

# HAPPY SUMMER

from WRC Staff

& Volunteers



2023 Summer Newsletter

## Director's Desk,

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor so that you, through his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

In this season we reflect on the life of our savior, Jesus Christ, and the selflessness of our Lord to sacrifice His one and only son so that we may have eternal life. So often we forget that Jesus was poor in worldly things, yet he was the savior of the world. Too often we overlook the poor, whether they are poor in spirit or wealth. We, at the Women's Resource Center, have been given the opportunity to meet individuals who may be missing out on the love of Christ or need help. It is our mission to show them God's love through compassionate conversations encouraging them to evaluate their life, their goals, and their future and create a plan to achieve those goals. We kindly ask that you remember our clients and center in your prayers as we continue to give the love and grace that God has bestowed upon us.

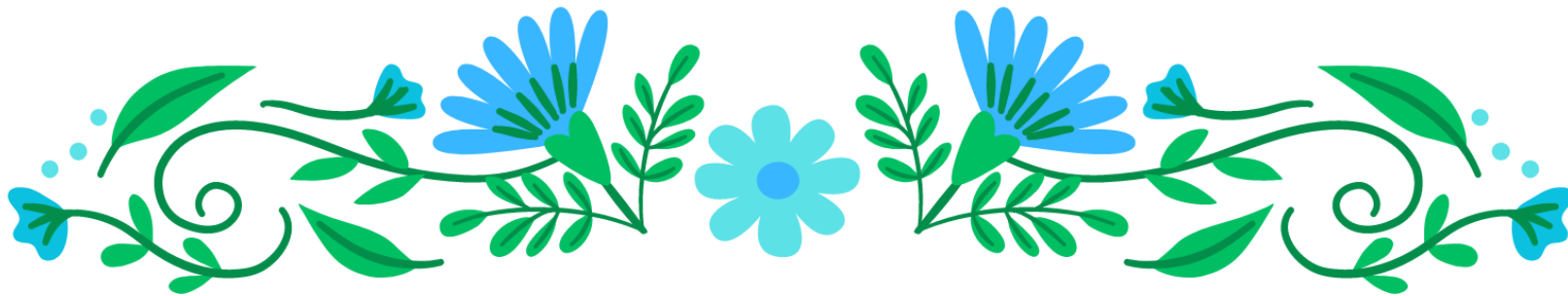
In this newsletter, you will see the highlights of the last several months. We have so much to celebrate at the WRC. Over the last several months, we have held a ribbon cutting, open house, attended pro-life day at the capitol, worked with various organizations in multiple capacities, and are looking forward to the future! God has blessed us so abundantly in his gifts toward the center, our staff, volunteers, and supporters. Through God, we have become rich! We are rich in love, rich in understanding, rich in compassion, rich in selflessness, rich in joyfulness!

We offer our most sincere thank you for your participation in our center. We are grateful for each one of you and are looking forward to a bright future!

May God bless you,

*Morgan LaCaze*

**Morgan LaCaze**  
Executive Director



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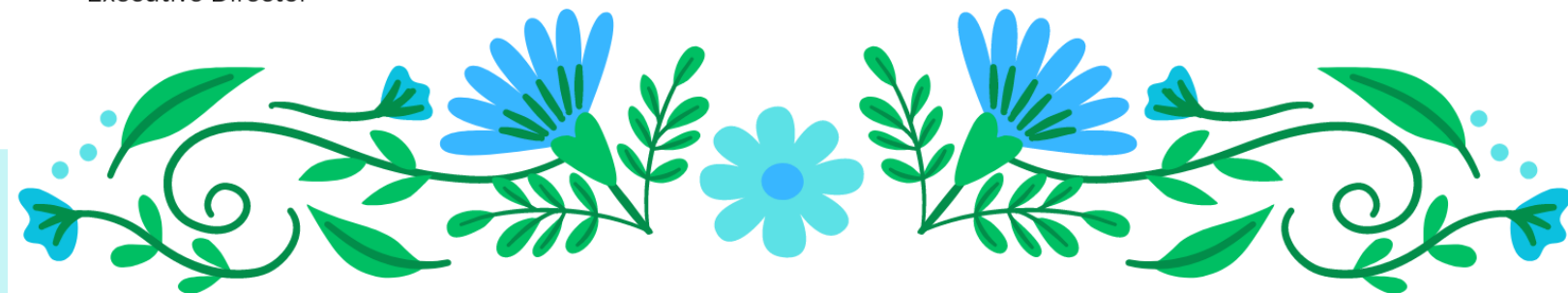
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# Recent

## Best of Public Service 2022

We are honored to have been named "Best of Public Service" for the 2022 Best of Natchitoches Awards! Thank you to our staff, volunteers, and board of directors for making this possible!



## City of Lights Crawfish Cook-Off

The Natchitoches Parish Fair and Rodeo gave us various opportunities to discuss our center and services in the community like never before! We also received a large donation of the proceeds from this event! Thank you so much NPFR!!



# Supplies Donated

## Donors:

Abbey Lucky  
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## Supplies:

87 bottles of Enfamil formula  
Formula  
4 i-Pads  
Baby clothes, mommy items  
Baby clothes  
Enfamil  
Baby clothes, blankets  
Baby clothes  
Diapers, formula, wipes, etc.  
Car seat, formula  
Baby clothes, diapers  
Formula  
Formula  
Baby clothes  
Handmade blanket  
Baby clothes, changing pad  
Maternity clothes  
Baby clothes, bottles, breast pump, etc.  
Baby clothes  
Baby clothes  
Baby oatmeal  
Crocheted blankets  
Quilts  
Baby food, rice cereal  
Baby clothes, carrier, toys, etc.  
Baby clothes, walker  
Bathtub, jumper  
Maternity clothes  
Formula  
Bottles, brushes, diapers, formula, etc.  
16 containers of Similac Advance  
Baby clothes, bouncer  
3-in-1 playpen, bassinet, etc.  
Bottle warmer, changing table, etc.  
Baby soap, diaper bag, formula, etc.  
Maternity clothes  
Diapers, wipes  
Quilts  
Diapers  
Baby clothes  
Bibs, pacifiers, wipes, etc.  
Toys, tub, walker  
Formula  
Bouncer, walker  
Baby clothes, diapers  
Baby clothes, rice cereal  
2 strollers  
Boxes of disinfectant wipes





# Volunteer Opportunities

- Boutique Organizer
- Church Liaison
- Clerical/Organizational
- Client Advocate
- Fatherhood Advocate
- Grant Writing
- Housekeeping
- Landscaping
- Marketing Assistance
- Medical (LPN, RN)
- Repair/Maintenance
- Trainer/Instructor
- Translator/Interpreter

We are currently in need of Client Advocates more than anything! However, we are always in need of help in all these areas. If you would like to sign up for volunteering or get more information, please email us at [wrcnatchitoches@gmail.com](mailto:wrcnatchitoches@gmail.com).

# Center Advancement

We are beyond excited to announce that with the proceeds given from the Natchitoches Parish Fairboard's City of Lights Crawfish Boil Cook-off, we were able to paint and refurnish the front portion of our center! We are so thankful to the Fairboard for this opportunity! If you are interested in assisting with the continued renovation of the center, please contact Morgan at [wrcnatldirector@gmail.com](mailto:wrcnatlirector@gmail.com) Enjoy these awesome before and after pictures!



# Events

## Rose Long Educational Center Dedication

This event turned out to be a huge success! The Educational Center will provide crucial support to mothers-to-be. The event was a touching tribute to Rose Long, a long-serving board member, advocate for the unborn, and donor to the WRC's mission.



## Pro-Life Day at the Capitol

Our Executive Director, Morgan LaCaze, attended the Louisiana PCC Conference and joined fellow pregnancy center directors for Pro-Life Day at the Capitol. We are so proud of her dedication to increasing awareness of the impact that pregnancy centers have on their communities!





# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life Gala 2023

Keynote Speaker: Jason Jones

It's that time again!! Our 2023 Celebration of Life Gala will be held on September, 21st at the Natchitoches Events Center! This year we are excited to be hosting a VIP reception for our top sponsors to meet and interact with our speaker before the event. If you are interested in sponsoring or attending, please email Morgan at [wrcnatladirector@gmail.com](mailto:wrcnatladirector@gmail.com)! Doors open at 6:00 and the event begins at 6:30, we hope to see you there!



## Mistletoe Market 2023

The Mistletoe Market 2023 is a part of the 97th Annual Christmas "Festival of Lights" in Natchitoches. It will be held on December 2, 2023, from 7 am to 7 pm. For more information on the event and to fill out a vendor application, visit our website at <https://www.wrcnatchitoches.org/christmas-fest>

We hope to see you there!!



# Staff & Volunteers

## New Staff

I am beyond thankful to be a part of this team. I look forward to learning and growing alongside these women for years to come. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for this center, and am blessed to be a part of that.

I hope to be a light full of love and support for people to see when they walk through these doors.

-Taylor Johnson, WRC Front Desk



## Volunteer of the Year: Betty Meyers

On June 2nd the WRC had our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and spent the day celebrating our wonderful volunteers! Pictured are our staff and our volunteer of the year, Mrs. Betty Myers. Betty was voted for this by her peers and the staff of the WRC. She leaves smiles and warm hearts wherever she goes and is willing to help however she can! We are truly thankful for her!

