

WELCOME TO OUR
Quarterly Newsletter
We're so glad you're here!

FLAPJACKS

Tuesday
11.12.24



Doors Open
at 6:30

& FLANNELS

**Fundraiser Benefitting
First Choice Women's Center**



you're invited!

**First Choice
Women's Center
Annual Fundraiser**

NEW LOCATION: OAKFUSKEE CONSERVATION CENTER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REBEKAH HAGAN

Contact Michelle Thompson
at 706-884-3833

concerning sponsorship opportunities and
interest in hosting a table.

Rebekah Hagan is one of today's youngest speakers on the issues of teenage pregnancy, abortion, and abortion pill reversal.

Raised in a Christian home where abortion was never discussed, Rebekah's life in pro-life ministry was unplanned and fueled, instead, by her firsthand experience. She became pregnant at seventeen with her son, Eli, and again with a second child while in her first year of college.

Feeling ashamed and fearing that she would lose her family and be forced to drop out of school, Rebekah thought that raising two children alone would be impossible. At just over seven weeks pregnant, she began a medication abortion that changed her life; however, her story did not end there.

Her story has been shared by local and national media, as well as religious and secular organizations, including Vice News HBO, Focus On The Family, Students For Life, Live Action, Heartbeat International, Epoch Times, and World Magazine.

A passionate advocate for grace-centered outreach, Rebekah Hagan uses her story to unravel the mindset of women in unplanned pregnancies, and to equip and encourage others to lead with hope and compassion.

The Heart Behind Those Who Serve

AND AN INVITATION TO JOIN US

Board Member: Phyllis Boyett



"I have been blessed to serve on the First Choice Board of Directors since 2020. During that time, I've developed an intimate view of the Center's purpose, vision, and its day-to-day operation. I can personally assure supporters that First Choice is operated with a Biblically based mission with guiding principles of purpose and operational integrity.

I chose to serve First Choice because the mission & vision align with my personal beliefs. I believe that only God is the giver and taker of life, and all life is sacred. My involvement with First Choice is an extension of my faith, allowing me to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ in service to others. For me personally, service to others, and with others, is spiritually fulfilling and brings me into a closer relationship with my Savior.

I also appreciate the culture of First Choice. The staff approaches every client with love and support, never condemnation or judgement. The staff at First Choice truly view their job as a faith extension and that personal belief arrives with them at work each day, seeing them through some of the difficulty they encounter. While they often celebrate life-affirming decisions made by clients, they also come face-to-face with clients that choose to terminate their pregnancy. As a Mother, I can't imagine how difficult this must be. While I can't be on the "frontline" with them every day, I can support their efforts through prayer and service on the board.

In closing, please join me in praying regularly for First Choice Women's Center. Also join me in praying for the ladies in our community facing an unplanned pregnancy and lift our staff in prayer as they meet these ladies in a critical life decision."

Donor: Alex Dixon

"I have been a financial supporter of First Choice Women's Center since 1995, shortly after my wife and I moved to LaGrange. Since then, the ministry has changed in many ways: location, staff, board members, volunteers, and even several name changes of the ministry. The services of the ministry have expanded greatly, now operating as a medical clinic with full time medical staff and a supervising OB/GYN.

Even with many changes over the years, the mission and the ministry of First Choice Women's Center has remained constant – to share the truth of God's Word in love with every woman who walks through those doors. The Board, staff and volunteers are committed to that mission. I can think of no ministry outside the church itself that better shares the love, mercy and grace offered through our Savior than First Choice Women's Center. Often times, that truth and love are shared with women that would never cross the threshold of a church. Many times, it is the first time those women have ever been clearly presented with the Gospel of Christ, along with the forgiveness and redemption available at the foot of the cross.

Our God is bigger than any crisis, including any "crisis" pregnancy. The staff and volunteers at First Choice stand in the gap for life every day. First Choice stands in the gap before, during and after pregnancy, proclaiming the sanctity of life created by the one true God. I can think of no organization more deserving of my regular financial support. For many years with many changes, First Choice has been a faithful steward of those gifts with a steadfast commitment to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and truth of God's Word, including the precious gift of life (physical and spiritual) from our Father. Please join my wife and me in our commitment to pray for and financially support the continued ministry of First Choice Women's Center."



Donors: The Heartbeat of Pregnancy Centers

BY: JULIE DIXON
STAFF NURSE



Why do we need to fundraise?

The hard truth is that there is a lot more money made and spent to end preborn lives than to protect them. In a sense the goal of the pregnancy center is to out-compete the local abortion clinic. This is a tall order indeed. Planned Parenthood, which is the nation's largest abortion provider, boasts an annual revenue in 2023 of over \$1.8 billion. Of this nearly \$2 billion, almost \$700 million comes from government health services reimbursements and grants. In 2021, the median self-pay cost for abortion was \$625 for procedural abortion in the first trimester and \$568 for a medication abortion. With the number of abortions in 2023 representing the highest total number of 1,037,000 abortions in over a decade, you can do the math. Abortion is big business. And abortion proponents are quite zealous in their giving. In fact, in October 2020 when Politico published a leaked draft of the Dobbs decision, the fundraising website of the National Network of Abortion Funds crashed due to the amount of donor traffic and \$1.5 million was raised in just 3 days.

So, why do we fundraise? You won't find revenue reports for pregnancy centers. Our services are provided to our clients at no cost to them. Thankfully, some states recognize the valuable care pregnancy centers provide and do offer grants to support their work. But the truth is, the life blood of pregnancy centers is the heart of the donor. **You make possible what we do at First Choice. Last year, you sacrificially gave over \$200,000 to our Center.** And praise God, pregnancy centers all across our country have similar stories. Pro-life people are some of the most generous people around!

In August 2024, First Choice became a consulting center for the Abortion Pill Reversal Network. This means, if a woman takes the abortion pill and regrets it, she can be connected with a doctor who can initiate the reversal protocol. By becoming a consulting center, we will now be able to play a part in this process by providing free ultrasounds to monitor the progress of the reversal process. We may also be asked to cover the cost of the medications prescribed to help counteract the abortion pill. And you can be a part of this exciting work as well! Your continued support will be used in saving more lives than ever!

***Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.***

Psalm 82:3-4

1 <https://cdn.plannedparenthood.org>

2 <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/abortion-in-the-us-what-you-need-to-know/>

3 Dockterman, E. (2022, June 24). What to know about abortion funds and how they help patients get care.

TIME. <https://time.com/6190996/how-abortion-funds-work/>

How You Can Offer Support

Thank you!

NEED: RECEIVING BLANKETS + DIAPER BAGS

When a client tests positive, we love gifting her with a new baby blanket. If you or someone you know can make or simply donate new receiving blankets, we would be so grateful for your contribution! Additionally, we would love to gather more new or gently used diaper bags for our Baby Boutique.

PURCHASE COFFEE WITH A PURPOSE

We are so excited about our new partnership with Seven Weeks Coffee! First Choice will receive 10% of coffee sales when you purchase from our link. Head to the website below to order and support us as we work together to protect life!

<https://sevenweekscoffee.com/?ref=FirstChoiceLaGrange>



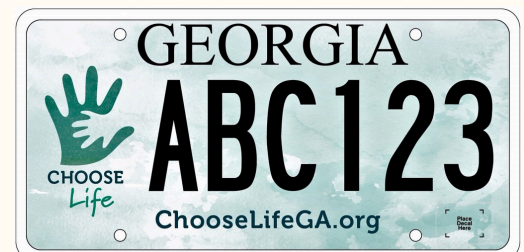
CONSIDER BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

If you are a member of a church, Sunday school class, Bible study group, etc. interested in an easy way to support First Choice, consider the Baby Bottle Boomerang. We provide the bottles, you fill them with change, and then you send them right back!

REP A CHOOSE LIFE PLATE

Take a quiet stand for life everywhere you drive, while also helping fund pregnancy centers! Get your Choose Life license plates.

www.ChooseLifeGA.org



CLIENT REVIEWS:

When asked what they liked best about their experience at First Choice, they stated:

- “
- Everyone is so friendly and caring, actually showing concern.
 - I love how everyone is so welcoming.
 - All the information provided to make me feel more comfortable.
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