basket. And these blankets are just adorable!



Compassion

FOR THE MOTHER OF AN UNBORN CHILD IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, BUT IS NEVER SERVED THROUGH DESTROYING THE INNOCENT.



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