

MERRY Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

From WRC Staff & Volunteers



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2022 Winter Newsletter

Director's Desk

As I wrap up my first 8 weeks at the center, I have to say that I am in awe of what we are able to do and of way that God has blessed me by having this position. Although I cannot share my full story and what led me to this center in this letter, I can tell you that I am here by the grace and glory of God. A little about me, I have lived in Natchitoches since 2015 and while here I met and married my husband, Jacob. We have been abundantly blessed with our family, friends and 3 pups. Jake works in construction and we also own Easton & Company Children's Boutique on Front Street. I previously worked in the non-profit sector in Many and am so glad to be back in Natchitoches and at the Women's Resource Center. I am so thankful for the board of directors, staff and volunteers who have made me feel so welcomed and am looking forward to this new year. Upon my arrival, I have taken time to review the center statistics and reports and have a few thoughts to share with you all..

In the last year the center has served 1002 clients, conducted 91 ultrasounds and had 98 birth outcomes. In each of these instances we have been able to share the Gospel of the Lord, if not through our words then with our actions. In this year, God has allowed us to touch the lives of these women and their children in countless ways. Our clients have been exposed to both the unconditional love of God as well as the love, dedication and caring nature of our volunteers and staff. Truly let that sink in, all of those lives touched by this center, all of the goodness that we are able to bring into this world. We are capable of this impact because of you, because of your prayers, your time, your donations, because you care about this center and so for that and you, we are thankful.

I often hear the phrase "what kind of world are we leaving to our children?" and while there is an abundance of evil in this world, God's light shines brighter than it all. So as we move forward into the new year, with changes and challenges, we ask that you pray for the mothers and children that we are serving so that they may receive God's love and it will have a lasting impact on their lives. God has perfect timing and these children were made for a time such as this. Let us pray blessings, protection and God's will be done in all things and especially through our center, it's clients, volunteers and staff.

Looking forward to a bright new year with the center and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Morgan LaCaze

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Executive Director



Celebration of Life Gala

September 29, 2022

NATCHITOCHEES EVENT CENTER



Our special guest, Gianna Jessen, delivered a powerful testimony of God's work in her life. It was a wonderful evening with everyone who has been supporting WRC ministry. We are grateful for all our sponsors and volunteers who made this possible.

Visit <https://www.wrcnatchitoches.org/gala>

See you at next year's gala!



Rita Ferguson	Equipment	Carol & Dwane Steadman	Clothes
Brittany McGaskey	Bouncer/Swing/Car Seat	Kathy Rushing	Diapers
Rosealena Parfait	Clothes/Shoes	Cherish Clark	Diapers/Clothes/Etc
Jim Nelson	Clothes/Equipment	Amy Deen	Diapers/Wipes
Therisa Sesvold	Equipment	NSU Elementary Lab School	Diapers/Baby Powder
Barbara Morrow	Clothes	Dennie & Beverly Broadway	Diapers
Mark & Debbie Waskom	Equipment	Shalonda Haskett	Clothes/Shoes
Brooke Sanders	Clothes/Equipment	Rose Brown	Baby Food
La'Justice Johnson	Clothes/Shoes/Etc	Morgan Landry	Clothes
Shaedra Walker	Clothes/Equipment	Brittany Marx	Equipment
Josie Hamilton	Baby Items	Anonymous	Diapers/Wipes
United Baptist Church	Diapers/Wipes/Washcloths	David Castillo	Equipment
Jim Kilcoyne	Car Seat/Swing	United Baptist Winnfield	Clothes/Bibs
Krystal Tingle	Clothes/Equipment	Hillary Bennett	Stroller/Blanket/Etc
Logan Sluss	Clothes/Equipment	Salina Kidwell	Clothes/Diapers/Etc
Lorraine Penrod	Diapers/Wipes	Melissa Coutee	Diapers/Formula/Etc
Elizabeth Richey	Shoes/Blankets	Anthony Fontenot	Wipes
Rebecca Molina	Mattress/Clothes	Alisha Reliford	Clothes/Shoes
Marvin Gistarb, Jr.	Formula	Rolanda Augustine	Clothes/Shoes/Etc
Sonya Taylor	Clothes/Bed	Monica Achord	Baby Food/Etc
Brandi Fredieu	Clothes/Shoes	Denise Cooper	Blanket/Hat
Tammy Foster	Milk	Erika Castillo	New Crib Mattress
Robin Hubier	Crib	DeVel Payne	Blankets/Towels/Etc
Maggie Matuschka	Clothes/Diapers/Etc	Lorraine Penrod	Diapers/Wipes
Mike Dawson	Diapers/Bouncer	Mary Christophe	Formula/Equipment
Lauren Anderson	Diaper Bag	Brenda Housler	Shoes
Bailey Ebarb	Diapers/Wipes/Etc	Lauren Anderson	Baby Proof Locks
Kristy Jordan	Clothes/Equipment	Jennifer Zachary	Baby Tub/High Chair/Etc
Lisa Haskett	Equipment	Erin Lee	Clothes
Terah Brossette	Breast Pumps/Bouncer	United Baptist Campti	Clothes/Equipment
Destiny Tyler	Clothes/Diapers/Etc	Margie Metoyer	Clothes
Emily Wiggins	Maternity Shirts	Charisma Johnson	Stroller/Clothes
Cane River Food Pantry	Formula		

Donation Announcement

We are **not** accepting:

Toys | Used car seats | Drop down cribs
 Used crib mattresses | Open package diapers
 Clothes or shoes bigger than 2T
 Women clothes (except for maternity clothes)

Center Report

January-November 2022

New Clients: 158
Repeat Clients: 155
All Visits: 1,002

Ultrasound performed: 91

Total Babies Born: 98



Testimony

"Women's Resource Center has made such an impact in my life, not just in being served when I needed help, but in giving me an opportunity to help other moms like me. My family & I have felt so taken care of through this pregnancy. I no longer feel shame for asking for help in this difficult economic time. Thank you!" (WRC Client)

New Classroom & Baby Boutique



The apartment behind the center has transformed into an updated classroom, baby boutique and storage area! Our contractor has worked tirelessly to make sure the inside renovations were completed in time for the new year. A huge shoutout and sincere thank you to Mr. Mike Senvold and his company for making our visions come to life! Our classroom will be used for all group classes, it is located upstairs and is fully furnished with chairs, end tables and any supplies our instructors may need. The boutique has come together and looks fantastic for our clients! WRC participated in the 1 of 7 service day that allowed NSU volunteer students to help move supplies from the directors office into the baby boutique. We are so grateful to our community for helping us take on this tremendous project!

New Class: Financial Literacy



We are so excited to announce our new Financial Literacy Class hosted by Engage Federal Credit Union. This class will be held monthly and will be available to clients at any stage of pregnancy. This class will give our clients information on how to make sound financial decisions and build their credit responsibly. As with all of our classes, clients that come will receive baby bucks that can be used on extra diapers, wipes or items from our newly renovated baby boutique!

Giving December

We would like to invite you to spread the joy and love to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through giving. Scan the QR code below to give financially or to check our supplies need on Amazon Wishlist. Also remember that you can donate a percent of each of your Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile. Please contact us at 318-357-8888 if you have any questions.

FINANCIAL GIFT



AMAZON WISHLIST



Community Connections!



Our Fall Community Giveaway was another success. It's always been very busy yet wonderful time to bless families in need of baby equipment and supplies.



Joining Crow on The Cane (Main Street) & Pumpkin Contest (Rhodes) to advertise our center.



Our volunteers and staff had a great opportunity to be refreshed and equipped in an adoption training with the Open Arms Agency from Shreveport.



Our staff had several community outreach opportunities. Pictured above is our table at Witch Way to Main Street (Natchitoches Events Center)



We'd Love to Connect!

Please contact us if your church or group would love to invite us to share what we do and how you can be involved.

New Staff & Volunteers



I am so excited to be here at WRC! I began this journey in July of this year and it has been an amazing ride so far. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us in this next year.

My goal for WRC is to show the love of God to each person who walks in these doors. We could not achieve this without the help of our volunteers, supporters and prayer warriors. For all of you, I am grateful.

Thank you all for making me feel welcomed and supported from day one!

- Sandy Keller, WRC Program Manager

Our Newest Volunteers

Barbara B. (Spanish interpreter)
Sonja P. (front desk)
Valerie M. (counselor)

Mike W. (maintenance)
Jon M. (fire extinguisher inspector)
Elizabeth L. (volunteer)

Interested in Volunteering?



Peer Counselor
Trainer/Instructor
Prayer Team
Housekeeping
Medical (LPN, RN)
Translator/Interpreter
Baby Bottle Campaign
Sorting Donations

Event Planning
Grant Writing
Clerical/Organizational
Repair/Maintenance
Church Liaison
Marketing
Landscaping
Other: _____

Contact us to discuss the best role for your interest!