

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

We had some faithful young workers over the year 2008 from the Chariton area. The young ladies in Mrs. Letz's Sunday School class worked throughout the year to raise money to buy supplies for our baby baskets. They did this in 2007 as well. Below is picture of some of the girls that were able to come to Des Moines and have the fun of buying the baby items.



This past year they went way beyond what was imagined and ended up spending \$350.00 on baby clothes, etc., for our baskets. Some church members also donated cans of formula to be given away in our baby closet.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Money was donated in the memory of Gertrude Hartog Jacobs, Merlin Arends and Lois E. Mann. Special thanks to the families who remembered their loved ones in this way.

The **Grandview Park Baptist Junior High** students held another diaper drive last fall. Thirty-six students and three teachers gathered together 6,628 diapers and 10,044 wipes. Mr. Lane said, "I was amazed at the amount of money that the Jr. High kids were willing to spend in order to help people they will never meet." There was also a group of students who met each day to pray for a good response. They praised God for His answer to their prayers.

Advancing the Culture of Life.....

Because of the wonderful job that our staff and volunteers are doing in peer-counseling, showing fetal models, conducting prenatal and parenting classes and dispensing material helps for the babies, we are helping many more women choose life for their babies.

Every time a woman who was considering an abortion chooses life for her baby, the abortion business has lost a customer. Every time they lose a customer, they are a little closer to losing their facility due to lack of finances.

I have read that 25 years ago, there were more than 2000 abortion clinics in the United States. Now, there are less than 750. Some are having to consolidate their offices due to lack of customers. Abortions in the U.S. have decreased from 1,500,000 to 1,200,000 annually. Every time a woman regrets that she has had an abortion, she is usually vocal to her friends that they should not consider this option. They are helping to build a culture of life.

We are also advancing the family of God.

God reaps the harvest, but we are planting seeds of the gospel and challenging Christians to come back to the Lord in obedience to His Word. We rejoice in the 35 new lives for the Savior in the last twelve months. It is so exciting to be able to share with people who would not go to a Bible teaching church, but will listen to someone who has shown them love and concern for their welfare and happiness. The clients continue to say how comfortable and accepted they feel when they come here.

Linda Albertson, Executive Director 285-5700

New Baby Basket Recipients:

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| Trinity | Ricky | Cody | Jose Maria |
| Destinee | Justina | Jaydon | Gissell |
| Zioma | Ivy | Amaya | Godwin |
| Miranda | Andrew | Montaveous | Evelyn |
| Alexander | Hector | Tryston | Haylee |

Pray:

- Finances for the S.E. 14th Street Center and for a possible branch office in Ankeny
- Abortion minded clients
- New Christians who are living with little or no encouragement from others in the home
- That President Obama will not sign the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) that many pro-abortionists want. It will eliminate all restrictions on abortion. It would cancel all state laws that address this issue. Many of these same groups want pregnancy centers to close as well. They are accusing us of giving out false information and caring more for the baby than the mother. Our volunteers and staff are always truthful and loving to the woman with just as much concern for her well-being, as for her child. Pray that they will understand this about our ministry.

Praise:

God continues to supply our needs
New volunteers starting training
Many donations of new items
Two clients with physical illnesses are still carrying their babies. Continue to pray for their health and the babies.

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.” Ps 28:7

The Cedar Street Baptist Church of Tipton had a baby shower for us in the month of December and collected many new baby items for our baby baskets. They said it was the first baby shower that they had held in the church for several years. Below is a picture of the many items.



With the supply of these new items that came to us in December, we are in good shape for some months to come. Giving out about 110 new baby baskets each year requires a large supply!

Baptists For Life has a new Pastor's Blog.

Their goal is to upload news items, information, and resources relating to the sanctity of human life that will be of interest and help to pastors. It will be updated on a weekly basis, and subscribers to one of the feeds available from the site, will be notified whenever new materials are posted. See <http://bflpastorscorner.blogspot.com/>

Ankeny Branch Office: We have raised \$12,984.00 towards opening an office in Ankeny. The Nevelin Center was the most affordable space; however, it is now currently unavailable. Does anyone know of a space for lease that the owner would let us pay about \$600.00 a month to use, or would donate one year of free use for a tax advantage?

Looking forward:

“According to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish and **at peace.**”
(2 Peter 3:13-14 ESV) Our days and times are in His hands. Even in these “rocky economic times” God is able to supply what is needed. His peace is so sweet as we rely on His resources.

Check out our **website**. We have all of our classes listed on there now. Our clients are getting on the internet more and are seeing what we have to offer. www.awcdesmoines.org

SPANISH WORKERS

Our Spanish volunteer that works each Thursday evening, is going to be moving out of state in May. This is always an area of need, as far as volunteers. It would be great to have a Spanish speaking person working here each day. Currently it is just Mondays and Thursdays part-time. We do have the most important brochures, papers and information sheets translated into Spanish, so we do fairly well in getting the messages across, but of course a personal conversation is always the best.

Thank you for your support and prayers!! Without your support, it is like standing on one leg. Your partnership with us is precious.