

Lifeline.....

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All Because of Love

It was a phone call that left me feeling helpless and frustrated. I was proud of the 19 year old for making contact with our Center, and **extremely** grateful to the medical clinic worker in Western KS who heard our ad on KPRD radio and referred her to us. But I kept thinking I should have been able to do more.

Finding out she was pregnant was not good news to her at this time and she was searching for a way to end her pregnancy. When she learned we could not help her do that, she quickly ended the call. My heart was broken. What more could we do?

We could (as we did) pray for her. We continue to pray that God will remind her of the words that were spoken to her in that short call affirming the life of her unborn child, and that He will put others in her life to give counsel and encouragement. We will pray for this baby to have life -- to have a "hope and a future".

And we will love her.

Love is why this ministry exists. But not just superficial love that depends on a person's actions or relies on emotions that can disappear when conditions change. We want to introduce our clients to True Love. the kind of Love that gives up an only Son so that we might have eternal life. Some have never seen that love before.

Jesus came that we might know God and we know God is love, the kind of love that many of our clients want so much to know. So, if you're wondering why we do what we do, why we keep going even when our clients choose to go against God's teaching, it's because of that word: "Love". We will continue to love her as Christ loves her, no matter what her decision.

As devastating as that one situation was for us, we were encouraged shortly thereafter by a woman who came into our Center and proclaimed, "Because of you guys, I will have a grandbaby!!!" The woman's daughter was also considering ending her baby's life, but as a result of her mother seeking counsel from Heart Choices on the daughter's behalf, the daughter chose life for her unborn child! Now the daughter is preparing for her child's birth and learning how to make good choices for herself and her baby through the *Earn While You Learn* program at Heart Choices.

According to the mother, "When I made the call to Heart Choices they were so caring and understanding. Rachel prayed with me and helped me know how to help my daughter."

Thank you for making it possible for our staff and volunteers to be available, whether by phone or in person, to save lives and share God's love with our clients who are facing challenges in their lives — *one life at a time*.

May you know that love that surpasses any earthly emotion and share it with those with whom you come in contact every day.

Alice

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35



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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, childbearing, and parenting, consistent with the sanctity of human life.



Make Some Change!

Heart Choices is happy to announce that we received over \$8,000 in Change for Life baby bottles in 2015!!! We are challenging you to beat that in 2016! These bottles were filled by individuals, schools, churches and groups who wanted to support the services of Heart Choices. Bottles are available for pick up at our office along with information packets.



Thank you

to the following churches, groups, and individuals who have participated in the "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign recently

Tami Eck & Friends ~ \$67.58
 Mark Gervais ~ \$18.75
 Glen Elder Friends Church ~ \$38.93
 Jim & Mary Gwennap ~ \$34.30
 Jeff & Hannah Reardon ~ \$28.23
 St. John's Catholic School ~ \$134.88
 Carolyn Williams ~ \$9.00
 Xi Theta Epsilon ~ \$321.74

Contact us if you would like to organize a baby bottle campaign in your church!



For a real challenge: Two giant baby bottles are available too! Will you take the challenge? Can you help beat last year's total? A bit of spare change adds up to a huge difference!



1st Annual Fun Show

April 9th at 1:00
 Osborne County Fairgrounds
 Osborne, KS
 Registration 12:00 – 1:00
 \$15 Entry Fee
 Entry fee waived with \$20 sponsorship
 738-3433 for more information
 All proceeds benefit



HEART CHOICES RECEIVES DANE G. HANSEN FUNDING FROM LOCAL FOUNDATIONS

We were recently blessed to receive funding from Smith County Foundation, Osborne County Foundation, and Community Foundation of Cloud County to purchase updated parenting curriculums, materials for fathers, and other equipment and supplies for serving women and men in those counties. THANK YOU to the local foundations and the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for making these funds available and for entrusting them to us to invest in individuals in our area!



Left: Bob Burns, HC Board member, Robert Steimel, Community Foundation of Cloud County, Alice Thompson, Donise Underhill, Janna Weldy, RN,, ICU mobile, unit, and Sherelle Peterson in front of the mobile pregnancy testing and ultrasound unit which Heart Choices sponsors in Concordia once a month. A portion of the grant funding will help pay for this service.



Above: Osborne County Foundation member Don Koops presents the check to Alice, joined by Rachel Ducote, Program Director, and HC Board member, Shawna Doane.



Above: Smith Center Satellite Site Manager Sherelle Peterson and Executive Director Alice Thompson receive funds to from Smith County Foundation to expand opportunities for parents in that county.

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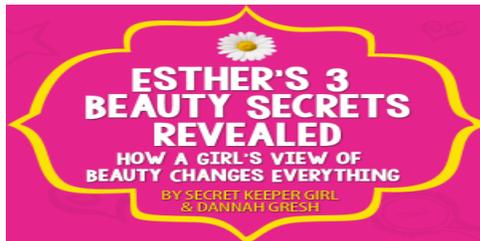
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Welcome Little Blessings !

Tucker ~ 9/29/15
 Vannan Joseph ~ 10/22/15 ~ 7lb 13oz
 Dominic ~ 10/23/15
 Nova Diem ~ 11/04/15 ~ 7lb 7oz
 Donovan Keegan ~ 11/24/15 ~ 6lb 2oz
 Gracie Rose ~ 12/09/15 ~ 4lb 8oz
 James Clinton ~ 12/26/15 ~ 7lb 6oz
 Gabriella Star ~ 01/13/16 ~ 7lb 5oz



Secret Keeper Girls Bible Study, at Heart Choices, Beloit, is held the Second Tuesday of the Month starting at 6 PM. Fun, good topics and great Bible Study for moms and daughters! Girls ages 8-12 bring a snack and your Bible and be ready for an awesome live webcast with Danna Gresh! Topics include modesty, self image, purity, and more!



Pure Freedom for High School age girls, was held Jan 22, 2016 in Beloit. This was a successful overnight event, filled with fun, dialogue, and lots of meaningful presentations. Pictured are some of the attendees trading their false pearls for the real deal!



For more information on these events, contact Director of Youth & Student Services, Megan Nulf at sexualintegrity@nckcn.com



The **SILVER RING THING** tour was in Beloit Nov. 8. According to the SRT team, **346** people attended and **85** parents came to the Parent Session. **31** purchased rings to wear as a commitment to pray for their kids and **139** students got rings as a sign of their commitment to wait. We are also celebrating the **94** who gave their lives to Christ!! It is such a joy seeing lives changed by God!

The team shared some of their experiences from the event:

—“Steph met a girl after the ‘starting over ‘story who was so blessed by her honesty and vulnerability. She had been struggling with very similar things, but tonight took a stand because she saw that she could live in a different way.”

—“Emily met a mom who was so overwhelmed with joy to watch her daughter move to the front of the room to accept Christ. The daughter put on a ring tonight to stop living in sin and shame and stand firm on God’s command to be holy as He is holy.”

THANK YOU individuals and churches who contributed financially to help make this event happen, to Beloit High School for facility use, and to the volunteers who worked in multiple capacities to ensure a great event.

We are excited to now make available 4 copies of *Bare Essentials*, the 4 week Bible Study from The Silver Ring Thing! If you would like to check this out from our library and start it at home, school, or church, please contact us! Now is a great time to follow up with your teen or youth group who attended the November event!



Pizza with a Purpose



Will receive 20% of all sales on Monday, February 22

5–9 pm

Dine-in Carry Out Delivery

738-5706

(Beloit location only)

“I continue to be touched and amazed by the

outreach of Heart Choices. Heart Choices is now a common go to resource for foster care, the courts, mental health—you name it. I think this is because it is comprehensive in responding to families in need.

I say this carefully, Heart Choices is more than a Pro-Life agency. It is an agency that is building skills, rendering support, and providing counsel that helps struggling families in our region.

These services would not be there if it were not for Heart Choices. As a social worker, therapist, and Christian, I am thankful and grateful for all the work you do (some results and impact that you probably have no idea is occurring) because of God’s work and your efforts. “ —collaborating professional

Thanks For Blessing Heart Choices with donations of diapers and supplies

- Girl Scouts Troop #20651
- Dispatch Christian Reform Church “Gems”
- Jewell “Red Hats”
- Beloit High School FCCLA
- Concordia PEO
- Zion Lutheran Church Women
- Asherville Achievers
- Rose Valley United Methodist Church
- Cloverleaf 4-H Club
- Clifton/Clyde St. John’s Church
- Beloit First United Methodist Church



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(someone will contact you or call 738-3433 for more information)

Thanks for helping us be good stewards!

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