



2020  
WINTER  
Newsletter

# Touching One Life at a Time...



## Director's Desk

By Jennifer Luna, Executive Director

The year just kept getting busier and busier, didn't it? As we wrap up on the year that was 2020, there were multitudes of heartwrenching situations we all encountered. Stay-at-home orders, the loss of loved ones, fear for our health, and maneuvering how to keep those around us safe. I wish to also share with you and rejoice in what we have done.

We successfully held Natchitoches' first virtual live gala. We were blessed with so many donations that we were able to have a second giveaway for Natchitoches, just a few months after our first one in July. We have been able to be more involved in community events, safely! We served almost 300 women this year in a global pandemic. Almost 32% of women heard about the Center through a friend, and over 50% has been from a previous client. The testament of that is truly incredible! We see the community rallying behind one another in support speaks volumes. If you know of a newly expectant mother, send her our way! We will never let any woman walk through this alone.

Many in our city, that rely on us for access to prenatal care, or simply a lending ear in a time of crisis... are feeling the impact of the divide during this pandemic. The Women's Resource Center is firmly committed to making this available. To anyone and everyone. When people were uncertain how we could continue to reach the lost in the middle of a pandemic, we were comforted in that God is working for His glory and the good of those who love Him. We are committed to staying open as future events come our way, as we know that the abortion clinics do as well, and are even considered essential services!

We are living in extraordinary times. Everything is shifting around us. We are so grateful for your efforts on behalf of women and the unborn. Your gifts allow us to advocate for and rapidly respond to the needs of them and the communities we serve. We are thankful to count on you to support the future generations of Central Louisiana. Thank you all.

As we reflect on the holiday season and what this means to us, we are reminded that Christmas is not just about Jesus' birth and the "good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10). It truly represents the entire existence for His glory. Despite all of the beautiful lights and celebrations that we see around us in the most beautiful Christmas town there is, we also see the reality of sin. We see why we need a Savior. Praise be to God and God alone for the work that He has done and why He came! May we truly celebrate this in knowing what is to come. Be praying for us as we continue to take this pure joy and show each woman that walks through our doors what exactly that means in choosing life.

Have a truly Merry Christmas.

All the best,



# Donations

A special thank you to the individuals and organizations listed below who donated much needed supplies such as diapers, baby equipment, clothing, food, formula and baby supplies!

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# Memorials

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## Judy Sluppick

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By: David & Becky Stewart

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By: Charlotte Ragsdale

By: Mimi Stoker

## June Stiefvater

By: Bob Stiefvater



# Adopt-A-Day

September - December  
2020

You can secure the operation of the WRC for one day this year and at the same time choose the day that is special to you in some way - in Honor or Memory of a loved one. Your gift can be made at \$30 each month, or the single amount of \$360 for the year.

## September 9th

By: David & Helen Antilley  
In Honor of: Anniversary

## October 13th

By: Walt Moore  
In Memory of: Hugh C. Moore

## December 20th

By: Matt & Jana Endris  
In Honor of: Anniversary

## September 15th

By: Darrell Deanna Hickman  
In Honor of: Their Children

## November 3rd

By: Leonard & Janet Ernst  
In Honor of: Anniversary

## December 31st

By: Tony & Rhonda Hernandez  
In Honor of: Sylvia Hernandez

## October 5th

By: Ron & Leta Brown  
In Memory of: Bernice Brown

## November 10th

By: Ron & Leta Brown  
In Memory of: Dorothy V Sledge

# Giving December

As many of you may have seen on our Facebook page and if you are subscribed to our emails, we launched Giving December... a variation of Giving Tuesday!

It has been a year and our mamas have big needs more than ever. We decided to show you what we need to best serve the moms in our community right now.

Not an Amazon fan? No problem! We always encourage you to shop locally. Pick up any items on our list from Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile, 3 J's Fourway, French Market Express, or any of your other favorite local places in town!

We are so proud to be the only free and confidential resource in a 50-mile radius. So let's make this upcoming giving season tangible... directly from your donation to their hands.

With Giving December being almost over, and from masks to diaper bags, to bath spout covers - so many incredible people in our community and beyond have already picked what they wanted to gift us for our women!

It is not too late to get a needed item off our list! ~ <https://a.co/2Yy81QY>



The Board of Directors & Staff extend our sincere gratitude to all of the sponsors, participants and volunteers who are responsible for making the 2020 Celebration of Life Gala possible.

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on our website!

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# In Loving Memory

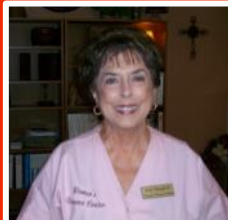
## Judy Sluppick

November 29, 1938 – November 07, 2020

The ever-so-faithful former Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center, Judy Sluppick passed away on November 7, 2020. As director, she led the Women's Resource Center into what it is today - from a care pregnancy center to a pregnancy help medical clinic. In addition to the conversion, she was also a big part of purchasing our current building and getting the very first ultrasound machine to the Center! She worked tirelessly for our mission.

Her passion was to educate and empower young women so that they could make informed decisions for themselves. Something that we pray that we all continue to channel here each and every day. Even after she retired from the Executive Director position, she could not stay away from this ministry that was home to her. She returned as a volunteer, counseling women. Judy was valiant in her efforts and impacted each woman that walked through the doors of the WRC.

She truly fought a courageous fight with cancer. We all miss her terribly but are deeply rejoicing in wonder and knowledge that she is with our Lord Jesus Christ for all eternity.





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## CTL Gala

Executive Director, Jennifer Luna, and Office Manager, Danette Westfall, were invited to be guests of honor at the Caring to Love Ministries Gala in Baton Rouge this past November 12, 2020. They were invited to meet Abby Johnson, the anti-abortion activist who previously worked at Planned Parenthood. Her story was famously made into the 2019 movie *Unplanned*. The Gala was a beautiful celebration for the unborn and those that have courageously decided to choose life. We cannot thank CEO Dorothy Wallis enough for inviting us to be a part of this wonderful event.



## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Churches continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. In 2021, that date will be January 17, however some churches will be marking it on the 24th because it's closer to the anniversary.

Each year, the WRC prepares resources for churches to use in their commemoration -- bulletin inserts, sermon outlines, slideshows, and representative speakers from our center. If you would like any of these resources, contact our office at 357-8888 to reserve a guest speaker/materials.







Debbie Cheatwood & Rhonda Hernandez donated baby items from the NRMC Gift Shop Sale!



The ladies of Tri Sigma Alpha Zeta coordinated a diaper collection for the WRC!



We participated in Crows on the Cane this year!



We handed out candy at "Witch Way to Main Street"



The young people of Davis Springs Baptist Church collected items for the WRC



Nicole Bailey with Alpha Y Omega Impressions collected "Change for Change" for WRC



Thankful for our NSU Interns from Child & Family Studies Dept., Abby Vallery & Dajha White.

One of our NSU fall interns, Abby Vallery, coordinated a diaper drive on campus this semester!



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