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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.

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

I love parties! For that reason, I'm always looking for a reason to celebrate, even if it is spur of the moment. Whether on the day of our birthday, a major life event, or special accomplishment, we all have the need to be celebrated for who we are. Unfortunately, with the struggles that we face daily, we often become so discouraged that we find it hard to see a reason to celebrate or to be celebrated.

I celebrated recently as I read a Facebook post of a former client who was praising her young son for the blessing he was to her. She said "I just don't know what I'd do without him." I celebrated because I remembered when she came to Heart Choices struggling with the decision of whether or not to have an abortion. In the meetings that followed she found the strength and support needed to continue her pregnancy and reconcile her relationship with the baby's father. I celebrate their marriage and life together as a family.

When we receive messages from girls saying "I had sex last Saturday night and now I don't know what to do", I am thankful, not because she had sex, but because she had a place to turn before making a decision that would negatively affect her for the rest of her life. I celebrate the fact that because of a generous, giving community, we could be here to meet with her and discuss God's plans for her to have a hope and a future. Thank you!

Life is truly a gift to be celebrated! That is why we invite everyone to join us for this year's **Walk Run for Life** on September 28 at Chautauqua Park in Beloit. Following the 3:00 p.m. opening ceremonies, there will be activities for all ages and athletic ability — from a 5k run and 5k walk to the celebratory 1 mile walk for life. For the children, there will be relay races, an obstacle course, bounce houses, and many games! Adults will enjoy musical entertainment by Roger Cooper, gospel and folk singer, throughout the afternoon, and everyone can join in a meal of pork burgers and hot dogs as we CELEBRATE LIFE!!

Everyone who registers will receive a t-shirt thanks to our generous corporate sponsors: **Smith Center-** Computer Solutions Inc. **Osborne-** The Farmers Bank, Star Seed, Inc.; **Mankato-** Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc.; **Glen Elder-** Cunningham Telephone & Cable; **Downs-** Brush Art Corporation; The Scouler Company.; State Bank of Downs; Corner Drug & Gift, Inc.; **Cawker City-** Wise Construction, Inc.; **Beloit-** AgMark, Inc.; 12:11 CrossFit; Farmway Coop; Fugate Construction, LLC; Hubbard Feeds, Inc.; Landoll Corporation; Mitchell County Convention & Tourism Committee; Shamburg Oil Co./Shamburg Feed Service; and S & S Drug.

As a fundraising event to continue our services, please consider collecting pledges beyond the \$20 registration fee to help us reach our \$20,000 goal. To register or donate, visit our website www.heartchoicesbeloit.com or call the Center, 738-3433! I look forward to celebrating with you September 28!

Alice



MEET CHANTELL!

My name is Chantell Wessling. I am originally from Tipton, Kansas. My husband, Josh, and I now live in Beloit with our five-year-old son, Kale.



I am currently a senior in Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University, and I plan to graduate in December. I have been fortunate enough to be able to complete my senior internship at Heart Choices. I am blessed to have this opportunity, and I am excited to work alongside such truly amazing people.

The mission of Heart Choices has a special place in my heart. I was a client at Heart Choices in 2008, and I was able to see firsthand the difference that their support can make. I was able to witness the care and compassion that is put into every meeting. After my meetings with Alice, I knew that one day I wanted to make a difference in people's lives like she had in mine.

I am proud to be able to be a part of this wonderful ministry, and I look forward to helping the staff in any way I can. I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to help make a difference. I hope to be as empowering to Heart Choices as they once were to me.



The Board of Directors of Heart Choices, Inc. will meet for Vision Planning on October 19. Please pray for God's direction and clear focus for all members as we look toward the future of this ministry.



Alexander Lee
Michael
6-23-14
7 lb 10 oz

Kyden Robert
05-12-14
8 lb 1 oz

Samantha
Dawn
07-01-14

Brittany Mallory
07-01-14
6 lb 7 oz

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ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED FOR HEART CHOICES

Heart Choices is pleased to announce that an endowment fund has been generously established in our name with the Solomon Valley Community Foundation. We are very grateful to the generous donors who provided these funds which will help provide ongoing grants and support to sustain the ministry and services in our community for generations to come.

For information about contributing to this fund or designating Heart Choices as a beneficiary in your estate planning, please contact Alice Thompson, executive director, at 738-3433.



All gifts to Heart Choices are tax deductible and are used to provide life-affirming services to women, men, and children in the North Central KS area.

REACHING OUT



Heart Choices Cups and information were given to college students at NCKTC and CCC as they returned for the 2014 fall semester. Above— Donise converses with a student at the Heart Choices booth during the CCC "Faith Night." on August 21.

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Heart Choices staff, volunteers, and their families enjoyed perfect weather as they shared food and fellowship on August 11. We praise God for such a wonderful time!



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