



Mission in Motion

Alternatives
Care Centers

SEPTEMBER

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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



At a recent appointment, a young woman shared with her Advisor that she used to go to church and used to believe in God, but that there had been too much death in her life and that she no longer believes. Her Advisor had an opportunity during the visit to explain God's great love for her, even in the midst of great trials. The client graciously accepted the prayer that was offered to her, and as the Advisor was praying, the tears started to flow. The woman expressed gratitude for all the help and support that we offered to her.

Education



Brittany, our Director of Education, recently taught at the National CareNet Conference in Charlotte, NC. This was a great opportunity to come alongside pregnancy care centers from across the country to help them develop some new ways to reach young people with the Sexual Risk Avoidance message inside the

Events



Our annual Autumn Gala is just around the corner—and Tuesday evening is almost full. We don't want you to miss the opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness and learn about the new initiatives and partnerships expanding our missional reach in Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties. If you haven't registered yet, please

Sexual Risk Avoidance message inside the care center. Sexual Risk Avoidance is an abstinence message that is shared through our education in schools, community youth organizations, etc. Through our SRA education, we are proactively reaching young people before they find themselves needing our responsive care services like STI and pregnancy testing.

Current Parenting Classes

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

See our website for more details and to enroll!

Education
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Counties. If you haven't registered yet, please do so soon. You may also consider joining us on Wednesday evening for the same inspiring evening of encouragement.

"What I appreciated about last year's Gala was that the entire program highlighted the staff and the many volunteers who step onto the frontlines each day to minister, care for, and display the love of Christ. Through the work of this team, God's redemptive grace is both given and received, and the Good News of the gospel becomes tangible in our community and culture. I love praying for and supporting the work of Alternatives, and I see the compassion, calling, and evidence of their efforts making a real difference around us. Thank You, Lord!" - Mike Kemple, Executive Director, Missional Chaplains

More Info &
Registration

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Gala

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 for Alternatives' new RiseUp college ministry on WMU Campus for our first event after Bronco Bash.

Pray for the leaders of our Abortion Recovery group and for women in need to come forward for our new classes in BC and Kzoo which begin in the Fall.

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](#)

Battle Creek Amazon List

Kalamazoo Amazon List



- We have seen an increase in the number of women seeking pregnancy tests and assistance. Providing an ultrasound is a powerful tool to educate women about their pregnancies. Our goal is to hire a sonographer to expand the number of ultrasound appointments offered, ensuring our clients are informed and supported in a potentially difficult time.
- Often, we have the privilege and opportunity to share the Gospel with many of the clients we serve; we are celebrating that recently, 4 people prayed to ask Jesus into their hearts!
- We continue to provide proactive and responsive care to our clients through our sexually transmitted infection screening and treatment. Trichomoniasis, a common STI, has been added as a screening option. While providing care for the men and women seeking help, we build relationships while sharing and showing the love of Jesus Christ. We are thankful to be a resource in our communities to provide these services.



Sean

Male Advisor / Handyman
8 Years

I volunteer at Alternatives because every life is precious and valuable in God's sight. I am honored and privileged to serve, knowing with 100% certainty what I'm doing is right. I have learned so much in the last eight years about all the amazing work this organization does, including their love and care for the community, women and families. The more I know, the more I am encouraged to serve with humility and passion. God is The Creator, and I'm so blessed to work with the incredible Alternatives staff and other volunteers "To promote the value of human life by serving the unborn and their families with the love of Jesus Christ."

New Ministries & Community Outreach





Connecting people.
Helping families.

We are excited to share the launch of our NEW WMU Campus Ministry Initiative: RISE UP! We had an opportunity to reach young people on campus at the 2025 Bronco Bash celebration. As students came by our booth, we invited them in to participate in our interactive displays and to learn about our mission on campus.

Rise Up will be hosting campus events and connecting with existing ministry groups to bring Sexual Risk Avoidance education to students. We are determined to make a new culture on campus where God's design for love, sex, and healthy relationships is revitalized. We are committed to coming alongside young people to equip them with truth and support them with encouragement to live out God's best!

We are so happy to report that Bronco bash was a success and we had such positive reviews from everyone we encountered.

We are excited to announce a new networking initiative in partnership with CityLinC: CC LinC (Calhoun County Living in Christ). This monthly leadership prayer luncheon will bring together pastors and ministry leaders from across Calhoun County to pray, connect, and strengthen one another in Christ. Modeled after Jesus Loves Kalamazoo's gatherings, CC LinC is designed to foster unity and encouragement as we serve our community together. Our first luncheon will launch at the end of this month—we would love for you to join us.

Upcoming Groups



Faithful Fatherhood - In Battle Creek Starting Sept 30th (8 Week Program)

Whether you are a dad living within the family home, a single dad or in a co-parenting relationship, we provide services, material resources and programs that will help to equip you with the skills needed to be a successful father.

To enroll, call 269.288.2890 or visit the Battle Creek office.



Abortion Recovery Starting Sept 24th (8 Week Program)

Abortion Recovery at Alternatives offers a small group Bible study with women who have also experienced abortion and have received healing.

For more information, contact Sherise:
sherise@alternativesofkzoo.org
(269)345-1740 (204)

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.

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.

Additional Information & Applications

Thank You



Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, our team had the privilege of attending the Care Net Conference in North Carolina last week. This gathering was a powerful time of inspiration and connection with fellow pregnancy center leaders and pro-life advocates from across the nation.

This annual gathering provides invaluable training and equips us with the training and resources we need to keep moving the mission of Alternatives Care Centers forward. Together, we're working to end abortion not just by taking a stand, but by offering real compassion, hope, and help to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. It's also a time to build friendships, share ideas, and encourage one another—so we can go back to our communities re-energized and ready to serve in even greater ways.



In Matthew 9:12, we enter the story and hear Jesus respond to the judgment of why He seeks relationships with tax payers and sinners. I'm reminded that we are all sinners in need of a Saviour. As the Scripture continues, Jesus responds to the judgment by saying,

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

When we meet people where they're at and show Jesus' love to them, we are showing His mercy in a tangible way. Your partnership shows that you desire people who may never have experienced Jesus' love to get that chance through the support and help Alternatives Care Centers offers. So many of the people we care for have been misguided or hurt by those they thought were Christians. We have the chance to help them see how Jesus' love is different and trustworthy. Thank YOU for joining us in this life-changing and life-saving work! To God be the glory!

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