

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER

AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

ANKENY BRANCH OFFICE.....

The day arrived on August 17th. Alpha Women's Center – Ankeny, was officially opened at 10 a.m. There was only one client visit that day, but it is a beginning. On September 8th, there will be an article in the Ankeny Press Citizen and there will be pictures and an article posted on the Des Moines Register website. ([http:// www.dsmregister.com](http://www.dsmregister.com)) Please look them up! Shown below are pictures of the waiting room, reception counter, and baby closet in the new office.



I hardly know where to begin to thank so many people who were instrumental in getting this branch opened. Robb Albright volunteered to oversee the project as General Contractor. James Trahms organized his fellow members of the Faith Baptist Church in Cambridge to build walls, hang drywall and paint. New carpet was donated and laid in the entire office. Paint was donated by Sherwin Williams in Ankeny to paint the entire space as well. Waiting room chairs and desks were donated by the Neveln Center and the chairs were re-covered by Devona Tarbell. First Family Church of Ankeny held a baby/toddler give away on August 8th in the Neveln Center and donated the remaining items to our baby closet.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we wanted to purchase class materials as soon as possible to be able to continue to offer them as further incentive to keep the clients coming in for our services, in addition to the baby closet items. A wonderful family decided to sell their dune buggy and sent us the proceeds. This donation paid for the classes. Right after I ordered the classes, the check arrived. Wow, God is always blessing in so many ways. This is His ministry, and He has shown us in these many ways that He is going to bless and use this mightily.

The next step is to update the brochure and get information into the schools and other avenues in Ankeny. Help us spread the word!

The Neveln Center is in the heart of Ankeny. It houses many community services. There is a free pediatric clinic each week, a free clothing office, a food bank office, daycare, Headstart and the Visiting Nurse Services have special events there as well. There is just a lot of traffic in this building, and we have signs around the building to let people know that we are there.

There are a few diapers in the closet, but we need many more diapers and wipes to really stock this baby closet. We also need many more new items to be able to continue to offer our baby baskets to the new babies that are brought in. We need new 6 mos. size sleepers and outfits, bibs, receiving blankets, lotions, shampoos, rattles, etc. On the next page I will summarize the past 12 months of activities from our S.E. 14th Street office. As you will see, there are a lot of families benefiting from our services. God keeps bringing in new families each week.

THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.....

As I have mentioned before, our fiscal year ends on July 31st. Again, we have had 2,488 client visits. This is the average number (about 2,500) that has remained constant for many years now.

There were 541 first time clients. Out of these new clients, 23 had previous abortions and only 3 had made an adoption plan. Also, of those first time clients, 88 had previous miscarriages.

Fifty-one percent of our visits were walk-ins. Many people will ask me how many people we see each day. This is the great variable. Some days are slow, with perhaps 8 visits and the next day, we may have 22-25. I find this a challenge. New volunteers may get discouraged with a slow day, but just wait, it will catch up!

There were 584 women who did pregnancy tests. Positive tests totaled 189. We gave away 171 pairs of booties to those women/girls. (Anyone with a positive test is offered a pair of booties.) For those mothers who brought in their new babies, **110 baby baskets and quilts were given away.**

Spiritual discussions and gospel presentations were shared 948 times. In addition, 481 literature packets were distributed with additional tracts. There were 261 women who confessed to be Christians. There were 32 salvation decisions made during the past year. God was working! There were 1,262 women who said they never go to church. What a mission field. We conducted 184 Bible studies and classes.

One hundred and two women took a list of our churches. Pray for the new converts to have a burning desire to get into God's Word and to go to a good Bible teaching church.

Eighteen girls took further information about adoption. Pray for a more positive attitude about making an adoption plan. Many young ladies come with a distorted view of adoption, so we are always trying to share more accurate information.



Financial Donations were made in memory of: James Michael, Selma Shawver, Ruth and Jack Lincoln, and Ron Stubbs. Special thanks to their family and friends who remember them in this way.

Donations of new and used items received from:

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If I have missed anyone, I apologize. We do so appreciate all donations and try to keep track of them. Our closet is used so heavily, that we constantly need good used clothing, toys, diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, you name it! (except furniture - like beds, high chairs and car seats) **Thank you all.**

**We hope to have a ribbon cutting with the Ankeny Chamber at 4:30 and an Open House until 7:00 on October 13th. 406 SW School Street, Room 206, Ankeny
Call 965-7885 or 285-5700 for information.**

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We are updating our website to include more information about the Ankeny branch and the addition of more classes. Remember - you can contribute through PAYPAL online.