



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.**



What defines Alternatives Care Centers as a pro-life, Christian, non-profit ministry?

Alternatives began as a result of the legalization of abortion. A local church was motivated to start Alternatives out of its passion to provide truth, support, and love to the women facing pregnancy under difficult circumstances. At our very core is our commitment to the belief in the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception and that God is the Giver and Creator of life.

Psalm 139:13-14 says, “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

It is in these truths that we sit with women, face-to-face, to help them see the humanity of their child - a heartbeat. When a woman is scared and processing a pregnancy that she wasn’t anticipating, many thoughts swirl through her mind; often, abortion is one of those thoughts.

For over 4 decades, Alternatives has been a safe place for women to come to seek answers, help, and hope. With the Holy Spirit’s guidance, our trained advisors and nursing staff sit with these women and, as Scripture directs, seek to understand - to listen first. When we do this, often the Lord gives us opportunities to share with grace and truth that abortion ends the life of a child and causes lasting trauma in a woman’s life and those around her. In those moments, we see women choose life again and again.

Our commitment to life is intertwined with our faith. Having received salvation through Jesus Christ, we desire for all to hear of His amazing forgiveness, love, and gift of eternal life. We are honored for the opportunities God gives us to pray and share the gospel with the women and men He brings through our doors. What a privilege to witness the moment someone acknowledges their sin and gives their life to Jesus!

Alternatives desires to build relationships with the people we serve, to focus on the heart. When people are afraid and not sure what to do, we show our love for them by meeting their immediate needs -whether by providing diapers for their baby, a pregnancy test, an ultrasound, or someone to listen; being there matters. It is in those relationships that we have the tremendous privilege to represent Jesus. This is our calling.

Cathy Stoner, Executive Director

Client Story



We had a client come in for a clothing room visit who has been coming to see us for quite a few years. Through these years, we have watched her transition from a single mom to a wife. She is still the same wonderful person, but she has a new family and a new life.



as she struggled through addiction. She came in this month with her mom and was celebrating 9 months of sobriety. While they were in, one of our advisors was able to share the gospel with both of them and bring them through the plan of salvation.

Hallelujah!

New Webpage!

Did you know you can view, download, or access past editions of our Mission in Motion Newsletter from our website? Under our "Get Involved" tab, there is now a "newsletter" page that houses all of our previous newsletters and includes a link to sign up new users.

Mission in Motion Newsletter

Stay connected and be encouraged by real stories of hope and transformation. Our Mission in Motion email newsletter shares how God is working through Alternatives to impact lives and change the world everyday.

Want to know more about the work we do?

- Inspiring stories from our centers
- Upcoming events and opportunities
- Volunteer opportunities to serve
- Ways to pray and give to support the mission
- Upcoming events and ministry highlights

Don't miss what God is doing — join the mission today!

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Events

Alternatives Care Centers invites you to a free evening of praise, worship, and prayer as our community comes together to lift high the name of Jesus and celebrate the sanctity of human life. The evening will begin with praise and worship led by a multi-church team of pastors and leaders from Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties, culminating in a concert with recording artist Mark Schultz.



[Register for this event](#)

Clothing Room Needs

! Urgent 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.

Our current needs include:

• Formula

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](#)

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

Kalamazoo Amazon List

The Clinic News

We are celebrating a powerful month of impact!

In October, our Kalamazoo and Battle Creek centers served a combined total of 284 individual clients. Praise the Lord for bringing so many people through our doors and allowing us to share His love in tangible ways!

Clinic Client Story:

A first-time client visited Alternatives, and during her appointment, the advisor asked if she would like to receive a New Testament Bible. She gladly said yes. The advisor then shared the gospel with her, and she accepted Christ during that very first visit!

In a follow-up call, the client expressed how meaningful her experience had been and how grateful she was to have come to Alternatives.

Recent Client Comments

- God is really visible in this environment. There is absolutely nothing that could possibly be done better!
- I look forward to seeing the staff. They treat me in a friendly manner, and it feels like family once I walk through the door.
- The services provided, 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!
- Everything was amazing at Alternatives. Felt very valued and heard during my appointment

Volunteer Highlight

John

Board Member / Volunteer
12 Years

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight one of our long-term volunteers, John Deverdis. John has served as a receptionist for our nighttime ultrasound service for 12 years. His kind heart and welcoming spirit provide comfort to every client who walks through our doors. He currently also serves as our Board Treasurer and truly has a heart of gold.

Thank you for your compassion and love for the people we serve, John. You are a gift.

To hear John's story, click the video below.



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

Life Prayer Partner



Together, we can cover these precious lives in the love and protection of Jesus.

- Nurse - Kzoo
- Advising (Male & Female) - Kzoo & BC

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

[Email Debbie](#)

Clinic Prayer Request

Please pray that those in need will hear about the resources provided at our centers, and that they will not be afraid to seek help.



We're launching a text-based prayer chain.

Sign up to receive prayer requests for specific clients—shared in a way that protects their privacy while inviting powerful intercession.

[Life Prayer Partner Sign-Up](#)

Community Outreach



God has provided more than we could have asked or imagined by moving the BC Center from W Columbia Ave to E Roosevelt - just a mile from the City Center and close to Kellogg Community College and Grace Health.

Our desire is to be recognized as a trusted place to come for services and resources. More importantly, we desire to speak truth and light to those who need hope. Alternatives is here to be the light of Jesus. We are not here to condemn or judge others. We have a heart for serving families, for providing support to any woman in crisis. Our mission has not changed, and God has blessed our steps as we keep our hearts and eyes focused on Him.

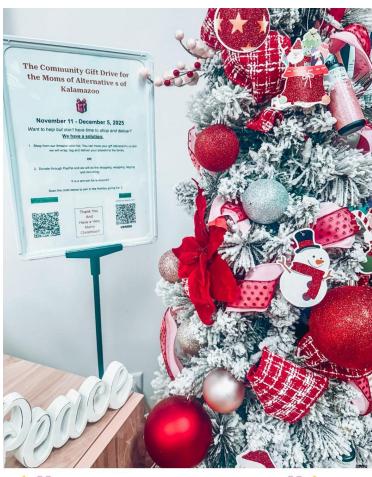


We were thrilled to be a part of the Battle Creek Christmas Parade - what an amazing opportunity to connect and introduce Alternatives Care Centers to the community!

Thank You

We are beyond grateful for the Kalamazoo community and for the wonderful ladies of Valley Family Church who have gone above and beyond to bless the moms who come to Alternatives this Christmas season. It is truly beautiful to see how many hearts joined together in kindness can make such a meaningful difference in someone's Christmas.

May God bless every person who has helped in any way this season.



Christmas Tree is BACK for Year 2! 🎄



Join Our Team - Current Staff Positions

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.

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.

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.

**Additional Information &
Applications**

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