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SAYING GOODBYE TO ONE OF THE BEST

AFTER MORE THAN 10 YEARS OF "ACTIVE DUTY," our Office Manager, Martha Wyatt, is retiring. We are very grateful for her faithful service through the years, patiently training so many staff and volunteers, lovingly serving the moms and babies who come to us for help, keeping our records and buildings up-to-date and running smoothly. And she's done it with excellence and grace. We will miss her, and wish God's blessing on her and her family!



10 YEARS AND COUNTING

IT'S OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN ANKENY! When we opened our office in August of 2009, initially, we rented space in the Neveln Center. Then in 2012, a retiring businessman donated his building to us. What a blessing that has been—more room, and no mortgage!



SAY "HELLO" TO CINDY

WE WELCOME Cindy Knight to "Team Alpha." Cindy will be working in our Des Moines location, as the new Office Manager.



A BABY BOTTLE UPDATE

BABY BOTTLE MONIES CONTINUE TO ADD UP!

Can you believe it? Thanks to YOU we've officially passed \$25,000 as of this newsletter! Remember to turn yours in after it's filled!



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ps. 68:19 (NKJV) "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits!" A board member shared some thoughts concerning these "loads." He wondered—is it a pickup load, a dump truck load, a semi load, or a train load? He said, "I have to believe we get a train load – A 100-car train X 80,000 lbs. per car, every day. That's a lot of blessings!" I am grateful to work alongside folks who are looking for (and seeing) God's blessings.

Jeanie Thomas,
Executive Director



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OFFERING HELP FOR TODAY & HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

CURRENT NEEDS

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 trip!

- DIAPERS SIZE 4-6**
- WIPES**
- FULL-SIZE BABY WASH**
- FULL-SIZE BABY SHAMPOO**
- FULL-SIZE BABY LOTION**
- GALLON-SIZE ZIPLOCK BAGS**

Drop your donation off at either location.

WE NEED YOU!

LAST YEAR, we had more than 3000 visits between our 2 locations. Back in December, our Des Moines office saw 41 clients on one Thursday alone. This is a 33% increase in activity from last year!

We are in dire need of more human resources — specifically volunteers at our Des Moines location.

If you are willing/able to help, please call our office (285-5700 or 965-7885) or send an email to Jeanie at awc1dsm@gmail.com.

You can also go to our website to find our volunteer application, along with information to help you determine if this is a good fit for you!

8,600?! NOW THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!

WE'RE SO THANKFUL for the folks that have personally brought packages of diapers to us, or held diaper drives for us. A drive in March brought in 3,200 diapers, and another one in April brought in over 5,400! I know that sounds like a lot of diapers...but we give them out every single day that we're open!



STATE ABORTION BATTLES IN THE HEADLINES

IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER, I shared some of the news regarding abortion laws in our nation, and it was disturbing. Have you noticed recently how there have been more states seeking to put protections in place for unborn children?

Abortion is currently legal in all 50 states, but 43 states prohibit the procedure after a certain point. That point differs from state to state--some specify that point as "viability" – the stage at which an unborn child can survive after delivery. Others restrict abortion after a specified number of weeks from 6 – 20. "State after state is passing sweeping abortion restrictions this year" (NY Times 5-17-19 "Abortion Bans"). Eight states have passed

bills to limit abortion this year, with Alabama's new law being the strongest protection of unborn life—abortion would be banned at any stage except when the mother's life is in danger. Similar measures have been proposed in several more states. Pray for the men and women who continue to battle in the legislative arena on behalf of the unborn.



FOUR WAYS TO PRAY FOR AWC

- 1** Jeanie speaking in churches.
- 2** New staff members as they learn their positions
- 3** Additional faithful volunteers for Des Moines!
- 4** Praise God for 2 clients' decisions: one chose life for her baby, and one chose eternal life!



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