



40 YEARS

FAITHFUL FOR ALL  
*Generations*

LifeNETWORK

# *Valuing Life in This City for 40 Years*

Dear Friends,

A decade after Roe v. Wade made abortion legal in 1973, abortions locally and nationally soared to an all-time high. Seeing this, several area Christians felt called to start a hopeful, compassionate place where true choice was available. And thus, 40 years ago, what's become Life Network was born.

Originally named Bethany Crisis Pregnancy Services when it began in November 1983, this humble center opened with a small staff, a few folding chairs and a handful of desks and phones. The Board assisted in the daily operations of the ministry. In its first year, we reached more than 300 women.

In 1987, the ministry changed its name to the Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center. A decade later, the first ultrasound was provided, which offered a window to the womb for women vulnerable to abortion. It was a game changer – just as it is today. The ministry continued to grow in its impact and programming, and in 2002, it became Life Network.

As we look back over four decades, we see the fruits of the faithfulness of God's people. More than 275,000 lives have been impacted ... 5,030 babies have been saved from abortion ... and at least 2,446 have come to know Christ as their personal Savior. Our in-school program which began in 1985, Education for a Lifetime, has now empowered an incredible 200,000+ area students with information on healthy relationships, sexuality and mental health.

In celebration of the Lord's faithfulness – and the faithfulness of HIS people – our theme for this year's event is Faithful for All Generations, which draws on Psalm 100:5: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Even as we face state legislative action that targets pro-life pregnancy centers ... Big Tech opposition that increases our costs and makes it harder to promote our services ... through your prayers and generosity – we are having greater impact today than ever before!

As you continue to stand with us, we prayerfully anticipate even greater days ahead seeing lives saved and transformed in our community through the love of Christ.

Celebrating 40 years of changing lives together!



Rich Bennett  
President / CEO

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# Life Network 2022 Annual Report

## FINANCIALS

### Assets

Current Assets	\$3,947,243
Non-current Assets	\$2,033,853
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,981,096</b>

### Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$275,757
Notes Payable	\$560,267
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$836,024</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,145,072</b>

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**    **\$5,981,096**

### Revenue

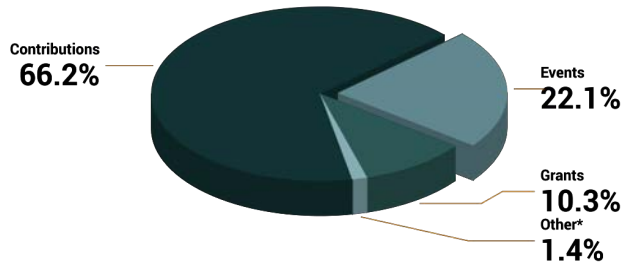
Contributions	\$3,283,601	66.2%
Grants	\$508,750	10.3%
Events	\$1,097,062	22.1%
Other *	\$70,290	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,959,703</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

### Expenses

Program	\$2,687,732	81.6%
Administration	\$214,046	6.5%
Fundraising	\$390,212	11.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,291,990</b>	<b>100%</b>

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



Source: 2022 Form 990

In 2022, volunteers donated 28,969 hours of time, valued at \$435,535.  
In addition, 775 hours of professional services, valued at \$58,127 were contributed.

Last year's cash position enabled the Life Network Board of Directors to allocate additional funds to our Life Network Building Fund toward an additional 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.

**35** middle and high schools were reached  
last school year

## 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. This outreach 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. **5,392 students participated in our five-day Pursue program last school year.**

**Who Can Relate** challenges students to consider who needs them, who loves them, and where they find their value – and reducing 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. **4,134 students received this powerful training last year.**

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



*"This program is really great! I found all of the information helpful to me and very relevant."  
~ sophomore female student*

*"I realized that I can make healthy choices."  
~ sophomore male student*

# INTERVENTION

COLORADO SPRINGS PREGNANCY CENTER



324 *Babies saved!*

- 2,127 patients served
- 1,030 ultrasounds
- 86% 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
- Initial Pregnancy Care
- 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, near Planned Parenthood; and our newest center which opened in Fountain Valley in June 2021.

This spring, we added initial pregnancy care at our busiest location on Galley. Under the care of our Nurse Practitioner, underserved women receive prenatal labs, a well woman exam, STD testing and treatment as well as support securing Medicaid and a referral to an OBGYN.

*"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

Life **NETWORK**  
**Parenting**

2,845 appointments with  
moms and dads

Our complementary Parenting Program 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 moms and dads participate, they earn credits – called “baby bucks” – to be used toward much-need items in our Baby Boutique, such as diapers, wipes, baby clothes or bigger items like a car seat or crib – as well as gift cards to our thrift store. Parents can participate in these programs until their child turns two.

*"I'm listened to and treated with respect. I can tell all of the ladies care about the people that come through the doors."*

*\*Katie, a mom in our Motherhood Program*

*"I have learned so much about what it means to be a father through the Fatherhood Program. I feel prepared to be a great dad!"*

*\*Tim, a dad in our Fatherhood Program*

90 decisions for Christ

In every patient appointment in the pregnancy center and client meeting through supporting programs, we have the opportunity to share the hope of Christ. **In a typical month, we see at least seven clients on average dedicate their life to Christ at our centers!**



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Bridges OF Hope

26 *women and men received healing through our post-abortion recovery program.*

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 enabled us to provide professional mental health care to clients dealing with issues such as past trauma and depression within the safe space of our centers.

38 **clients served through professional counseling**



Deanna was pregnant at 18 and barely knew the father. Her parents were very religious and said, "We're done with you." They encouraged her to make an adoption plan. But Deanna didn't know what she wanted to do.

"I was making really bad and destructive choices. I was going to die on the path I was on. And, getting that positive pregnancy test changed my life," Deanna says.

Thankfully, Deanna's sister-in-law recommended Life Network. And, from the moment she entered the doors, Deanna felt encouraged and empowered. "They helped me explore my options, and ultimately I chose to parent."

But, it wasn't immediately easy for her. "I was depressed, and it was hard. I wasn't in a position to emotionally connect, but the staff kept reaching out anyway and left me voicemails when I didn't pick up the phone," Deanna says. "Their resilience helped me find my resilience. Even when I wasn't in my corner, I knew they were."

And, miraculously, her parents' hearts began to change too. After nine months of not talking to her father, Deanna's parents showed up at the hospital. "They showed up two days after my son Zachary was born, and, through tears, my dad held him and said, "This is my boy – he's always going to be my boy."

"If I had gone to an abortion clinic instead of Life Network, my story would be devastating," Deanna says. "Life, regardless of how awful it can be, is valuable and meaningful and makes positive changes even when negative things happen."

Now, 17 years later, Deanna is happily married and has four children including Dylan. She is a child protection caseworker and believes there is hope no matter how dark the situation.

"God just so directed my life – it took forever because I was stubborn, but He was directing my life before I saw it coming – He was directing my life with that pregnancy test," Deanna says.

When asked what she would say to a woman facing an unplanned pregnancy, she said, "Just because it's hard doesn't mean it's not worth it. Your child will always be worth it."

*Deanna* \*

\*Names Changed

# Alyssa \*

At Life Network, we're using online advertising to reach and engage women facing an unexpected pregnancy. Just like most of us turn to the internet for information and answers, so do women who feel scared and confused. We want women like Alyssa to find us first.

Alyssa was overcome by fear when she saw her positive pregnancy test. Her fears and the pressure from people around her made her feel desperate. So, she made an appointment at an abortion clinic.

After she made the appointment, Alyssa realized she had made a mistake. She really did want to keep her baby. And, like so many women do, she went online to look for support. Thankfully, because we utilize online advertising, her search led to us.

Our staff quickly put Alyssa and her boyfriend, David, at ease with a clear, compassionate explanation of all her options. After her ultrasound, Alyssa said, "When we saw that little baby heartbeat, everything changed."

This is why we choose to invest in online advertising. And your gift today will help us continue to do just that. Because of you, we can lead more women like Alyssa to contact us for free pregnancy testing, ultrasound scans, and compassionate care.

Not only will you help mothers like Alyssa choose life for their precious babies, but you'll introduce them to the author of life, Jesus.

\*Names Changed



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