

Newest Employee.....



Hi, I'm Debbie Owens. My husband Arthur and I have been married for 15 years and attend Missionary Baptist church in Carlisle. I'm so thankful that the Lord saved me and then united me with a wonderful believing husband. I came to Missionary Baptist in 1993 after we were married. When I first heard about Alpha Women's Center, I wasn't the least bit interested. I was looking for a new ministry in which to serve, and I was sure AWC wasn't it. In 1999 I was very surprised when I sensed the Lord calling me to become a volunteer. In October 1999 I started volunteering one day a week and continued with that schedule until I **became a staff member in July of this year.** I'm thrilled that the Lord has now called me to be more involved with the functioning of the center. Each day that I can come here to serve God is a blessing, a privilege and a joy. I'm a Bible study fanatic and enjoy leading other women in the study of God's Word. Other things that I love are playing the flute, crocheting, and my cat, Thomas.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER

Do you feel relief that the campaign ads are done for now? I trust all of you did get out and vote in this important election.

What a joy to be able to entrust our everyday lives and our eternal destiny to an all-loving God who knows what we need to be made more like His Son, and to rest assured that He is in control. He is our reigning Lord and King. He appoints rulers and our duty is to pray for them faithfully. I must admit that I have not always been faithful in this, but I am resolved to be more vigilant.

The holidays are fast approaching. I love this time of year when almost everyone seems to put forth an extra effort to be "nice" and share with others less fortunate.

At this Center, I see our staff and volunteers doing this each day. How much better it is, to be reaching out all year long in the name of Christ. We are so thankful for our faithful volunteers who give so much time and love to the women and children who come here. As the economy tightens, I believe we will see even more women coming in for baby supplies. We are making sure that all of our winter coats are getting out to those who need them.

"Rejoice in the Lord always" Phil: 4:4

NOVEMBER 2008

I am not sure why, but recently, I was sent Planned Parenthood's annual report. It stated that the Ankeny Center has "exceeded PPGI's expectations of client visits since its opening" in November of 2007.

We are still praying and hoping to open a branch office in Ankeny. We have received \$4,175 for start up costs and have \$45.00 a month pledged for support. We estimate that we need approximately \$1,700.00 in monthly pledges before we sign a lease. As you can see, that leaves quite a gap in monthly income.

We cannot afford to lose any of our supporters for the S.E. 14th Street location. This Center is busy and continues to meet a great need in Des Moines. If God wants us in Ankeny, we know He will provide what we need in His perfect timing. I am absolutely confident of that truth.

I have enclosed a response card for end of the year giving. If the Lord leads you to participate in this giving, we know you will be blessed for your generosity. We never ask anyone to take away from their own local church support – that must come first. We rely on your "extra" giving and God has always provided.

Praise Him!

Linda Albertson
Let the people of the Lord rejoice!

Baby Basket Recipients:

Rusty, Jr	Paiten
Lexi	Ian
Kylan	Adalyn
Jovani	Aalliyah
Diego	Mauricio
Jesse	Chad
Nathan	Issac
Jamarius	Haylee
Cesar	Athena
Kirsten	Kasia
Jaelyn	Christopher
Dayton	Liana
Layla	Dayton
Jorge	Reagan
Yarett	



Please continue to pray for two of our ladies who are facing difficult physical (cancer) conditions and dealing with doctors who may push for aborting.

Praise the Lord for another client who just recently chose to continue the life of her unborn, instead of aborting. This decision was after her ultrasound!

A NEW VOLUNTEER has started. Her name is **Alicia Coleman**. She grew up in Argentina as a MK. She will be another great asset to this ministry in being able to speak fluent Spanish. She is currently a sophomore at FBBC in Ankeny. She will be traveling to Argentina to visit family over Christmas. Welcome Alicia!

Clothing, toys, quilts, diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, dolls, shoes, etc.:

Rec'd From:

Stacy Hartwig	Neva Duer
Indianola Regular Baptist Church	
Faith Baptist Church – Cambridge	
Maranatha Baptist Church teen group- Grimes	
Saylorville Baptist Church Wee Ones Campaign	
Faith Baptist Church – Fort Dodge	
Moms of Multiples Garage Sale	
Mercy Hospital- Mother & Infant Services	
Julie Criscola	Deann Albertson
Sarah Kelley	Kathy Burkhart
Aimee Kersey	Emily Martin
Carol Kozak	Debbie Owens
Kaylee Chilton	Anita Yeager
Mary Greeley Hospital Nursery Department	
Lori Howe	Marlys Scott
John and Dorris Blackmore	
Betsy Love	Crystal Vance

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NEEDS-----

Right now, our greatest need for supplies is: new winter **sleepers and outfits** for boys and girls in sizes 3 to 9 months. These would be placed in our new baby baskets. We have a supply for next summer, but have run out of these clothing items for winter. If your group could collect these items, we would be so grateful! You can see above, we have given away a lot of baskets.