



# 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.



## From Our Executive Director



Ephesians 6:7 *“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.”*

These verses speak to our earthly work ethic and attitude towards our work. We are to commit our work as service to the Lord. Since the “fall,” we know that humans are required to labor in order to survive; for the majority of us, this means earning a wage to purchase the things we need. Work can be difficult, unpleasant at times, and it can also be incredible.

In my time with Alternatives, I have experienced amazing moments that I know were “God-ordained”. Moments when I could see Him work, changing lives, changing minds, and hearts. I have also personally experienced very challenging situations that ultimately built my trust in God and His plans to grow me as His daughter.

Over the past several years, we have grown and gained greater clarity and perspective for the future of our ministry. Currently, we have several open medical positions and one non-medical position to be filled. These positions can be challenging to fill as they are a calling. We are seeking individuals who are passionate about the value of human life and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Alternatives is an exceptional place to serve the Lord-it is a place to use your God-given gifts and abilities to further the Kingdom while making a difference to hurting people right now.

Join us in praying that God will supply our need according to His riches in glory and that God will bring people forward that He has chosen “for such a time as this”. You personally may not be seeking a new career, but you may know someone who is, and it is our hope that through our amazing community of believers, He will supply our need.

Thank you for your continued, faithful partnership in the Mission of Alternatives.

Cathy Stoner, Executive Director

## We're Hiring!

Working at Alternatives means being part of something deeply meaningful—where your work directly impacts lives every single day.

We are currently seeking dedicated individuals to fill key positions, including our Kalamazoo Center Director, Battle Creek Nurse Manager, RDMS (Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer), and Clinic Quality Assurance Director. Each of these positions plays a vital role in ensuring that our clients receive the highest standard of care while advancing the life-affirming mission of Alternatives. If you're looking for purpose in your work and a team that truly makes a difference, we'd love to connect with you.

**It's more than a job; it's an opportunity to offer hope, support, and practical care to individuals and families.**

[Click here to visit our career page.](#)

**Listen as a few of our team members describe how working at Alternatives has impacted their lives.**



[Kalamazoo Center Director Description](#)

[Battle Creek Nurse Manager Description](#)

[RDMS Description](#)

[Clinic Quality Assurance Director Description](#)

## Client Story



A young woman reached out to our front desk, asking for an appointment to obtain the abortion pill. With compassion and care, our volunteer gently explained that while we do not provide or refer for abortion services, we would love to care for her. She encouraged her to come in for a free pregnancy test and to talk through her options with one of our nurses.

The client agreed and came in for her appointment. She shared several reasons why she felt it wasn't the right time for her to become a mother. She was guarded and unsure, not ready to open up fully—but our nurse met her right where she was. With patience and kindness, she listened.

Before leaving, the client agreed to return the following week for an ultrasound at our Kalamazoo office. While she didn't express a change in her decision that day—and we may never know the outcome—we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to meet women in these critical moments.

Because of your support, each appointment becomes a chance to offer hope, truth, and compassionate care.

## WALK FOR LIFE!



We're excited to announce the dates for the annual WALK FOR LIFE —be part of something that changes lives. Join us as we raise funds for Alternatives Care Centers. Every step you take and every dollar you raise provides hope, care, and support to those facing uncertain moments.

**Walk** with us. **Give** with purpose. **Make** a lasting impact for **LIFE**.

Choose from two dates:

June 6th @ 9:00 at Dexter Lake Church of God in Battle Creek, & June 13th @ 9:00 at Kalamazoo Christian Middle School.

For more information about registration and activities, click the button below to get signed up and begin raising funds!

[Visit Our Event Page to Register](#)

## Get Involved

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 - Kalamazoo & Battle Creek**
- **Nurses - Kalamazoo and Battle Creek**
- **Advising (Male & Female) - Kalamazoo & Battle Creek**

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

### Center Prayer Requests

Please pray for God's timing to fill the open Nurse Manager position at the Battle Creek Center. We are trusting that God has already laid this on someone's heart.

Pray for those who are stepping into abortion recovery programs. Pray for courage as they begin this journey, and for deep healing, restoration, and freedom.

As our education team is preparing for the spring, pray that each student they encounter would be open, engaged, and impacted in a meaningful way. Ask that the information they learn will influence their decisions now and in the future.

### 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 urgent needs include:**

- **Toddler Clothes 12m-5T**
- **Diapers: Size 3 & 6**
- **4T / 5T 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.

[Email Debbie](#)

[Kalamazoo Amazon List](#)

[Volunteering Web Page](#)

[Battle Creek Amazon List](#)

## Clinic News

### Faithful Fatherhood

Please pray for God to open the eyes and hearts of men within our community. We ask for the removal of the barriers that keep them from participating in the Faithful Fatherhood Program.

### Parenting 101

Parenting 101 starts in Battle Creek starting April 6. The class helps parents better understand child behavior, improve communication, set healthy boundaries, and support kids in making safe choices.

If you know a parent or caregiver who could benefit from this supportive, practical class, please encourage them to reach out

[Parenting 101 Flyer](#)

### Abortion Recovery

The Battle Creek Center is currently hosting the Forgiven and Set Free Abortion Recovery Bible Study. God is moving here!

### Thank You!

Thank you to the West Columbia Meijer store for their generous donation!

### Client Survey Comment

Q: What was your experience with your Advisor?

A: "They were pleasant, They were helpful, They answered my questions. They put me at ease. I felt comfortable talking with them." - Recent Client

## Staff Retreat



Our staff was so grateful for the opportunity to step away and be refreshed spiritually and grow together as a team. We spent a beautiful day at the Villa on Verona for our staff retreat, where God's presence was deeply felt. Renewed and encouraged, we are stepping into the rest of the year ready to serve with unity, purpose, and hope.

## Community Outreach



The CC LinC (Calhoun County Living in Christ) Ministry Leaders Prayer Luncheon launched on Thursday, March 19, hosted by Isaiah 117 House. This gathering was created to strengthen partnerships between local ministries and churches in Battle Creek, and to pray for one another as we serve our community side by side.



The next luncheon will be hosted by Alternatives on Friday, April 17. These gatherings will continue monthly during the third week, with a different church or organization hosting each time. For more information, please contact Marlene, Community Development, or CityLinC.

[Email Marlene](#)



We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 2, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Festival Market Square in downtown Battle Creek. We look forward to connecting with attendees, celebrating together, and sharing more about our mission.



We are so proud to announce that our own Battle Creek Admin, Asia, will be praying at the 44th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast on May 5th.

Since it's beginning in 1982, the Community Prayer Breakfast has been a way for area residents to come together and demonstrate our shared faith in God.



National Day of Prayer 2026:

Date: May 7th  
 Time: 12:00pm  
 Place: 241 W South St, Kalamazoo

We are so grateful to gather together for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7th at noon on the steps of Kalamazoo City Hall.

This meaningful time invites our community to come together in faith, lifting up our nation, our leaders, and our city in prayer.

We hope you can join us.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our recent Kalamazoo clothing room renovation. We are grateful for each person who gave of their time and energy. Because of you, the space has been completely updated and thoughtfully refreshed—creating a warm, welcoming environment where our clients can feel valued and cared for. This renewed space will allow us to better serve families in our community, meeting both practical needs and encouraging meaningful Gospel-centered conversations.





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