

Merry Christmas from WRC Staff & Volunteers



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 in 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 just need help. It is our mission to show them God's love through compassionate conversations that encourage them to evaluate their life, their goals, and their future and to create a plan to achieve those goals. We kindly ask that you remember our clients and center in your prayers as we continue to share 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 held a ribbon cutting and an open house, attended pro-life day at the capitol, and worked with various organizations in multiple capacities. We are looking forward to the future! God has blessed us so abundantly in his gifts toward the center, our staff, volunteers, and supporters. Because of God, we have become rich! We are rich in love, understanding, compassion, selflessness, and 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

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Executive Director



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Gala Highlights

The Celebration of Life Gala 2023 was a huge success! We are so thankful for everyone who had a part in making this event happen. Our speaker, Jason Jones, was phenomenal and left everyone feeling inspired by his testimony. We also want to say a big thank you to our sponsors and donors this year. We are able to continue to help families in our community because of you!

If you would like to see the full Gala 2023 album, check out our Facebook page!



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Assorted baby items
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Baby clothes
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Baby clothes, car seats, walker
Baby clothes
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Baby clothes, blankets
Baby clothes, soap, socks, towels
Clothes
Baby clothes
Diapers, wipes
Stroller
Diapers
Similac Advance & 32 jars of baby food
Children & women's clothes
Blankets, diapers, tummy time mat
Diapers
Baby clothes, blankets, diaper pail, swing
Assorted items
Baby essentials



Fatherhood Program

At the Celebration of Life Gala, we unveiled that we are in the process of adopting a Fatherhood Program. We are very excited to be welcoming the fathers of our community to receive the services we offer! This program is unlike anything we have ever done! We are working diligently to ensure we have all the necessary information and items to give our fatherhood participants the same care we offer our mothers. Stay tuned for more updates in the upcoming newsletters!



Volunteer Spotlight

Elizabeth Lirette has been with us for several months and has already been so beneficial to our center. She's completing Client Advocate training and has been instrumental in managing donations and events. Always cheerful and dedicated, she does whatever it takes to ensure the center runs smoothly for optimal client care. We're grateful for her and her commitment to the WRC! When asked why she wanted to volunteer, she said, "I have been blessed with a loving family and want to share that love with others in my community, whether through personal interaction or working behind the scenes in any way that makes life easier for and reinforces the dignity of our clients."



Special Thank You



Gala Committee

Our amazing Executive Director, Morgan LaCaze, was the main person coordinating this event. Your countless hours, hard work, and determination don't go unnoticed. We are thankful for you!!! Our Office Manager, Maeli Usleton, was on the Gala Committee and did most of the behind-the-scenes work for the event. It wouldn't have been possible without her!



Board of Directors, Staff, & Volunteers

We are extremely thankful for our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers that helped make the Gala such a success! We couldn't have done it without your time, effort, and support.



NSU Soccer Team

We have to give a huge shoutout to the NSU Soccer Team and their coach, Ian Brophy, for their assistance with seating, serving, and cleaning up at the Gala.



Kristina's Events & Weddings & Jeanne's Country Garden

Thank you for donating your time, decorations, and florals to us! Our Gala was absolutely beautiful thanks to local businesses like these that support our mission and fundraiser.



Corey Poole & John Wells Entertainment

Corey Poole was our photographer for the event, and John Wells Entertainment handled the media and sound. Thank you for making our event a memorable one!



Natchitoches Events Center & Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant

Thank you to the Events Center for providing the perfect setting for our memorable moments and to Lasyone's for the incredible food!



Community Involvement

Client Testimonies



Witch Way to Main Street

Pictured are Justelyn Rosette, Makenzie Carey (volunteers), and Sandy Keller (Program Manager)



Clean Biz of the Month

Pictured are Morgan LaCaze (Director) with members of the Chamber of Commerce



Natchitoches Parish Fair

Pictured are Maeli Usleton (Office Manager), Morgan LaCaze (Director), and Alexis Hailey (volunteer)



"The WRC and their team have really helped me with preparing for my baby and the journey ahead of me. I've been blessed to receive their support and guidance as well as the reassurance and faith through God they share. I've loved the opportunity."

"You all were able to make a difference in my life by helping out with classes, learning new things for my first pregnancy, and also helping provide for my baby."



"I truly appreciate and love this place. They have been a blessing to me and my baby. So Godly and influential. I truly believe in what they do and respect it. They have been a blessing to me and my bundle of joy. I wish more blessings and prosperity for them. I love this place and the work they do for mothers. God is truly here in this place."

