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NEW ALPHA MERCH!

HOW DO YOU GET YOUR NAME IN FRONT OF abortion-vulnerable women? That's a question we're constantly asking. High schoolers and college-aged women aren't effectively reached by traditional marketing efforts. So, we're trying a couple of new ideas: T-shirts and stickers! If the design is "cool" then teens will put stickers on everything from water bottles to laptops. So, we've designed some super-cool stickers to pass out. And we're printing an initial run of 120 t-shirts to hand out to the student groups who come to Alpha to tour or do volunteer projects each year. We're hoping they'll wear these shirts — at school, at the mall, hanging out with friends, etc. We're trying to raise Alpha's profile among that age demographic. The shirts will likely cost Alpha about \$8 each to purchase and print. If this is a project you would like to give towards, we welcome your help!



LACY

"I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE to tell you about Lacy. Lacy was a terrified 15-year-old abortion determined girl that came in with her boyfriend, who was also abortion minded. God works in awesome ways because she was not able to give a urine sample (for the pregnancy test) for a long time, so I had a long time to talk with her until she was able. (Thanking the Lord that someone was not able to pee is an interesting thing to thank Jesus for, but I was thankful!) She tested positive but chose not to sign up for the closet. I prayed and looked for her for the next two weeks, but she did not come back. This week she came back! She is keeping the baby and looking forward to her gender reveal party! I am rejoicing that she chose life!"

"SHELLY"

"SHELLY" HAS COME IN to access the Resource Closet. Shelly is very guarded, hostile to the gospel, and sometimes rude. But she initiates spiritual conversations. More often in an accusatory way, like "how can a good God allow suffering?" Yet she listens to the answers. We suspect there is some deep hurt in her life, but she has not opened up about that to us. Please pray for Shelly, that the Lord will soften her heart and open her ears to hear the Truth of God's love for her. And pray for us that we will continue to be loving in our interactions with her!

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This will be my final "Director's note" in the Alpha newsletter. I officially step down from my position at Alpha July 31, 2023. If there are a few tears, it's because I am incredibly grateful for the honor of serving at Alpha these past 7 ½ years. The ministry has grown. I have grown. God has worked things together for good—for Alpha and for me. I know the ministry is in good hands. Please pray for Alpha's excellent Board of Directors as they conduct the business of the ministry, especially in the search for the next Director. Thank you all for your faithful support!

Jeanie Thomas
Executive Director



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 5 & 6
- NEW BABY CLOTHES 12 MONTHS & UNDER FOR BABY BASKETS
- GALLON ZIPLOCK BAGS
- BABY WIPES

FULL-SIZE WOMEN'S PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

- BODY WASH
- SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER
- DEODORANT
- TOOTHPASTE

Drop-offs accepted at either location.

INTERNSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE

WHEN ONE OF OUR STAFF moved out of state this spring, we asked our intern Chloe if she would be interested in moving to a staff position at the end of her internship. She said yes! As an intern, Chloe was already trained, she understood the ministry, and we had seen her work ethic and how well she fit with the rest of the Team. Internships can be a valuable asset. So, we're planning to offer internships at Alpha year-round. If you know a young woman

who might be interested in an Alpha internship, have her reach out to us at awc1dsm@gmail.com.



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You can't have it both ways. If a child lost through miscarriage is real and to be mourned (and it is!), then a child lost through abortion is just as real, and just as much a tragedy. If an abortion is merely removing a clump of cells, then why would people grieve over a clump of cells lost through miscarriage? This intellectual dishonesty has no place in a rational society.

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POTHOLE MATCH

APRIL SHOWERS BRING May pot-holes! I know, that's not the way the saying goes. But that is the way the parking lot goes. We've got some needed repair work to do in our Ankeny parking lot. A generous donor offered to match up to \$3K towards this need, provided we could raise the remaining funds in 60 days. And we did it! In a little less than 2 weeks, Alpha was given more than \$3K by gracious supporters to go towards this effort. Thank you for your generosity!

BABY BOTTLE UPDATE

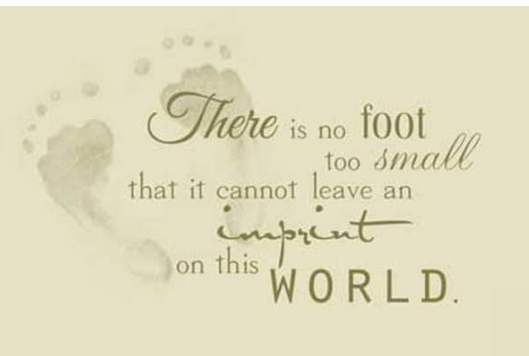
Baby Bottle Donations have topped \$34,000 as of this newsletter. There's still time to get yours in!



A QUOTE:

"IF WE FOUND ON MARS WHAT WE FIND IN A MOTHER'S WOMB, WE'D CERTAINLY SAY WE FOUND LIFE."
AN HONEST ARTICLE FROM GARRETT KELL FOR THE GOSPEL COALITION.

"WASN'T MY BODY, BUT IT WAS MY BABY"



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