



2021 Summer Newsletter

Director's Desk -

I want to tell you all a story about Zoe*. Zoe* called us frantic. Her at-home tests were faintly positive and she didn't know what to do. She asked us how much an abortion costs. Seeing that we are right in the middle of town and just a seven-minute drive away from her apartment... It only took seven minutes for Zoe* to get here to confirm her pregnancy and talk about why she was feeling what she was feeling and what most women need in that situation: **answers and support**. Being a college student, she told herself she couldn't finish or find the funds to raise a baby. She thought that she was better off making this whole problem go away. We got to the root of the immediate panic. We referred her to an OB-GYN, Medicaid, scholarships, and job opportunities. Referrals that matter to her specific situation, because we know that a one size fits all approach does not fit all women. We talked things out together while educating her on how she can have a healthier pregnancy through all of this stress. She then realized a few days later... that she could do this. For her future family. She could not stop smiling when she had her ultrasound. She is due with a baby girl in just a few months. Our website analytics show that women are finding us on Google even when searching "abortion pill near me", "abortion clinic natchitoches", and "free abortion in natchitoches". These are real searches by women right here every day in Natchitoches and surrounding areas. **Zoe* just needed someone to listen**. The Women's Resource Center is that support for hundreds of women every year.

That brings me to our *Celebration of Life* Gala on September 16th. Our biggest event of the year to gather and truly celebrate the lives that we see being saved and cherished each and every day here. We are so thankful to have the opportunity to make this a safe and enjoyable event for everyone, in person. I hope to see you soon at the Events Center. **Call us today to pick up your complimentary tickets!**

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Luna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent than the last.

Jennifer Luna, Executive Director

So much has happened lately...
Let's rejoice together!



We had some awesome Demons on NSU's [1 of 7] Service Day that helped kickstart their semester with service with us!



A group of NSU's College of Nursing and School of Allied Health collected diapers, wipes, and baby toiletries as a part of their Service Learning project.



It's official! We were voted 2020's Best Non-Profit! This award meant so much to us during a trying year. We are proud to have our plaque, not in our offices, but in our main lobby - so we can show the women coming in that we commit to them in our service.

Thank you to all that have voted!



The NSU BCM CWOM (Campus Women on Missions) group got together and collected a wide variety of items for us!



Mrs. York's class at St. Mary's raised funds during Field Day at their lemonade stand and knew they wanted to support the moms of Natchitoches!

Our 10th Annual Run, Baby, Run 5K was a blast! There was dancing, awards and prizes, music, snacks, and a fantastic route along downtown Natchitoches.

It was the biggest run we've ever had, with over 130 people from all over Louisiana and Texas.

We also want to thank Ainsley's Angels in Shreveport for coming out and joining us!

Be on the lookout for sign-ups in the spring for next year's!



A New and Fresh Look



The Center got a makeover! It is a fact that the women receive some of the best care in town on the inside of the WRC, so we wanted to match that by making the outside feel just as good and welcoming - before women ever set foot through the door.



We want to thank Brad Williams and his team at B. L. Williams Home Improvements LLC for the incredible work that they did making the Center look brand new. It almost looks unrecognizable.

Stop by and take a look sometime!

Annual Giveaway Coming Up!

Our annual giveaway is set at the Women's Resource Center for October 15th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm! This is one of our most favorite community outreaches as it is available to every single mom in town and help educate them on the resources we offer here each and every day.

Bring the baby clothing, equipment, and toys that your children and grandchildren have outgrown to the WRC anytime before October 12th so we can put them directly into the hands of women in Natchitoches!



Adopt a day!

You can secure the operation of the WRC for one day this year and choose the day that is special to you in some way.

Date	Given By	Name
May 31st	Jennifer Wilson	Memory of: JoAnn Grimes Luneau
June 14th	Billy & Dianne Weeks	Honor of: Matt & Leah Pagels Anniversary
June 16th	Michele Pierson	Memory of: Jim Pierson
July 4th	Raye Bagwell	Memory of: Amber Diane
August 1st	Wynne Taylor	Honor of: Anna Sophia
August 12th	Mary Lu Wilkerson	Honor of: Liam Patrick Clancy
August 22nd	Melody Murchison	Memory of: Ida Elaine Smith
August 31st	Ron & Leta Brown	Memory of: Alton L. Townsend

Donations in Memory Of:

Given By	Name
Bob Stiefvater	In memory of June
Genevieve Allen	In memory of Joe Allen
Ethelene Bright	In memory of Iliene St. Andre
Brenda Ingram	In memory of Delores Wetherington
Brenda Ingram, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly, Benny & Sheryl Hatcher	In memory of Mildred Moore
Raye Bagwell	In memory of Amber Diane
Sonja Popovich	In memory of Nelda Tolar
Dr. Bill Gaddis	In memory of Jackie
Dr. Robert Spatafora	In memory of Gene & Billie Spatafora

Donation of supplies:

Angela Mayeaux	Baby Clothes/Christmas Pillows	Live to Love for Life Ministry	Diapers/Blankets
Angie Perot	Bibs/Blankets	Lorraine Penrod	Diapers/Wipes
Bryon & Nancy Johnson	Portable Crib	Marilyn Sanders	Baby Clothes/Breast Pump
Claire Weaver	Toiletries	Marlena McLaren	Pack-N-Play/Stuffed Animals
Dean & Judy Fisher	Baby Clothes/Women's Clothes	Mary M & Larry W Hooper Jr.	Baby & Women's Clothes
Desirae Briley	Bumbo/Play Mat/Chair/Diapers	Mary Metoyer	Baby Crib
Emma Benjamin	Baby Carrier/Clothes/Blankets	New Life Evangelism UPC	Baby Clothes
Erika Costillo	Baby Clothes/Carseat/Bassinet	Phyllis Breedlove	Humidifier/Baby Toys
Gretchen Ferguson	Playmat/Bibs/Blankets/Clothes/Toys	Randall Mallette	Stroller/Walker/Tub
Haidyn Brossett	Shoes/Clothes	Rebecca Molina	Diapers
Haley Franks	Baby Crib	Rita Kaye Breedlove	Diapers
Jenna Biddiscombe	Diapers/Pull-ups	Robin Hubier	Bath Items/Toys/Diapers
Jennifer Campbell	Baby Clothes	Sara D'Aquila	Maternity Tops/Easter Outfits
Jessica Soileau	Baby Clothes/Diapers/Equipment	Sarah Blanchard	Pack-N-Play/Basinet
Jim Kilcoyne	Stroller	Sarah Perot	Blankets/Bedding
Julie Ann Strebeck	Baby Clothes/Equipment	Savannah Maricle	Bows/Hats/Clothes
Karlie Stoker	New Children's Clothing	Sean Jackson	Diapers
Latoya Arnis	Formula	Theresa Matheson	Baby Blankets
Lee Akin	Bottles/Baby Clothes/Toys/Food	Tiffany Skidmore	Pots/Crockpot
Leslie Branam	Baby Clothes	Winnfield United Baptist Church	Baby Shower/Diapers/Clothes
Linda Casson	Clothes/Diapers		

Celebration of Life Gala!

Thursday, September 16th, 2021

Purpose: Major Fundraising Event of the Year!

Time and Place: Natchitoches Events Center

6:00 PM: Doors Open

6:30 PM: Program Starts

Keynote Speaker: Mike Williams

Mike G Williams is a nationally known speaker and writer who has a passion for life. He is heard daily on Sirius XM's Laugh USA. He has recorded numerous comedy projects and written 14 books. His own personal adoption story and the rescue and subsequent adoption of his son will move to tears of great joy. Mike's presentations are given in a very positive humorous direction that will leave every listener feeling encouraged and empowered to make a difference. Mike will have you rolling on the floor with laughter, while simultaneously building your reverence for the work of local lifesaving organizations.



After the wild year that 2020 was, we are thrilled to announce that the 2021 Celebration of Life Gala is officially on and back in person for September 16, 2021. That's right! In-person. We are ready to be back together in the Natchitoches Events Center for a night of celebration for life and we have already heard that you all are thrilled too!

We have met with the Natchitoches Events Center in extensive detail and ensure a safe and enjoyable event!

Covid-19 Guidelines

- Masks will be required as per the mandate
- Tables will be spaced 6 feet apart with 6 per table
- Doors will open promptly at 6:00 pm, allowing you to go straight to your table
- Everyone will be seated at their table for the entire program
- Receiving dinner after the program will be broken up into multiple groups

An important note: Tickets are 100% complimentary!

Call us at 318-357-8888 to pick up your **FREE** tickets today!

They must be obtained in advance for entrance.



You All Played A Part...

After women give birth, they have the opportunity to write a testimony down for us of how we have played a role in their pregnancy. We wanted to share with you this specific testimony that we received a few weeks ago.

We are all better together as a community and you all have played a part in the support in our mission, allowing this to be a reality.

Thank you.

hey, you guys helped me get through depression. I was thinking about giving my baby up for adoption until I started coming here and was able to talk to someone about what I was going through.
* Big Thanks
to you guys ♡

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