# 2024 Spring Newsletter ON MEN'S CENTER

# **JOIN OUR 5K**

**Saturday, April 27th at 9am.** Join us for the 1st annual Lace Up For Life 5K, Alpha's community outreach & FUNdraiser event for the whole family. 5k starts & ends at ACA, with post-race activities at Alpha: **FREE** food (Chick Fil A!), guided AWC tours, and more! Funds raised will kick off our goal of Going Medical by 2029! Spread the word!

Use the QR Code on the right to sign up/donate.

(Register by April 12th for a shirt.)

# ACE US OR LIFE ST



### "Kaleah"

Last fall, God brought "Kaleah" to us 13 weeks pregnant, in desperate need of help and hope. Her family was already struggling financially due to illness, facing eviction, & in need of a safer home. She proudly shared about having 2 boys and that they would love a baby girl. She didn't want an abortion, but in their state of crisis, it seemed like the responsible decision. We prayed, asking God for protection and provision. Because he cares, we also asked for a girl (tests the following week showed a YES answer. WOW, God!) However, it didn't get easier. Illness and financial struggles continued even with referrals and everything we could think to offer - all dead ends. Extremely discouraged, she scheduled an abortion. She felt it was the only way. The Lord has taught us a lot through this one. It takes time and

trust. It takes patience and persistence. Over the last 5 months, this mama is finally experiencing hope, after everything - God has generously provided through the body of Christ, beyond Alpha's typical care. It's been a roller coaster, but **they are in a new home**, **they are healthy**, and on March 13, by emergency C-section, this precious **baby girl was born!** We are so thankful for a LIFE SAVED! Please pray for this family as we continue sharing God's love and pointing them to Jesus.



## **Director's Note**

After nearly 6 months of leading Team Alpha, the Lord still amazes me every single day. He continually provides for our needs. He loves the women we serve through our incredible client care team and many different volunteer groups. He shows favor and blessing through the kindness of our partners. We get to see babies saved, lives changed, and souls redeemed. Does it get any better than this Gospel-centered work!?! Actually, we think it does! By converting to medical clinic status so we can add ultrasound services to our care, we can reach more women (and families) for Jesus Christ. Providing ultrasounds will bring more clients to our centers, a greater number of inquiries from abortion-minded women, and dramatically increase the choice of life. The Lace Up For Life 5k is the official launch of our "Going Medical" fundraiser campaign. Please pray with us for a successful event - for continued community support as we finalize details, many participants, & generous giving to start our campaign. May Alpha's mission field increase for God's glory. Friends, thank you for your faithful support!



Shelene Billups
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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OFFERING **HELP** FOR TODAY & HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

# **ERN SPOTLI**

Faith Baptist Bible College Students, Ben and Sam, are helping us this semester! In January, Shelene spoke at their Marketing & Fundraising class. These two were excited about our ministry, offering to volunteer their time and talents!

### Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Christian Camping Ministry. He's excited to help promote Alpha's ministry so that more people know about it! "They have a great mission and I want to be a part of it!" Ben is on the planning committee for the upcoming 5k on April 27th. "This is awesome because this gives





Sam is a sophomore in the Organizational Leadership program & is excited to be working with Alpha! "I really appreciate how they're a gospel-centered ministry helping people who have both physical and spiritual needs. I also love the warm and friendly culture of everyone who works at the centers. It's been a privilege to be partnered with AWC." He is working on a complete overhaul of the website by helping our team re-brand to represent the ministry to people who want to get connected with us.

# **DONATIONS**

- **DIAPERS SIZES 3, 4, 5, & 6**
- SUMMER 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.



### SEVEN WEEKS



### - COFFEE -

### Coffee With a Cause!

Seven Weeks Coffee is a pro-life Christian coffee company that partners with PRCs like ours all around the U.S. We receive 15% of every purchase using the QR code below. As a pro-life partner, they also give us an additional grant twice per year. In January, they awarded us \$1,000 what a blessing!

> Scan for coffee





### **Pregnancy Love Boxes**

A NEW project option for church groups! We give Love Boxes to each pregnant client as a way to show God's love to her and her pre-born baby. Mamas are blessed by the pregnancy care & spa goodies, a newborn onesie, a Christian devotional, and a handwritten note of encouragement. They've been a big hit for volunteers and clients alike!



We were blessed to have Stacia Hartog as an intern last semester. One of her projects was creating an Amazon wishlist. Our friends can now utilize the link to shop for donations, with items delivered straight to our door! We hope it's a handy resource for you. Thank you for being a part of our mission to share the love of Christ while assisting women in pregnancy & beyond.

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