



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.

Client Story



An STI client recently came to Alternatives after first calling Planned Parenthood, where she was told they did not have an appointment available soon enough. A friend had already been talking with her about Jesus, planting seeds of faith. During her visit, after receiving care, our nurse prayed with her and gently asked if she would like to accept Jesus as her Savior. With a sincere heart, she said **yes!**

God is truly at work through the ministry of Alternatives—meeting needs, opening doors, and drawing hearts to Himself.

Education

As Sue, one of our educators, was leaving the Gospel Mission after teaching a Parenting 101 class, she noticed a young mom sitting on the sidewalk with her baby girl. She complimented the little one's beautiful outfit, and the mother, beaming with pride, shared that her baby was just 5 ½ weeks old and that she had found the outfit for under \$5.

Sue introduced herself and told her about Alternatives, focusing on the resources available in our clothing room. The mom was surprised to hear a place like this even existed. As they continued talking, she mentioned she also has a 3-year-old son and had been searching for a double stroller since before her daughter was born. Sue gave her a card and encouraged her to make an appointment to learn more about the support available for her and her children.

A week later, Sue saw her again—and this

Events



We would be delighted to have you join us for an incredible evening at beautiful Gull Lake Ministries. Guests will enjoy an elegant evening that honors God's faithfulness and offers a powerful glimpse into Alternatives Care Center's expanding partnerships, new initiatives, open

time, the young mother was eager to share some good news. Her sister had found a double stroller set out on the curb, in excellent condition, and had brought it to her. Even more, her sister had taken her to Alternatives, where she received clothing for both children, diapers, and the pull-ups she so badly needed. God is using everyday encounters to meet needs, build relationships, and remind families that they are not alone.

Upcoming Classes

Parenting 101:
Kalamazoo starting 9/3
Battle Creek starting 9/8

See our website for more details and to enroll!

[Education
Webpage](#)

doors, and the growing impact throughout Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties.

Registration is now open with two identical evenings to choose from. Please RSVP no later than September 30th to reserve your seat.

Please prayerfully consider hosting a table and inviting your friends to join us as well.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”
Matthew 9:37-38

[More Info &
Registration](#)

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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 (BC)

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

[Email Debbie](#)

Clinic Prayer Requests

Pray that true life-change will happen for our clients as we share the love of God with them.

Ask the Lord to call men and women into this ministry—to give generously of their time, talent, and treasure for His glory.

Please pray for the men from our original *Faithful Fatherhood* group that they will continue to have fellowship and strengthen their relationships beyond the group setting. As the next Battle Creek *Faithful Fatherhood* group begins on September 30, pray that each man will come with an open heart, ready to receive all that God has for them during their time together.

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.

Our current needs include:

- Gently used toddler toys and kids books

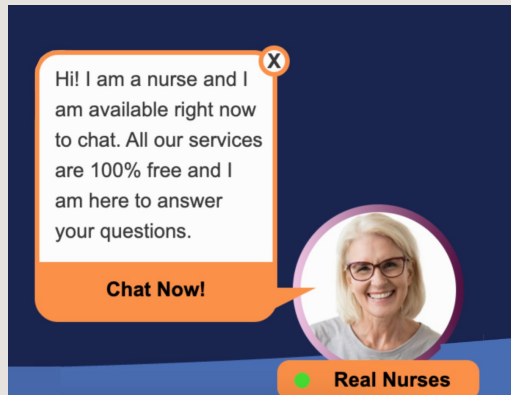
Amazon Wish Lists

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](#)

The Clinic News



- In July, we launched a 24/7 nurse chat through Infinite Worth that can be found on our website. This service is already being utilized!
- Online self-scheduling for pregnancy test appointments is now available, allowing clients to schedule at their convenience.
- We recently hosted an in-service training session for staff and volunteers focused on engaging the next generation in conversations about sexual risk avoidance. The session was both powerful and deeply impactful!
- Client Story: A first-time client, grieving deep losses and feeling alone, heard about God's love, received a *Knowing God Personally* booklet, accepted prayer with tears, and left grateful for the hope and care she found.

Volunteer Highlight



Grant

Male Advisor / Faithful Fatherhood Leader
3 Years

Serving at Alternatives is an opportunity for me to serve God by serving others. I serve at Alternatives because the people of the organization love God, and they let His love flow out to others who are in need in our community. Alternatives is a family of brothers and sisters that love Jesus and who are living out the mission of promoting the value of human life and serving the unborn and their families with the love of Christ. I have the opportunity and the privilege of listening and talking with fathers about how their walk with Jesus can help them be better men and fathers. I've been a male advisor at Alternatives for about 3 years, and it continues to be a blessing to me to meet and serve people in our community.

Community Outreach



Our Kalamazoo leaders participated in the Urban Alliance *Jesus Loves Kalamazoo* Grill Site. This yearly event has become an incredible opportunity



In Battle Creek, Macedonia Missionary Church hosted a special community baby shower that allowed us to share our services and resources with new



Alternatives had the honor of being a part of the Community Resource Fair at the New Genesis Learning Center located within Stones Church in

to reach our community and the clients we serve. God opened the door for us to connect with more than 20 new families and share about the hope and resources Alternatives offers!

families, strengthen partnerships with community agencies, connect with the Church, and engage with families we are already serving.

Kalamazoo. This event allowed us to connect with many families who had not yet heard about Alternatives, who may now experience the life-changing support our services provide.

Join Our Team - Current Staff Positions

Sexual Risk Avoidance Instructor

As a Sexual Risk Avoidance instructor, you will teach SRA curriculum to young people in schools and other community organizations. Some job responsibilities include routine office work, preparation for presentations, and ongoing training and professional development.

Kalamazoo Administrative Assistant

As an administrative assistant, you will be greeting visitors and clients, scheduling appointments, maintaining office inventory, prepping for meetings, assisting with donations, as well as other administrative tasks.

[Additional Information & Applications](#)

Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

As an RDMS, you will balance your technical expertise with compassionate patient care. Your primary responsibility will be to perform limited obstetric ultrasounds to verify pregnancy. In addition to strong clinical skills, this role requires excellent communication and the ability to engage with both staff and clients in a positive and supportive manner.



Welcome to the first edition of *Mission in Motion*!

We hope to encourage you by sharing highlights of the ways that God is working through Alternatives. Each story we share is just one glimpse of the countless lives being saved, eternally changed, and impacted through your prayers and partnership. Through our proactive approach of teaching Sexual Risk Avoidance in schools, community organizations, and college campuses, we desire to empower young people to make wise, healthy choices that lead to a hopeful future.

At the same time, we remain committed to meeting people right where they are—offering responsive care for real needs with the love of Jesus at the center of every conversation. In a world where so many are hurting, God has entrusted Alternatives with a beautiful pathway to provide guidance, support, and truth that points to Him through the mission of Alternatives Care Centers.

Cathy Stoner, Executive Director

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