



Mission in Motion

Alternatives Care Centers

NOVEMBER

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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.



SNAP BENEFITS AT RISK

As you may be aware, due to the government shutdown, many people who depend on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are at risk of losing that help as of November 1st. Over the decades that Alternatives has existed, YOU, our partners, have consistently shown up to help care for little ones in our communities by ensuring Alternatives has the necessities moms and dads need to ensure the health and safety of their children. Items such as diapers, formula, and wipes are essential in caring for a child.

The rhetoric that says 'we only care about getting the babies born but aren't there to help after birth' has never reflected the heart of Alternatives, and we need your help now, more than ever. These items can cost a family over \$100 a month, and when a mom is having a hard time stretching her budget, we can ease her burden. Each time we provide one of these items, we exemplify the love of Jesus as He instructs us in His Word.

James 1:27 "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you." We're so thankful that we are a community that truly cares. Together, we can ensure babies are fed and are kept clean and dry. Visit our Amazon Wish List.

Cathy Stoner, Executive Director

[Battle Creek Amazon List](#)

[Kalamazoo Amazon List](#)

Client Story



We recently had a client return who we had previously shared the Gospel with. During the visit, the advisor asked if she had ever responded to that message.

With joy, she shared that she and her husband began attending Radiant Church—and both have since given their lives to Jesus!

What an incredible reminder that God's Word never returns void. The seeds planted in faith often grow in ways we may not immediately see, but the Holy Spirit continues working in hearts long after the conversation ends.

Let's rejoice together and continue to pray for this couple as they begin their new life in Christ. May this encourage us to keep sharing the hope of the

Gospel, trusting that God is using every encounter for His glory!

Education

Please help us to spread the word about our new WMU campus ministry initiative. Please share this info with your college-aged friends and family who may want to get involved in this awesome ministry.



The graphic features a yellow header with the "RiseUP" logo, which includes a stylized sun with rays and a cross. Below the logo is a collage of images: a book with a ring on it, a notebook, a small photo of people, and a small photo of a couple. The main body is dark blue with white text. It includes a "MISSION" section, a "VISION" section, and a "HOW CAN YOU HELP?" section with a bulleted list. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text "FOLLOW THE QR CODE TO CONNECT OR LEARN MORE INFORMATION".

MISSION
EDUCATE AND EMPOWER COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE OPTIMAL HEALTH AND PROTECT THEIR SEXUAL INTEGRITY.

VISION
MAKE CULTURE EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE A NEW CULTURE WHERE SELF-WORTH IS REVITALIZED, PROTECTED, AND INFORMS THEIR DECISION MAKING.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

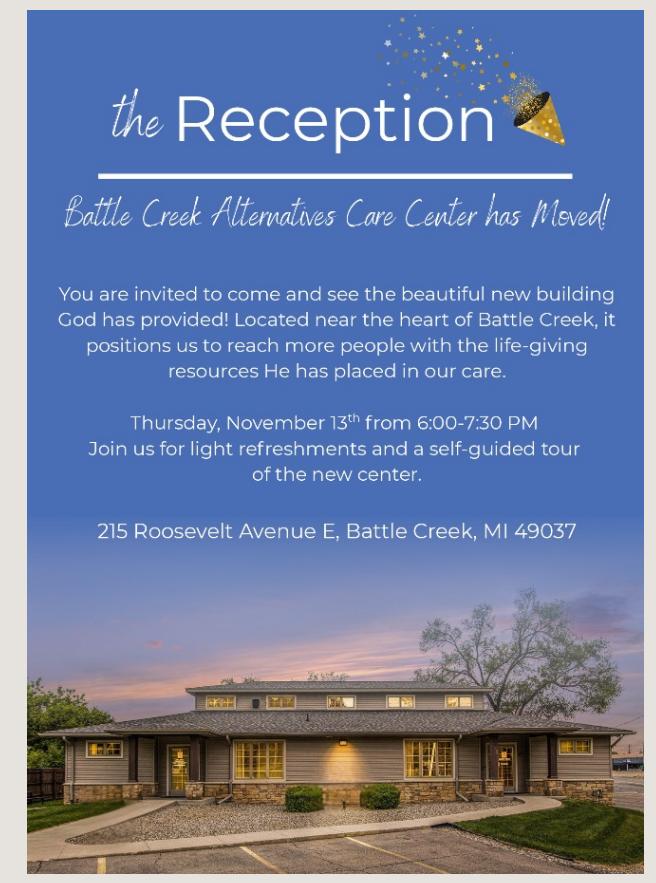
- PEER-TO-PEER OUTREACH
- SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANCE
- ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS
- EVENT SUPPORT

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Events

We would be delighted for you to join us on Thursday, November 13, 2025, between 6:00-7:30 for an open house reception celebrating our new Battle Creek building, graciously provided by God.

We're excited to be closer to the heart of Battle Creek, a place where we can reach even more people with the resources and opportunities He has given us. Come celebrate this milestone with us! 215 Roosevelt Ave E Battle Creek, MI 49037



The graphic has a blue background with a gold confetti graphic. It features the text "the Reception" and "Battle Creek Alternatives Care Center has Moved!" Below this, it says "You are invited to come and see the beautiful new building God has provided! Located near the heart of Battle Creek, it positions us to reach more people with the life-giving resources He has placed in our care." It also includes the event details: "Thursday, November 13th from 6:00-7:30 PM Join us for light refreshments and a self-guided tour of the new center." At the bottom is a photo of the new building, a modern two-story structure with a stone foundation and a large front door.

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Get Involved

Clothing Room Needs

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

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.

Clinic Prayer Requests

We're launching a text-based prayer chain.

Sign up to receive prayer requests for specific clients—shared in a way that protects their

Our current needs include:

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

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.

[Battle Creek Amazon List](#)

[Kalamazoo Amazon List](#)

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

- Reception - Kzoo & BC
- Nurse - Kzoo
- Advising - Kzoo & BC

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

[Email Debbie](#)

privacy while inviting powerful intercession.



[Life Prayer Partner Sign-Up](#)

The Clinic News

Clothing Room Urgent Need

In the month of October, we served over 200 families through our clothing resource room. Each month, a mom or dad can earn a visit by participating in our parenting classes, Bible studies, or online education, with over 250 topics related to raising children. A parent is able to take home diapers, formula, wipes,

clothing, and many other necessities they need to care for their children. More than "just a clothing room visit", Alternatives staff or clinic volunteers meet with each person individually to hear how life is going, to give support and encouragement, and to offer prayer. This visit is a significant connection point for parents who often return each month for help. No baby should go without formula or diapers. We are in urgent need of formula, size 6 diapers, and wipes. In order to be ready when the needs arise, we will need your help. Please consider visiting our Amazon Wish List to help us have the supplies parents need when they need them. THANK YOU!

A recent clothing room client had this to say, "The services provided along with the support and the open arms along with being a safe place is a place like no other! I appreciate the support you guys offer!"

Volunteer Highlight



Marcia
Advisor
30th Year Volunteering

She loves to talk to our clients about Jesus.

Client Story:

We're celebrating with one of our clients who made the decision to follow Jesus this month! Just a short time ago, she was hesitant to talk about spiritual things. During her visit in September, she shared that she felt content in her spiritual life. But at her October appointment, when her advisor gently asked if she wanted to give her life to Jesus, she said yes!

Praise God for His transforming work in hearts and lives — and for the way He continues to move through every conversation and connection.

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Through her time at Alternatives, she's grown in confidence, sharing her faith and reminding each person that they are never alone in the season they're walking through. Marcia's heart for others shines through every conversation.

Community Outreach



2nd Annual Ministry Fair at Centerpoint

Saturday, November 9th – Kalamazoo, MI

Join us for a powerful day of connection, inspiration, and purpose at Centerpoint's 2nd Annual Ministry Fair! The goal of this fair is to touch the hearts of the masses and raise up workers for the many ministries that serve our community and beyond. God has given each of us unique gifts — and together, we can accomplish the tasks He has assigned to us. Come discover where your passion meets God's purpose! Meet ministry leaders, learn how you can get involved, and take the next step in serving others.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." -Matthew 9:37

Thank You

Each year, one of our donors, Kyle Keller, opens her beautiful gardens to friends and guests for a special Garden Party at her home. Since 2022, Kyle has invited her guests to bring donations to bless Alternatives—gifts such as diapers, wipes, blankets, clothing, and monetary contributions.

Kyle's gardens are a reflection of her generous heart—vibrant, welcoming, and full of life. We are deeply grateful for her faithful support and the way she shares her love of gardening to nurture the ministry of Alternatives.

"Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

— Luke 12:27





Join Our Team - Current Staff Positions

Clinic Quality Assurance Director

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.

Sexual Risk Avoidance Instructor

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.

Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

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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