



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.



Nehemiah 6:3 "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down."

Nehemiah's calling, dedication, and focus on his mission is one that the staff have studied and learned from. Nehemiah knew what his mission and calling were from God, and he stayed the course when things became difficult and dangerous. They labored with weapons in one hand and tools in the other. We labor with the Word of God, the amazing example of a loving Saviour, Jesus Christ, and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in every opportunity we have to serve. We thank God for your partnerships that range from financial to service and prayer. I encourage you all to consider joining us for our Autumn Gala—there is SO MUCH to tell you about what God is doing through YOUR partnership in the mission of Alternatives!

Cathy Stoner, Executive Director

Client Story



A male client recently came to Alternatives to participate in our Faithful Fatherhood Program and to receive supplies for his children through our clothing room. He first heard about Alternatives while serving time in jail—a place where he made the decision to turn his life toward Jesus.

During one of the Faithful Fatherhood classes, an advisor was able to sit down with him and talk through spiritual topics such as knowing God, growing in faith, and seeking God's will in his current situation.

At Alternatives, we are here for every client who walks through our doors—no matter their past or present circumstances. We are ready to walk alongside them, offering both hope and support.

Education

Last year, HB 6068 was proposed by lawmakers, which sought to overhaul our existing sex education laws in an effort to sign teaching gender ideology, normalization of teen sex, contraceptives, and other comprehensive

Events



sex, contraceptives, and other comprehensive topics into law. The bill died during the lame duck session. Right now, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is seeking to bypass the legislative process by including these same teachings as recommendations in their new Health Education Standards Framework. When the MDE puts forth recommendations, these are not laws, but many districts take them as so. The MDE recently emailed districts to remind schools that they should follow their recommendations, and now they have released these health education standards that bring gender ideology and comprehensive sex education topics into areas of education like Social Emotional Learning, which eliminates a parent's right to opt out. Not only are they bypassing the legislative process with this, but they are taking a parent's legal right to opt out of these topics away.

YOU CAN HELP US TO DEFEAT THIS!

The proposed Health Education Standards Framework is up for public comment until October 1st. You can oppose this framework by making a public comment. You can also contact your local state representative's office to bring their attention to this effort and tell them you stand against these recommendations. All of this information can be found below.

Contact Brittany, our Director of Education, with any questions: brittany@alternativesofkzoo.org

New
Proposal

More Info & Action
Steps



We are so excited for this year's Gala!

Anticipation is building, and plans are in place for two incredible evenings.

Tuesday night is nearly at capacity with 500 guests!

Wednesday still has room—and we'd love to see every seat filled.

You'll hear powerful stories, updates on new initiatives, open doors in the community, and the growing impact across Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties.

Don't wait—reserve your spot today!
Registration closes September 30.

More Info &
Registration

Donate to the
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:

Clinic Prayer Requests

Praise God with us!

We are so grateful for the Roosevelt Ave location, the doors He has opened, and the ways He continues to bless our steps as we follow His calling. We trust that He will keep moving as we serve more people and carry out the work He has placed before us

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.

- 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

Pray for Rise Up as we engage with WMU and help the students make New Culture on Campus!

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:

- Formula
- Baby Wipes

Battle Creek Amazon List

Kalamazoo Amazon List

The Clinic News



- With all of the blessings and generosity that Battle Creek has received in donations to our clothing room, we were able to give out 5800 items to clients in August. This is the most items we've been able to give out since Oct. 2019!
- Since launching our partnership with Infinite Worth, clients now have 24/7 access to speak with a nurse about possible pregnancies. Thanks to this service, nurses have already scheduled eight appointments at our centers for clients to receive pregnancy testing and options counseling.
- Recently, there was a woman who came in for a pregnancy test and an ultrasound. During her appointments, we learned that she was determined to abort her baby. A couple of weeks later, she came in for a clothing room visit for her other children and told us that she has decided to keep her baby and already has seen her OB. Praise the Lord.

Volunteer Highlight



Chris
Advisor
12 Years

As a Battle Creek community member, Chris felt the call to get involved when Alternatives came to Calhoun County. Chris' dedication to the work was evidenced in part by her willingness to travel to Kalamazoo to receive a good portion of her advisor training in our early days in Battle Creek. Chris has a huge heart for the women and men we serve and is always ready to share the love and truth of God. We thank God for bringing people like Chris to represent Him and to partner with us in the good work!

"I knew that I had a passion to serve in a pro-life center. I just love people. I love women. I love children. This is what I can do, as a woman in an active ministry, to reach out and help other women."



Battle Creek held a table at the annual Kellogg Community College's welcome back to school Bruin Blast. What a blessing it was to get out there and interact with the college students!



Many of Alternatives' staff members attended September's LIFT (Leaders in Faith Team) lunch with guest speaker Terri DeBoer. It was a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with Christian leaders in our community.



We are honored to be a part of the Baby Steps 5K Run and Walk in Kalamazoo on September 27th. This event is held to raise awareness for pregnancy and infant loss. Helping families heal together one step at a time.

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)

Remembrance & Thank You

George Howard crocheted over 800 baby blankets in his lifetime and donated many of them to Alternatives. He was a very kind man with a heart for others. He attended Woodland Church, one of our Church Partners, and had a quick smile and handshake for all who knew him. George went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 10, 2024.



for all who know him. George went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. We want to put a spotlight on George for his generosity and keeping so many babies warm.



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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