

# Lifeline.....

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## Mission Statement

To empower as many individuals  
as possible in the greater North  
Central Kansas area to make  
healthy life choices related to  
their sexuality and childbearing,  
consistent with the sanctity  
of human life.

## HOPE IN THE MIDDLE OF A STORM

It was a dark, stormy afternoon when Baby Amelia's mother came to Heart Choices. The weather was a definite reflection of her emotions and her current situation. She was homeless, broke, alone, and pregnant with no place to turn.

Her mother said she could not return home unless she had an abortion. She was not sure that was best for her, but felt she had no other options. A friend suggested she come to Heart Choices. There she found mentors that would listen to her and truly care. We prayed with her and assessed her immediate needs. Feeling supported and loved, she found she did, in fact, have other options. She found a sense of hope that God had not forgotten her and would provide what was needed for her and her unborn child.



As the sun began to peek through the clouds, both outside the building and inside her heart, we began to look at steps toward a plan for the future.



Baby Amelia — now 20 months old — came to visit us a few weeks ago. What a ray of sunshine this little one is! Her mother is reunited with her baby's father, working full-time and will soon graduate college with a degree in criminal justice, feeling blessed to have her family.

Amelia's mother often tells us how thankful she is for Heart Choices and the counsel and support she received in a very stormy time in her life. Once again, we are reminded of God's plan "for good, and not for evil" for each one of us. "Plans for a hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11) This verse, found on the inside wall of our Center in Beloit, is an encouragement and reminder to all who enter that God truly cares for them and has a plan for their life, even in the stormy times of their lives.

In Mark 2:1-12 we read of people who took extreme measures to obtain help for their paralyzed friend. The room was so crowded they could not get him in the door to where Jesus was teaching. Verse 4 says, "Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on." Because of their faith and their action, Jesus healed the man and he walked out — carrying his mat!

I am so thankful that Amelia's mother had a friend who was willing to point her to Heart Choices—and I'm thankful she didn't have to cut a hole in our roof to get her there! Because of faithful donors, volunteers, and prayer supporters like you, we can be there as a ray of hope in the darkness for women, men, and families. As we shoulder one another's burdens when they are too heavy, we become living proof that while life can sometimes be too much, through the goodness of our loving God displayed within us, we can find help, hope, and healing.

*Alice*



Hello,

My name is Rachel Ducote, and I am the new Program Director at Heart Choices. I will be working alongside our Executive Director, Alice Thompson, to learn the many programs offered by Heart Choices. I'm currently working on recruitment and training of our wonderful volunteers, who are truly the heart of this ministry.



Recently I was pondering the name of our center, Heart Choices, and how appropriate that name is for this ministry. Having been involved for several years as a volunteer, and now as Program Director, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand the 'heart' that goes into each and every interaction with our clients, from our staff and volunteers.

From the Sexual Integrity team to the operational and client volunteers, to those who wash laundry or take a shift at our fundraisers-they choose to give a piece of themselves 'from the heart'. Time and Time again I have heard the full circle story how someone has been touched by the love they feel from Heart Choices. If there was enough time, we could give testimony after testimony of day-to-day things where this proves true.

As a supporter of Heart Choices, it is also true that we make a choice to support, pray for and be involved in its ministry. Often it is choosing between good and best, giving our all or just enough. Daily I see our staff and board members choosing to give their all at what they do in this ministry. What a blessing to see!

As we look at expanding our programs to meet the needs of more clients, such as fathers, ultrasounds and single parents, I want to invite you to be a part of a team of people who choose daily, over and over again, to give from the heart, in so many different ways. I would be glad to answer any questions you may have about where you could fit into our team. Please prayerfully consider how you can be a volunteer, donor or prayer partner with us and make a 'Heart Choice' so others can experience hope and love that they just otherwise might not.

(For more information about opportunities for service at Heart Choices, email [rachel\\_heartchoices@nckcn.com](mailto:rachel_heartchoices@nckcn.com) )

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**OUR CURRENT NEEDS LIST**

Diapers (sizes 3-6)	Cribs (no drop sides)
Wipes	Formula
Car Seats	Strollers
Baby Wash & Lotions	Diaper Cream
Baby Towels & Washcloths	
Manila File folders (letter or legal size)	
Legal Size hanging files	

**FIREWORKS**

**JUNE 30 ~ July 5**

**10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

Multi-Shot Aerials  
Family Packs  
Kid Packs

All proceeds go directly to:

**Heart Choices**

Stop by our tent at the north end of West Wind Plaza in front of Alco in Beloit, KS.



# WELCOME NEW ARRIVALS

Maggie Andrina 03-09-14 6 lb 6 oz	Isabell Linn 03-13-14 6 lb 14 oz	Kynzlee Hope 04-22-14 7 lb 13 oz
Gemini Ellis Jane 05-07-14 6 lb 2 oz	Emma Kathryn 05-19-14 7 lb 14 oz	Leah Marie 5-26-14 7 lb 8 3/4 Oz

## Fresh Lemonade and Brats Stand

Mitchell County Fair  
August 6th - 9th  
6pm to 10 pm

Please stop by and support Heart Choices by purchasing a Tipton Brat and fresh lemonade .



Start collecting school supplies now and help a child start the school year with confidence and a smile. Heart Choices will be collecting items over the summer for families in need.

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING!

**When:** Thursday, June 19th, 2014  
**Time:** 6:00 pm-8:30 pm  
**Where:** 910 West 11th St.  
Concordia, KS (lower level)  
**RSVP:** 1-785-738-3433


Are you interested in finding out how you can serve with Heart Choices? Would you like to hear an overview of our services? Please plan on attending this free orientation !

Need a quick and easy meal before the ball game or to take to the harvest field?

Order a pizza and support **Heart Choices**

**Monday, June 23rd**  
**5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**Beloit Pizza Hut**  
Dine-In, Carry Out, & Delivery  
(Beloit location only)

20% of ALL sales go to Heart Choices




## Remembering Max Deets: A Legacy of Life

When establishing a pregnancy center in Beloit was discussed in 2001, it was agreed that the board chairman should be a man with a business background, of impeccable integrity, and a highly respected spiritual reputation. It did not take long for the name of **Max Deets** to surface to the top of the list. Interestingly, Max had been praying the "Prayer of Jabez", specifically that God would "enlarge my territory". His heart told him that the need was there for this type of ministry, and he answered the call to become chairman. He was indeed the man that fit all of the criteria envisioned for the leader.

Max was a member of the board of directors from 2001 to 2010, serving as chairman until 2005. A cattleman, rancher, and businessman, he was a committed Christian who loved God's word and sought always to serve his Lord in everything he did. Max went on to receive his heavenly reward on May 17, 2014 at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife, Marcelyn, 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and many, many friends.

Thank you, Max, for sharing your gift of leadership and spiritual guidance in the founding of Heart Choices and the legacy of life you created for us.

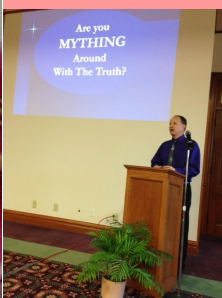


Max E. Deets

*Thank you for donations given*

**IN HONOR OF**  
David & Cheryl Dick  
And  
**IN MEMORY OF**  
Max Deets  
Sandy Lawson  
Bob Campbell  
Courtney DeBey  
Irene LeCount  
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Eileen Poelma  
Joyce Holl

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OR SUPPORTED THE BANQUETS IN BELOIT AND CONCORDIA.  
NEARLY \$40,000 WAS RAISED FOR HEART CHOICES!



**Doug Twaddell**, Sexual Integrity volunteer, explains the school presentations to the audience at Concordia.



249 Guests attended the Beloit Banquet on April 24.



**Tina Price**, Director of Pregnancy Service Center, Salina, shared her story of wholeness and restoration from a broken past and the need for centers like ours to reach out to women and families.



Right—Concordia banquet attendees await the beginning of the Concordia Banquet May 1



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West Wind Plaza in front of Alco in Beloit  
June 30—July 5 10:00 am 10:00 pm

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\_\_\_\_ Helping with fundraisers

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