

“WE ARE HARD PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE, BUT NOT CRUSHED; PERPLEXED, BUT NOT IN DESPAIR; PERSECUTED, BUT NOT ABANDONED; STRUCK DOWN, BUT NOT DESTROYED.” 2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the state of Illinois becomes increasingly pro-abortion, **our mission remains...** a mission of providing hope, encouragement and education so couples can journey **from panicked to prepared**. From considering abortion to confident parents and thriving families.



There has been a billboard at the Illinois/Missouri border that boasts, “welcome to Illinois, where you can get a safe, legal abortion”. In June, the Reproductive Health Act created a fundamental right to abortion in Illinois throughout the entire 9 months of pregnancy. This act removed the requirement of a second doctor to provide treatment for a baby should he survive the abortion procedure and removed other safety requirements and penalties for abortion clinics. In the face of these challenges, **our mission remains.**

Most new clients find Informed Choices through an internet search, but reaching those potential clients has become more challenging. Last summer, Google created a policy requiring the phrase, “Does not perform abortions” to be included with our paid ad. Please pray that despite Google’s policy, abortion vulnerable women and men continue to reach out to us for help. IC began working with a new marketing company that specializes in pregnancy center SEO and marketing to maximize our online presence. Like many pregnancy centers, our

THANK YOU
FOR ENSURING
OUR MISSION REMAINS!

number of new clients decreased, but of the abortion vulnerable women and men who did visit our center and whose outcomes we know, 88% decided to carry their babies rather than abort...**our mission remains.**

In August, myself and a few others had to appear for depositions by the state’s attorney that challenged just one of Illinois abortion laws (SB1564). This law requires medical facilities, including pregnancy centers to discuss the benefits of abortion and provide clients with a printed list of abortion providers. We continue to wait for a ruling that protects our religious freedom and rights of conscience. As we wait, we served 523 abortion vulnerable women and men this year, providing education and support...**our mission remains.**

We can clearly see God at work and know He has big plans for our ministry in the year ahead. He has provided abundantly this year with record setting fundraising at our Hike for Life, a very successful Annual Banquet, and some special gifts that have allowed us to accomplish key goals. We set up client educational materials through a streaming service, hired one of hopefully two much needed Client Care Coordinators, and began the remodel of our Crystal Lake Center. Through your prayers and generous support, couples’ hearts do change and together we are winning the battle for life one decision at a time. **Thank you for ensuring our mission remains.**

In Him, Sarah



OUR MISSION
EMPOWERING WOMEN AND MEN TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES BY PRESENTING JESUS CHRIST TO THOSE INVOLVED IN PREGNANCY DECISIONS THROUGH PROVISION OF PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT.

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2019 BROUGHT SPECIAL BLESSINGS WHEN OUR STAFF WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THE WEDDING CELEBRATIONS OF THREE CLIENTS.



PREGNANCY CENTERS

605

Unique Clients Served
543 female & 62 male

523

New Clients

1,857

Client Visits

157

Babies Born

3

Weddings

34,725

Diapers Given Out

67%

of clients are
at-risk of abortion

88%

of abortion vulnerable
women **decided to carry**
their babies

MEN'S LIFE

Our male advocates meet with men involved in a pregnancy decision, offering a godly male perspective on their situation. Men's Life Advocates also meet regularly with new fathers to discuss discipline, relationship struggles, financial strain, and many other topics that contribute to being a healthy parent.

"THEY REALLY CARE
FOR THE PERSON"

"THE INFORMATION WAS
SO THOROUGH & SERVICES
SO HELPFUL"

"FRIENDLY, AMAZING
PEOPLE"

HEALTHY CHOICES

960

Presentations

16

Schools
including new districts

6,600

Students

Healthy Choices presenters talk with middle school students who face a growing number of serious challenges such as vaping, sexting, and pornography. They teach the value of setting goals, building healthy friendships, healthy dating relationships and how they can make a positive difference in the world.

NEW LIFE RESALE

2

Churches
ran collection drives

6,200

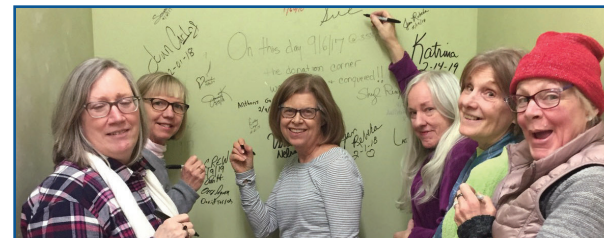
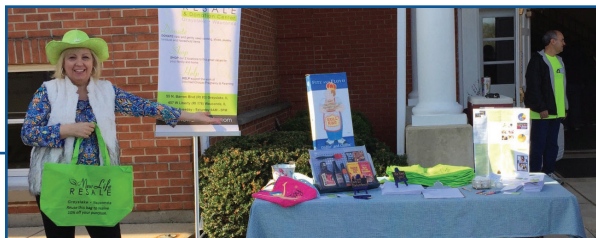
Donations

12,258

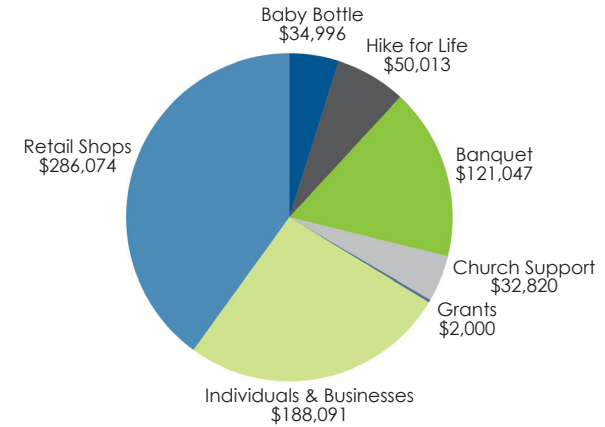
Volunteer Hours

\$37,954

Raised
to support our ministry



2019 REVENUE



2019 Board of Directors Banquet

2019 EXPENSES

