



Mission in Motion

Alternatives
Care Centers

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Our Mission: To promote the value of human life
by serving the unborn and their families with the love of Jesus Christ.



It is such a blessing to know you're here, standing shoulder to shoulder with us. It is because of you and your partnership that the stories and lives you will read about have been impacted and changed forever.

Alternatives is here to uphold the value of human life, from conception through every life stage. Contending for the least of these, while offering the hope of Jesus Christ to any of our clients who desire to hear.

Psalm 23 is one of my favorite Psalms, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul."

We are a place of peace in a chaotic world because of you. God uses your prayers, time and financial partnership to ensure there is an oasis of peace, love, hope and support for those whose worlds are being turned upside down. Thank you for being a part of this beautiful representation of Jesus love for His people.

Cathy Stoner, Executive Director

Client Story



As she waited in the lobby for her monthly clothing room appointment, a long-time client opened up to a staff member about what her visits to Alternatives truly mean to her. "It's always so peaceful and quiet here," she said. In the middle of a life filled with chaos, Alternatives has become her safe haven — a place where she can breathe, feel seen, and simply be. Her words were a powerful reminder of how even the smallest moments of peace can make a lasting difference.

Education

In recent months, we shared with you that the Michigan Department of Education is undermining our legislative process in an effort to bring gender ideology into more areas of

Events

You are invited to a light dinner and an inspiring hour to **learn, connect, and make an impact** with Alternatives Care Centers. This event is free, but reservations are needed. Please

public education, while conflating what is sex education and what is general health education for our children. Last week, a historic number of concerned parents and MI residents attended the State Board of Education meeting and raised their concerns about the newly proposed Michigan Department of Education K-12 Health Education Standards, which seek to recommend gender ideology throughout our general health education standards.

The State Board of Education released a statement, just hours after the meeting, dismissing much of the publicly-stated concerns as “falsehoods”. Keep in mind, our State Board of Education is very much weighted to one particular side of the argument.

It is extremely important that we use our voices to stand against these proposed standards during this crucial time. You can find a fact check document here:

[Fact Check Document](#)

You can also plan to attend and/or speak up during the public commenting time in Lansing on November 13. If you would like more information about this opportunity or if you have any questions, please email Brittany at brittany@alternativesofkzoo.org.

reserve your spot 48 hours prior to the date you choose. We encourage you to arrive at 5:45. The program starts promptly at 6:00.



[More Information & Sign Ups](#)

Get Involved

Open Volunteer Positions

Alternatives is blessed with a diverse community of people who use their God-given talents and skills to strengthen and support this ministry.

Right now, we are seeking volunteers to serve in the following areas:

- **Reception (Kzoo & BC)**
- **Advising - Male and Female (BC)**

If you feel that one of these volunteer roles fit your gifting, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Debbie Koenig.

Clinic Prayer Requests

Please pray for our first Multiply the Mission dinner and tour on October 30th.

Pray that the Lord will stir people to action.

Clothing Room Needs

Alternatives provides material assistance to our clients. We accept gently used items such as maternity outfits, children's clothing sizes preemie - 5T, toys, and strollers.

Amazon Wish Lists

While most items for our clothing room are donated to us, additional items can be found on our Amazon Wish Lists, such as diapers, formula, wipes, and car seats, which must be new and in the original packaging. If you wish to help fulfill these needs, please click below.

Our current needs include:

- **Formula**
- **Baby Wipes**
- **Diapers (Size 4 & 6)**
- **Small Hangers**
- **3/4T Boys Pull-Ups**

The Clinic News

This month, two individuals decided to follow Jesus! There is no greater joy than witnessing lives transformed by the love and grace of God. Let's continue to pray for their spiritual growth as they begin this exciting journey of faith.

Client Story:

A client initially came in for a pregnancy test, tearful and unsure about how to proceed with her pregnancy. Two of our advisors provided excellent support, compassionately guiding her through her emotions and presenting the available options using the options box.

Based on her reported dates, she was estimated to be 5 weeks and 5 days gestation. When she returned for her ultrasound, one of the advisors kindly accompanied her, and her boyfriend was also present for support.

The ultrasound revealed that she was actually 11 weeks and 4 days along. She was surprised by how far along she was, and after receiving this new information, she made the decision to continue with her pregnancy.

Volunteer Highlight



Bibi

Bilingual Advisor, Clothing Room Coordinator
4th Year Volunteering

"Because I am obedient to the Lord. I like to take care of the babies and the kids. I do not have children of my own. I feel very blessed and happy to be at Alternatives and able to be the Spanish-speaking Advisor to meet with our Spanish-speaking clients to make it more comfortable for them."

Community Outreach



On October 15, the Kalamazoo Team attended the 4th Annual Celebrate Babies Event. It was a great turnout, and we were able to share information about Alternatives and our mission with over 36 families. We are incredibly grateful for these opportunities.



We will be attending the bi-annual fundraising luncheon for Isaiah 117 on October 22nd. It is essential that community partners support one another! Collaboration makes all the difference as we engage and support the families of our community.

**Offender
Success**



Alternatives BC went to the quarterly Calhoun County Offender Success Transition Team meeting where they had the privilege to share our services with those coming onto parole. One opportunity led to providing a parolee with information to our Faithful Fatherhood Program and asking how we could help him in supporting his daughter, who he

hasn't seen in 2 years. He was tearful. We pray that he is able to connect and be successful in his transition.

Thank You

The heart of this year's gala centered on Matthew 9:37: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."*

We thank God for the younger generation and the many new faces who not only attended but felt called to join in the work of this ministry. Though our mission field is here at home, the challenges and the calling remain the same as those serving abroad. We clearly see God's hand moving—opening doors, transforming hearts, and revealing His love. Our prayer is that even more will rise up to labor with us, carrying the hope of the gospel to a world in need of His grace.

Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner while hearing powerful updates from our staff. They shared about the increasing challenges we face in today's culture—particularly the accessibility of the online abortion pill—and how God is leading us to respond. Through initiatives like *Rise Up*, our student ministry at Western Michigan University, and a 24-hour nurse line, we continue to bring hope and truth to those in need. The Battle Creek center presented the *Faithful Fatherhood* program, an eight-week initiative for men of all ages who desire to strengthen their role as fathers. The program's mentors represent multiple generations, including one gentleman in his 90s—demonstrating that there is no age limit to serving faithfully and laboring in the Lord's field. We are beyond excited to announce that Battle Creek will be moving to their new home at 215 Roosevelt, and by God's provision, we are 100% debt-free. All are welcome to an open house reception on November 13th from 6:00-7:30.

If you were unable to attend, be looking for a full recording of the event in the next edition of this newsletter. Thank you for your continued investment in Alternatives and the Harvest of the Lord.



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Gala

Join Our Team - Current Staff Positions

Clinic Quality Assurance
Director

Sexual Risk Avoidance
Instructor

Registered Diagnostic
Medical Sonographer

Are you a state-licensed RN passionate about making a difference in people's lives? As our Clinical Quality Assurance Director, you will lead the development, implementation, and ongoing management of all Alternatives medical programs, ensuring excellence in care and compassionate service to every client.

This is more than a leadership role—it's an opportunity to shape programs that transform lives, support families, and advance our mission in the community.

As an SRA Instructor, you will inspire and educate young people in schools and community organizations by teaching our Sexual Risk Avoidance curriculum. In addition to leading presentations, your role will include preparing materials, completing routine office tasks, and participating in ongoing training and professional development to grow your skills and impact.

This is an opportunity to empower youth, make a lasting difference, and support healthy decision-making in our community.

As a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS), you will combine your technical expertise with compassionate patient care. Your primary responsibility will be performing limited obstetric ultrasounds to verify pregnancy, providing clients with both information and reassurance.

This role calls for strong clinical skills, excellent communication, and the ability to connect positively with clients and collaborate effectively with staff. Make a meaningful impact while using your expertise to support families in our community.

Additional Information & Applications

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