

WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly Newsletter

We're so glad you're here!

Protecting The Innocent, Uplifting the Brave

SUPPORTING MOTHERS LONG AFTER THEIR "YES"

BY: JULIE DIXON, STAFF NURSE

One accusation that is frequently leveled against the prolife movement is that we only want to save babies, that we don't care about the mothers. After working at First Choice Women's Center for the past six and a half years, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand how this could not be further from the truth. I have traveled to prolife conferences and have met many people who work and volunteer in Crisis Pregnancy Centers all across the country. It has been such a source of encouragement to learn about how many women are benefiting in so many ways from Pregnancy Centers.

One source of support we offer to our clients is our Earn While You Learn program. This program is designed to offer weekly support from a trained Client Advocate. It is the best way for us to remain involved in their lives throughout their pregnancies and even beyond that. This program involves a Bible Study with weekly homework and a video-driven educational component. The expectant mothers earn Baby Bucks for attending classes and completing their homework. They can use these Baby Bucks to spend in our Baby Boutique where they can purchase diapers, wipes, clothes, and other essential items.

How can you help?

- We need help organizing and keeping the Baby Boutique stocked with donated items. If you would like to volunteer but need a flexible schedule of just a couple of hours per week, this might be the perfect job for you!
- We need donated items which our clients can "buy" with their Baby Bucks they earn from the program. We currently need new baby items such as diapers, wipes, bibs, receiving blankets, and infant towels. We also accept baby clothes up to 18 months. (Please see full list and Amazon link on page 3.)
- You can also donate money to go towards our Baby Boutique. We accept checks, cash or you can pay by Venmo. (Please designate that the funds are to go towards our Baby Boutique.)

Thank you for your continued support. Giving to our Earn While You Learn program is just another way you can partner with us in serving our clients!

Meet the First Choice Team

staff & volunteer spotlight!



Carla Vedrenne

CLIENT SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION

Carla Vedrenne is the newest member of our team. She joined our staff in December of 2024. Carla is the first smiling face our clients see when they walk through the door. She also makes appointments for clients and inputs all of the paperwork into our database. Carla says her favorite part of working at First Choice is "working with a group of women that love the Lord and have a common goal of sharing Jesus and encouraging pregnant women." One thing that has surprised Carla about her job at the Center is how much community support there is.

She is married to Jeff and they have eight children and ten grandchildren. They attend Rosemont Baptist Church. She likes to spend time with her kids and grandkids, crochet, and garden. Welcome aboard, Carla!

Diana Myers

CLIENT ADVOCATE

Diana recently began volunteering at the Center. Diana meets weekly with clients who are participating in our Earn While You Learn program. This experience has given her the opportunity to develop ongoing relationships with the clients as she helps them to understand how to care for their new baby and how to care for themselves as they progress through their pregnancy. Diana also enjoys helping our clients understand the message of the Gospel and what it means to be a believer.

Diana is from LaGrange but has lived in various places throughout her marriage. She and her husband have three children and four grandchildren. In her free time, Diana enjoys running, art, quilting, and reading.



FIRST CHOICE WOMEN'S CENTER PROVIDES COMPASSION, HOPE AND HELP TO WOMEN IN
OUR COMMUNITY FACING UNPLANNED PREGNANCIES.

CLIENT ADVOCATES TYPICALLY SERVE ONCE A WEEK, WHERE THEY MEET WITH CLIENTS FOR PREGNANCY TEST
APPOINTMENTS, AS WELL AS TEACH OUR EARN WHILE YOU LEARN PARENTING CLASSES.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CLIENT ADVOCATE, CONTACT LISA ELLEN AT 706-884-3833.

mark your calendars!

New Volunteer Training

JUNE 18 - 20

First Choice Women's Center provides compassion, hope and help to women in our community facing unplanned pregnancies. Client Advocates typically serve once a week, where they meet with clients for pregnancy test appointments, as well as teach our Earn While You Learn parenting classes.

If you are interested in becoming a Client Advocate, contact Lisa Ellen at 706-884-3833.

Give to the Baby Boutique

The First Choice Baby Boutique is stocked to allow Earn While You Learn clients to use their Baby Bucks in exchange for needs. Whether it's your time, your finances, or new or gently used baby items, donating to the boutique is a practical way anyone can support these hardworking mothers who continue to show up for their children.

Shop our Amazon Wishlist:



Give on Venmo:



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Give online:



When giving financially, please specify your donation with "Baby Boutique."

Current Most Needed Items:

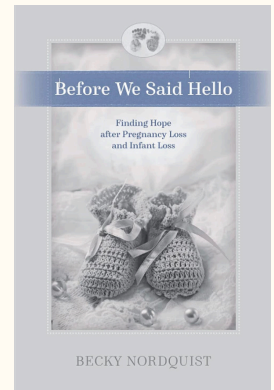
- Diapers (newborn, size 1, and size 2)
- Receiving Blankets
- Baby Bottles
- Baby Wash, Shampoo, Lotion
- Strollers (new or gently used)
- Diaper Rash Cream

How You Can Offer Support

Thank you!

PROVIDE A BOOK TO A CLIENT

This is a book we purchase for our clients who have experienced a miscarriage. You can help us continue to provide these books by purchasing one or more on Amazon at \$14.00 each.



JOIN US IN PRAYER



We invite you to pray with us as we seek the Lord's guidance in planning for a new location for First Choice Women's Center. This is a dream we have for the ministry, and your prayers would play a huge part in how the Lord would lead us. Add us to your prayer list or set a daily or weekly alarm on your phone to remember to intercede with and for us! We thank you in advance!

PURCHASE COFFEE WITH A PURPOSE

Have you heard about our partnership with Seven Weeks Coffee? First Choice will receive 10% of all coffee sales when you purchase with our QR code. Scan the code to head to the website and order to support us as we work together to protect life!

"Our mission is to promote Godly values, provide excellent coffee, and protect every beating heart."



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CONSIDER BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

If you are a member of a church, sunday school class, Bible study group, etc. that is 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!



CLIENT REVIEWS:

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

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- Everything. I was so nervous and lost. Everyone from the front to the back had smiles and you feel the love!
- They were very helpful, friendly, and knowledgeable.
- They're very detailed, very welcoming, and extremely nice and supportive.

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