

*Life* NETWORK



HELP THEM BE

*Brave, Strong, Fearless*

LIFE NETWORK'S 39TH GALA AND SILENT AUCTION

# Valuing Life in This City for 39 Years

## Dear Friends,

In June, 49 years of pro-life prayers were answered when Roe v. Wade was overturned. This historic ruling will save the lives of countless preborn babies in pro-life states throughout our country.

Tragically, here in Colorado, it can be hard to fully celebrate the historic Roe milestone in light of where our own state stands on valuing life. But take heart, Christ has overcome the world (John 16:33). He is doing mighty things through Life Network to save and transform lives in our community! Through your support, the men, women, students, and babies we serve are able to be brave ... strong ... and fearless in the face of adversity.

A brave mom, Lily\*, was set on abortion when she arrived – and the disengaged father of her baby agreed. Feeling desperate, Lily asserted there was nothing we could say or offer that would change her mind. But after meeting her baby via ultrasound, Lily tearfully chose life. **She then courageously made an adoption plan for her little one. Lily's ultrasound is one of a record 996 provided by our centers in the last 12 months.**

A strong student, Bradon\*, thought that since he'd previously been sexually active, there was no point in showing restraint in the future. But after five days in our Pursue training, **Bradon is among the 84% of Pursue-trained students who believe that a person who's previously been sexually active can make healthier choices in the future; the average among El Paso County students is only 50%.**

A fearless single mom I'll call Jeri\* recently graduated from our parenting program after attending 56 appointments with her coach. She grew tremendously during those 2½ years and shared at her graduation, **"My parenting coach has meant so much to me. And the therapy I received through counseling has been so meaningful. I truly don't know where I'd be if I hadn't found you guys."**

With you standing with us, even more clients like these will find the will to be brave, strong, and fearless in the year ahead.

Changing lives together,



Rich Bennett  
President / CEO

\*Names changed for confidentiality

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# Life Network 2021 Annual Report

## FINANCIALS

### Assets

Current Assets	\$2,658,585
Non-current Assets	\$1,399,505
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$4,058,090</b>

### Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$184,617
Notes Payable	\$396,114
Net Assets	\$3,477,359
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$4,058,090</b>

**Total Liabilities and Assets**      **\$2,841,018**

### Revenue

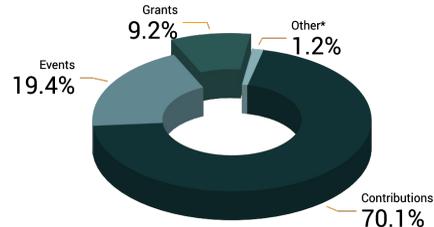
Contributions	\$2,948,881	70.1%
Grants	\$388,389	9.2%
Events	\$818,457	19.4%
Other *	\$52,342	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,208,069</b>	<b>100%</b>

*\* (Includes Program Fees, Donated Services, Investment Income, Loss on sale of assets)*

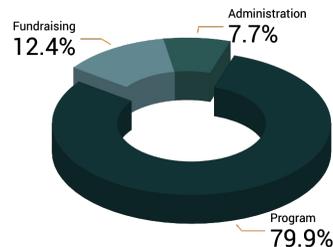
### Expenses

Program	\$2,207,212	79.9%
Administration	\$212,319	7.7%
Fundraising	\$341,327	12.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,760,858</b>	<b>100%</b>

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



Source: 2021 Form 990

In 2021, volunteers donated 18,777 hours of time, valued at \$281,651. In addition, 945 hours of professional services valued at \$66,150 were contributed.

Last year's financial position enabled Life Network to pay off the remaining debt on its Westside facility. The Board also voted to start a building fund for a future location.



To ensure accountability to donors like you, Life Network is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and is audited annually. Thank you for your trust and generosity.

# PREVENTION

EDUCATION FOR A LIFETIME



**8,007** *students reached in 23 schools  
+ partner organizations*

**YOU ARE NEEDED, LOVED + VALUED**

**Education for a Lifetime** leads the Prevention portion of our mission by educating students on healthy relationships, suicide prevention, and mental health awareness. While advocating for optimal whole-person health, EFL focuses on removing stigma around these topics. This outreach's mission is centered around the idea that every student should have healthy, non-violent relationships, and have access to help and hope to live purposefully.

The **Pursue** presentation teaches sexual risk avoidance and how to set healthy boundaries that reflect each student's value. Topics discussed include STDs, teen pregnancy, and the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships.

**Who Can Relate** challenges students to consider who needs them, who loves them, and where they find their value, working to reduce the stigma surrounding conversations on mental health and suicide. As students reflect on their value, their risk of suicide decreases and their opportunity for an optimal health outcome increases. About two-thirds of all students reached by Education for a Lifetime in the last year received this additional training.

Education for a Lifetime also works with the Colorado Springs faith community to promote youth mental health through Parent Talks at churches and Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings.

*"Thank you so much for sending out volunteers to teach us more about the risks physically and emotionally when it comes to being sexually active and in relationships. It changed my perspective on life." – Mary\**

*"You helped me realize my value and that I deserve to be loved correctly. You absolutely changed my life, and I am changed for the better." – Andrew\**



# INTERVENTION

COLORADO SPRINGS PREGNANCY CENTER



344 *Babies saved!*

- 1,859 clients reached
- 996 ultrasounds
- 87% chose life after viewing an ultrasound

The Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers meet women and men facing unplanned pregnancies in their time of need. Through providing medical services in conjunction with compassionate, nonjudgmental options counseling and the promise of future support, we empower our clients to make life-affirming choices for their family.

*Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers offer the following free services:*

- **Pregnancy Testing**
- **Ultrasounds**
- **STD Testing & Treatment**
- **Pregnancy Options Education**
- **Community and Medical Referrals**
- **Emergency Material Needs**

Our now three pregnancy center locations continue to serve hundreds of Colorado Springs families: one on Galley Road across from the Citadel Mall; one on the Westside of the city on Centennial, just a short distance from Planned Parenthood; and our newest center which opened in Fountain Valley in June 2021

*"If it wasn't for the second appointment where I had the ultrasound, I would have chosen differently. Thank you for helping me make the decision to parent my baby." – Abby\**



# TRANSFORMATION

PARENTING PROGRAM

LifeNETWORK  
Parenting

2,086 *appointments with  
moms and dads*

Our complementary Parenting Program for women and men enables moms and dads to confidently enter parenthood knowing that they have people walking beside them for support, encouragement, and resources. Moms and dads are each matched with a coach for one-on-one mentorship and education. Program curriculum covers topics such as pregnancy, infant care, nutrition and childbirth. As they participate, clients earn credits – called “baby bucks” – to be used toward much-needed items in the Baby Boutique, such as diapers, wipes, clothes or bigger items like a car seat or crib. Parents can participate in these programs until their child turns two.

*“The services you offer have taken a lot of stress away from both of us. They are really helping my husband and I prepare to be amazing parents.” – Sheila\**

## 69 Decisions for Christ

In every client appointment in the pregnancy center and supporting programs, we have the opportunity to share the hope of Christ. **In a typical month, we see an average of six clients dedicate their lives to Christ at our centers!**



# TRANSFORMATION

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Bridges OF Hope

**20** *women and men received healing through post-abortion recovery*

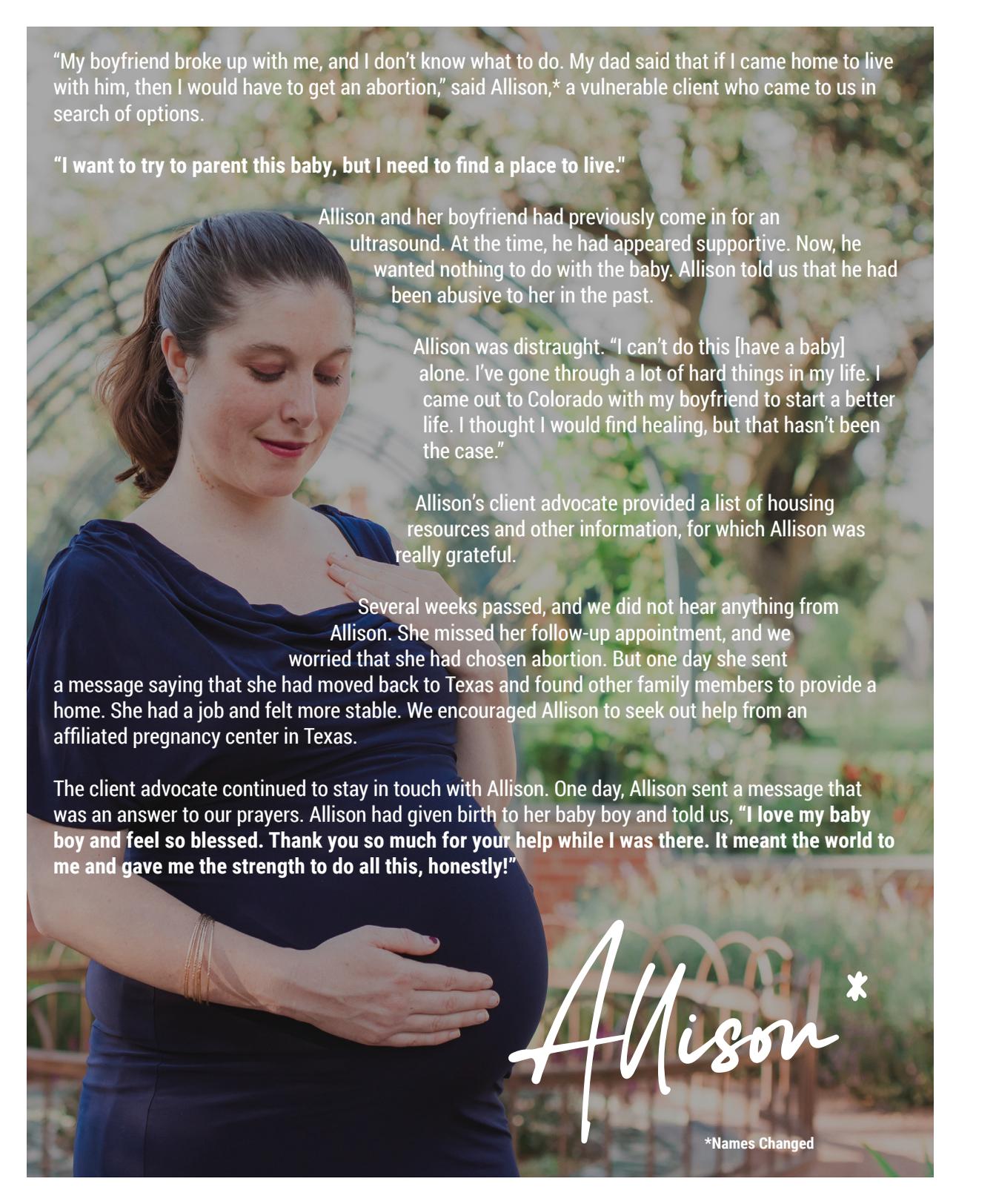
Bridges of Hope is our program for women and men who are processing and grieving past abortions. Through a nine-week healing and support class or three-day weekend retreat, participants discuss Biblical principles as tools for healing, addressing topics including grief, anger, guilt, depression, and forgiveness.

## Counseling

Our partnerships with Mayfield Counseling and Colorado Christian University's Community Counseling Center have also enabled us to provide professional mental health care to our clients within the safe space of our centers.

**32** **clients served through professional counseling**





“My boyfriend broke up with me, and I don’t know what to do. My dad said that if I came home to live with him, then I would have to get an abortion,” said Allison,\* a vulnerable client who came to us in search of options.

“I want to try to parent this baby, but I need to find a place to live.”

Allison and her boyfriend had previously come in for an ultrasound. At the time, he had appeared supportive. Now, he wanted nothing to do with the baby. Allison told us that he had been abusive to her in the past.

Allison was distraught. “I can’t do this [have a baby] alone. I’ve gone through a lot of hard things in my life. I came out to Colorado with my boyfriend to start a better life. I thought I would find healing, but that hasn’t been the case.”

Allison’s client advocate provided a list of housing resources and other information, for which Allison was really grateful.

Several weeks passed, and we did not hear anything from Allison. She missed her follow-up appointment, and we worried that she had chosen abortion. But one day she sent a message saying that she had moved back to Texas and found other family members to provide a home. She had a job and felt more stable. We encouraged Allison to seek out help from an affiliated pregnancy center in Texas.

The client advocate continued to stay in touch with Allison. One day, Allison sent a message that was an answer to our prayers. Allison had given birth to her baby boy and told us, “**I love my baby boy and feel so blessed. Thank you so much for your help while I was there. It meant the world to me and gave me the strength to do all this, honestly!**”

Allison\*

\*Names Changed

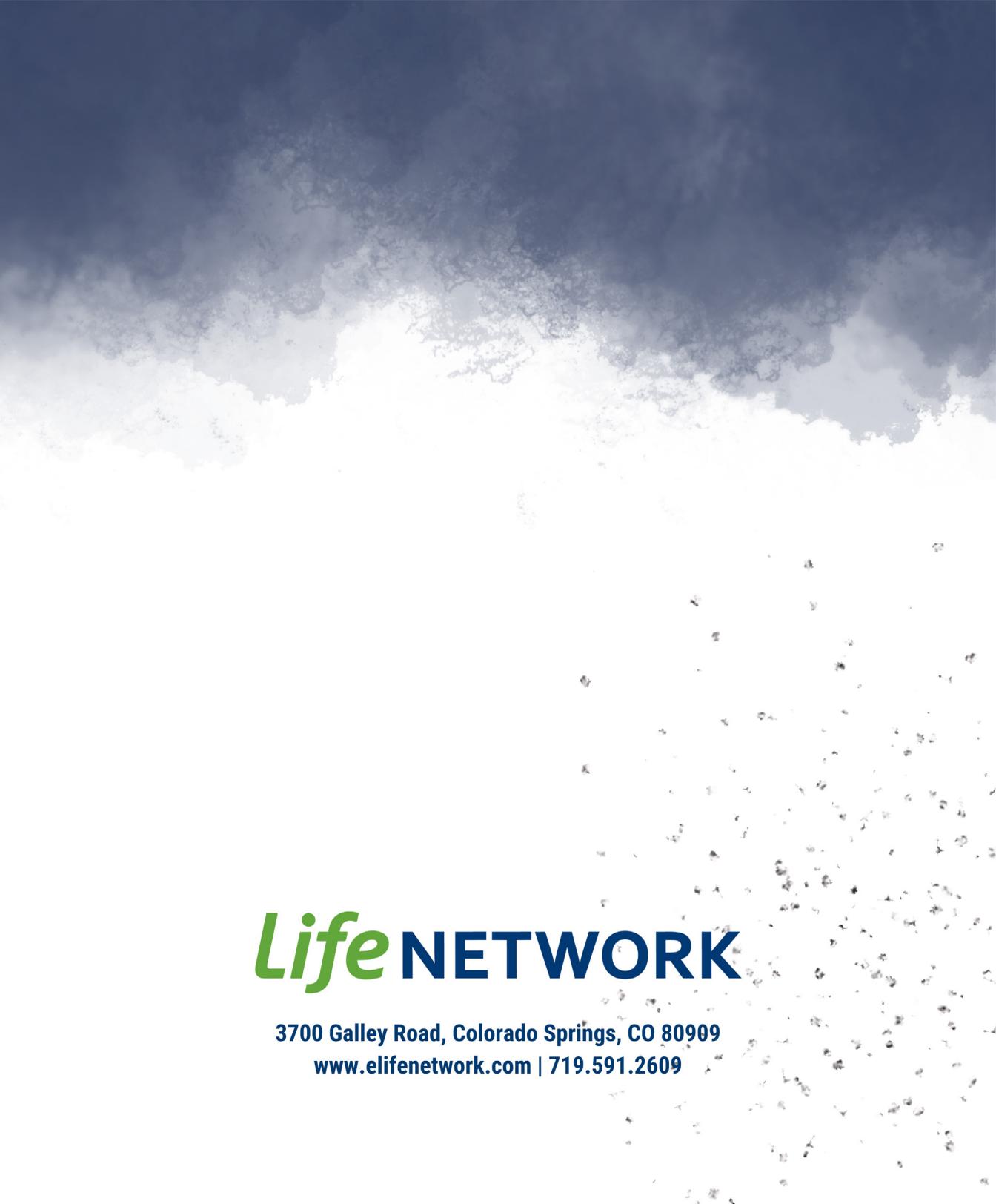
# Missy\*

Missy\* was shocked that she was pregnant. “I didn’t think I could get pregnant.” Her boyfriend, a man who was nearly 15 years her senior, was even more surprised and less thrilled. He already had children and to the surprise of Missy, was also already married. Missy was stressed and overwhelmed, to say the least.

Her client advocate asked for permission to discuss spiritual topics. Missy agreed and invited Christ into her life that day. She was visibly more at peace. The client advocate also suggested many practical resources that Missy could rely upon to help raise her baby.

When Missy had her follow-up ultrasound five days later, she bravely told the staff she had decided to parent. The next day, she messaged her client advocate, **“Thank you for the prayers and well wishes!!! I was so relieved to find out I have a healthy baby boy on the way!!! Yes, I need all the help I can get at this point! I’m going to apply for everything and anything.”**

**Please continue to pray for Missy and her sweet baby boy.**



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