

# Alpha Women's Center

## ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER FALL NEWSLETTER

I am happy to report that as of the end of our year, on July 31<sup>st</sup>, we had the most client visits logged in that we have ever had! There were a total of **2,654 visits**. God has been so good to this ministry.

There were 136 pregnancy tests with positive results out of 376 tests done. There were 680 gospel presentations and spiritual discussions. There were 287 Bridge Tracts shared, plus 311 gospel tracts distributed in the literature packets. There were 241 classes and 58 Bible studies. One hundred thirty-four pairs of booties were given to the ladies with a positive test. Sixty-seven ladies took maternity clothes. With 1,257 visits to the baby closet, it would seem logical that about **1,100 DOZEN diapers** were handed out, plus about 550 packages of wipes.

You can understand the need that we have for so many diapers and wipes. Right now we are struggling to provide enough of these. We are especially in need of size 4 and 5 diapers. Providing for these basic needs, keeps the young moms coming in so we may encourage and minister to them.

As James 2:15-16 says, if we see someone in need and tell them "Go, be warmed and filled," and yet we give them nothing to meet those physical needs, what good is that? As we meet their physical needs, we pray for their spiritual needs, that their hearts will be open to receive what it is God has for them.

## ANKENY SUMMERFEST

Once again, we participated in the Summerfest displays in Ankeny. We did not have a contest going this year, but did have other information on display, including a sign out front that was clearly visible to all who walked by. As we were on the main walkway, everyone there had to see the name and information multiple times. We are praying that the information will "stick" with them as they may have needs come up, or know of someone who has a need.



## PLEASANT HILL PARADE

We decided to participate in the Summerfest parade held in Pleasant Hill this year. Packets were prepared with a brochure, bookmark and candy. These were personally handed to each young woman along the parade route. Without knowing how many to prepare for, we ran out of 300 packets and then handed out just brochures or bookmarks. Wonderful young ladies from Bethany Baptist Church were our walkers. Thank you again ladies, for your assistance on that hot, HOT morning!

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Another blessing was the work that some of the men did for us from First Family Church in Ankeny. They had asked us what they could make for some of our families in the way of woodworking. I was thrilled to see **nine rocking horses** delivered to us.



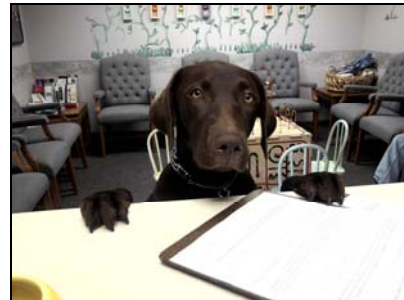
The first family to receive a blue horse was an expectant mother who memorized 60 verses!



Baby bottle money is still coming in. Some groups have chosen to collect the money at various times throughout the year. Keep it coming, it is never too late. As our only fundraiser, we pray that it will meet our needs. In case you missed the news, our contract was paid off completely on the building in Des Moines. This has allowed more money to be available for the Ankeny office.

## MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.....

We still need volunteers for the Des Moines office. Women are needed who could help with sorting the clothes, reception work, taking women to the baby closet, etc. that would be great! If you are not comfortable with dealing with the tests and pregnancy issues, that is fine; we still need help in other areas.



I know we said we will help anyone who comes in, but does not include their **pets**. 😊

STAFF NEEDS: Pray for over a dozen ladies from Thailand who are doing Bible studies with **Debbie**. Pray for us to really understand where each one is in their spiritual walk. **Martha** is healing from hip surgery and **Amalie** is praying about her future schooling: timing, when and where. Thank you,

*Linda Albertson, Executive Director*