



HAPPY SPRING from WRC Staff & Volunteers



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Director's Desk,

Spring is a beautiful reminder that God makes all things new. There has been a tremendous amount of newness at the Women's Resource Center over the last several months. We have welcomed a wonderful new Office Manager, Maeli, who has been an asset since she started. Also, we completed several volunteer training sessions to ensure our clients are getting the best care possible and reorganized and redecorated the inside and outside of the center. We still have so much more to come! We are striving for growth in all aspects of our center and are looking forward to the future!

There have been several changes in our yearly schedule as well. The Women's Resource Center has been named one of the two nonprofits to receive the proceeds of the 1st Annual City of Lights Crawfish Cook-Off on May 6th! We are grateful to the Natchitoches Parish Fair Board for their generosity and for thinking of us. Furthermore, we will be holding a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony, followed by an open house, on May 8th for the grand opening of the Rose Long Educational Center. See more about both events inside!

Isaiah 60:22 says, "When the time is right, I the Lord will make it happen." A lot of the women who come to our center are questioning the timing and the future and fearing how a pregnancy will change their lives. We all know the feeling of not understanding God's plan, and we all question why things happen. However, what we have, that some of our clients do not, is true faith in God's promises to us. It is important that our clients see the goodness of God in the actions and words of our staff and volunteers. I ask that while you continue to pray for the center and our clients, please say an extra prayer for our staff and volunteers—that God's light may shine through us and that we glorify Him each day.

Our center is growing, and we are hoping to touch more lives than ever before. These opportunities would not be possible without your contributions and prayers. We are eternally grateful to you, and we are hopeful for the future.

May God bless you,

Morgan LaCaze

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Community Giveaway

It's that time again! The Women's Resource Center is hosting our community giveaway on April 28, 2023, from 2pm to 4 pm. We will be giving away children's clothing, sizes ranging from newborn to 2T, bouncers, walkers, and much more! The giveaway will be held in the parking lot of the WRC at 107 North Street. Please do not park in the Waskom Brown parking lot when attending.

If you would like to donate items for the giveaway, please bring them after 12 pm on April 27th!



Supplies Donated

Donors:

Anastasia Robinson
Betty Wade
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Christina Bynog
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Garry Pender
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Janice Bolton
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Katrina Jordan
Kayla Saucier
Kendricka Williams
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Lorraine Penrod
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Natchitoches Parish 4-H
Rodney Boswell
ShaQuerius Perrow
Shree Toal
St. Mary's Catholic School
Sylvia Vanzaus
Tiara Hayes

Donations:

Formula, diapers
Crochet blanket & hat
Diapers, baby items
Clothes, walker
Diapers, clothes, bottles
Clothes, shoes, books
Formula
Formula, boppy
Clothes, breast pump, play mat
Blankets, burp pads, hats, blankets
Bouncers, jumpers
Clothes, pacifiers, toiletries, blankets
Books
Formula
Maternity clothes
Diapers, clothes, swing, blankets, books
Clothes, towels, diapers, pacifiers
Diapers, bath, blanket, car seat items
Formula
Diapers, breast pumps, formula
Clothes
Bassinet, bouncer, strollers
Diapers, wipes
Women's clothing
Nursing bras, maternity clothes
Diapers, wipes
Formula
Donations
Diapers, bouncer
Diapers, wipes, clothes, shampoo
Vicks vaporizers, formula
Clothes, tub, carrier, diaper bags

Rose Long Educational Center Dedication Ceremony



Please join us on Monday, May 8th at 1:00 in the afternoon for the Dedication Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting of the Rose Long Educational Center. Following the ceremony we will have an open house and tours of the center!

The Rose Long Educational Center currently holds our classroom and Little Rose Baby Boutique. We are so proud to dedicate this center to the late Mrs. Rose Long for her years of dedication and donations to the Women's Resource Center!



Run, Baby, Run! 2024

It is with heavy hearts and lots of prayers that we have decided to cancel the 2023 Run, Baby, Run! The run, usually held in May, is our annual awareness event held in Historic Downtown Natchitoches, LA. We have decided to cancel this year due to several large events taking place in that time frame and not wanting to overwhelm the public or our staff/volunteers. As you have seen in this newsletter, we are holding our giveaway April 28th, assisting with the crawfish cookoff May 6th, and having a dedication ceremony for our Rose Long Educational Center May 8th. Although this years run has been cancelled, we are already planning for the May 2024 run, and it will be bigger and better than ever! Stay tuned for the 2024 Run, Baby, Run date!



Center Report

December 1, 2022 - March 23, 2023

Positive Pregnancy Tests: 43
Return Clients: 24
All Visits: 280
Nurse Visits: 27
Total Babies Born: 27



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Please join us on May 6, 2023 for the 1st Annual City of Lights Crawfish Cook-off held by the Natchitoches Parish Fair board! The Women's Resource Center has been named as one of the non-profits receiving proceeds from this years cook-off! We will be volunteering to work tables, tents, and ticket booths to assist the Fair Board in putting on this event. If you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring, or attending this event, please contact Morgan by email at wrcnatladirector@gmail.com for more information!



Community Connections!



The faculty, staff, parents, and students of St. Mary's Catholic School made a huge donation in February of 2023. Thank you so much for the constant love and support you give to the Women's Resource Center!

New Staff & Volunteers



I am so thankful to now be a part of the WRC! I started working here in January this year, and I love my job! I am excited to see the work God will do through our Center in the coming months.

Although I do not interact with clients as much as other positions at the WRC, my goal is to positively influence each person I encounter and to show God's love to those that come through our door.

- **Maeli Usleton, WRC Office Manager**

Pictured are the NSU Nursing students that helped us in February 2023. They spent several hours cleaning and organizing the Baby Boutique and were willing to help in any way needed. Thank you for your time and help!



Our Newest Volunteers

- Elizabeth Lirette
- Nicole Bailey

Volunteer Opportunities

- Baby Bottle Ministry
- Clothing & Equipment
- Peer Counseling
- Translator/Interpreter
- Clerical Assistance
- Sorting & Organizing
- Medical (LPN, RN)
- Event Planning



Contact us for more information on volunteering!



A huge thank you to Sigma Sigma Sigma, Delta Sigma Theta, and SGA for their help with organizing our baby boutique and diaper bag areas! We love getting to interact with organizations from NSU!

