



## 2021 Winter Newsletter

### DIRECTOR'S DESK

Advent is about waiting and hopeful expectation. We understand that far too well at the Women's Resource Center. We wait a few minutes with a young girl to see if the line will show a positive pregnancy test. We wait for her to call us back and see if she chose life and she wants to move forward. We wait for women to make healthier decisions on their own. We wait for fathers to step in. We wait for the phone to ring so we can celebrate the birth of their child and bring their diaper bag to the hospital and visit with them.

The Women's Resource Center performed over **2,000 services** this year and touched almost **600 lives**. Each and every service and moment had an element of waiting for it. But when that waiting ends - it is often always more beautiful than any of us could have ever imagined and with every single step, we are all in it together with them. As you wait for Christmas Day, I pray that you replay in your head the centuries of longing that God's people waited for Jesus and that it inspires you to pray with your family for our women that walk through our door. All of the questions they have, all of the aid they need, all of the emotions to process. That in all of the waiting and expectation, in each of their appointments here, that they would come to know an even greater support system than us.

Thank you for supporting what we do this year. Through your clothing and equipment donations, your 5K signups, your financial contributions, and more. I am praying that each of you has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all first thing in the new year at the very first **Natchitoches March for Life** down at the Riverbank on **January 21st!**

All the best,

Jennifer Luna

# Community Connections!



The WRAC put on a wonderful NSU Wellness Fest! We always want our college students right across the street to know that we are a safe place to come to.



The WRC was proud to be at the Stop the Violence Rally in Highland Park this past October. We are always wanting our name out in the community as a resource to women!



We had a great time at Witch Way to Main Street! We loved seeing so many moms that we have served through their pregnancies come and trick or treat with their babies that have all grown up!



We loved having NSU Child and Family Studies interns Taylor and Abbie (pictured) and Ashley (not pictured) with us this semester. They revamped our community resource guide, implemented a church contact list, and were intentional with our clients.





Mistletoe Market was a success!

For those who do not know, City Bank & Trust Company graciously allows us to use their parking lot on Christmas Festival Day - and we turn it into the only craft and vendor market on the parade route as a fundraiser for us.



We had vendors come in from near and all over with a wide variety of items. It was a hit! If you're a craft vendor and would like to participate next year, be sure to apply next year!



One of our most popular classes, our car-seat safety class, has grown to biweekly! Being able to provide women with not only a free car-seat with proper checks and installation in their vehicle from a registered technician, but they walk away from this class with the knowledge of how to keep their baby safe on the roads.



# Fall and Winter Testimonials



\*born in October

*"The education that was given to me has allowed me to better prepare as a mother to my new baby. I did not have the resources years ago to be a better parent and care for my child and myself. I enjoyed the talks that went beyond the program too. I love that I am able to talk freely and have prayer at any time needed."*

*"All I know is that I don't know what I would have done without the WRC."*



\*born in November

*"This is the second time that I've used the Women's Resource Center's services and both times I have been so pleased. I love it here. I feel so supported and thankful."*

*"The WRC really helped me become confident with my pregnancy. I became more comfortable with preparing to be a mom. The information was awesome!"*

## Giving December

In lieu of the famous "Giving Tuesday", we want to show you what our moms need, and we are asking you to take part and buy an item or two for them. What you buy off this list not just today, but all throughout the month of December - goes directly into their hands!

Want to buy something off our needed list for our moms? Go to [a.co/2Yy81QY](https://a.co/2Yy81QY) or scan the code below on your phone!





# Adopt a day!

You can secure the operation of the WRC for one day this year & choose the day that is special to you somehow.

Date	Given By	Name
Sept. 9	David & Helen Antilley	Honor of: Our Anniversary
Sept. 15	Darrell & Deanna Hickman	Honor of: Our Children
Oct. 5	Ron & Leta Brown	Memory of: Bernice Brown
Oct. 13	Walt Moore	Memory of: Hugh C. Moore
Nov. 3	Leonard & Janet Ernst	Honor of: Our Anniversary
Nov. 10	Ron & Leta Brown	Memory of: Dorothy V. Sledge
Dec. 20	Matt & Jana Endris	Honor of: Our Anniversary
Dec. 31	Tony & Rhonda Hernandez	Honor of: Sylvia Hernandez

# New Volunteers!

Help us welcome our most recent additions to the WRC volunteers!



Our newest counselors that meet with our clients are Karri (left), a Labor and Delivery R.N. that recently relocated from the Houston area, and Linda (middle), a retired social worker. Our newest administrative volunteers are Peggy (right) and Betty (not pictured), who help keep the WRC moving!

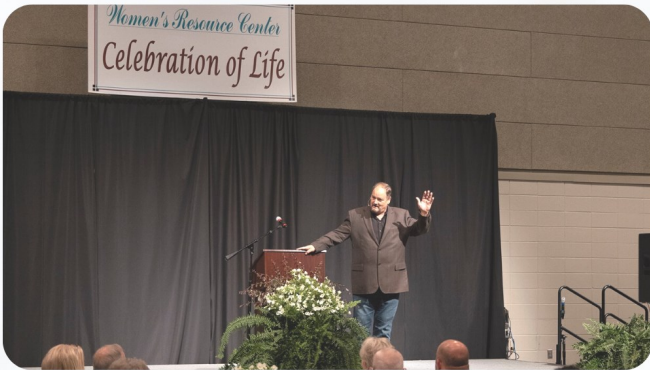
There truly is something for everyone here to serve. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer - ask us about it!

# Donation of supplies:

<b>Beth Cole</b>	Car Seat/Car Boosters	<b>Krista Cholvitee</b>	Baby & Mom Items & Clothing
<b>Brenda Lacour</b>	Baby Sweaters	<b>Lacey Sanders</b>	Formula/Baby Food
<b>Bridget Bailey</b>	Toys	<b>Lee Akin</b>	Assorted Baby Equipment & Items
<b>Cady Waur</b>	Baby Clothing/Bottles/Formulas	<b>Linda Lee</b>	High Chair
<b>Carol &amp; Dwane Steadman</b>	Leap Frog/Puzzles/Toys	<b>Lorraine Penrod</b>	Women's Clothing, Diapers
<b>Catheryn Babin</b>	Clothing	<b>Mary Reliford</b>	Clothing/Shoes
<b>David Guillet</b>	Toiletries/Sanitizer/Food	<b>Mary Cedars</b>	Toys
<b>Dean &amp; Judy Fisher</b>	Clothing	<b>New Life Evangelist Center</b>	Baby Clothing/Diapers
<b>Debra Jo Hailey</b>	Cradle/Car Seat/Toys	<b>Rita Ferguson</b>	Toys
<b>DeShauntae Van</b>	Assorted Baby Items & Clothing	<b>Rita Kaye Breedlove</b>	Pictures
<b>Desirae Bailey</b>	Bouncer/Electric Rocker	<b>Robin Hubier</b>	Crib
<b>Erika Costillo</b>	Baby Clothing	<b>Sara Corken</b>	Maternity Clothing
<b>Family Worship Center</b>	Formula/Diapers/Wipes/Clothing	<b>Shaedra Walker</b>	Baby Clothing, Formula, Cereal
<b>First United Methodist</b>	Diapers	<b>Sidney Frederick</b>	Afghans
<b>Gretchen Ferguson</b>	Diaper Genie/Carseat Base	<b>Sonja Popovich</b>	Baby Clothing/Monitor
<b>Heather Dromm</b>	Assorted Large Baby Items	<b>Sue Fredieu</b>	Clothing
<b>Heather &amp; Elisha Swain</b>	Assorted Baby Items & Equipment	<b>Theresa Carroll</b>	Baby Recliner/Toys
<b>Katelyn Supalo</b>	Baby Clothing/Toys/Booster Seat		
<b>Kimberly Williams</b>	Diapers/Wipes		



# Celebration of Life Gala!



Many members of our community gathered together at the Natchitoches Events Center to celebrate life. It was a brand new program, with spaced-out tables, masks, and sitting at the tables instead of rows. But it was wonderful! We want to thank everyone who attended for following the Covid-19 Guidelines and helping us ensure a safe and enjoyable event.

Our keynote speaker, **Mike Williams**, was a hit! He shared an extremely comical yet inspiring story of adoption. Adoption of himself as a child and also of his own son. It was incredibly moving and light-hearted at the same time. Our client testimonies brought both laughs and tears to our eyes.

Absolutely none of this could have been done without you. Your support carries us and is the absolute backbone of how we get to serve women and the unborn each and every day. It is a living testimony to the entire community and for that - there are hardly words to express our deep gratitude.

In case you missed it and want to watch it, go to [wrcnatchitoches.org/gala](http://wrcnatchitoches.org/gala) at anytime to watch our one-hour program!

We look forward to seeing you all next year in **September 2022!**



The WRC Staff, Volunteers, and Board of Directors extend our sincere gratitude to all of the sponsors, guests and volunteers who are responsible for making the 2021 Celebration of Life Gala possible!

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# Save the Date - March for Life!



Natchitoches will be having its first-ever March for Life on Friday, January 21st, 2022! Every year, thousands of pro-life supporters march in support of life around the world to celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between.

It will be held at the Natchitoches Riverbank, with a pre-rally concert by Josh Blakesly Band, followed by a Pro-Life Rally with guest speakers, and finish with a march from the riverbank to the rectory lawn of the Minor Basilica of Immaculate Conception Church.

Keep an eye out for more details on the Natchitoches Parish Journal or the St. Mary's and WRC Facebook pages! It will be a wonderful event for the whole family to enjoy!

If you would like to get involved, contact us or St. Mary's Catholic School!



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