

LifeNETWORK

Light in the Darkness



2025 Annual Report

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The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ~ John 1:5

Dear Friends,

Our theme for this year's Life Network Gala & Silent Auction is **Light in the Darkness** – a reflection of the fact that your support shines brightly in a culture that too often treats unexpected pregnancies as a crisis and preborn life as disposable. You bring compassion to places of fear.

You bring truth into confusion. Through your prayers and generosity, **you help illuminate a different path – one filled with hope, dignity, and life.** Here are just a few of the lives changed this year because of your light:

Jennifer came to us heartbroken, certain she couldn't continue her pregnancy. But through her patient advocate, Jennifer found compassion. Then she saw her ultrasound: Not one, but **two heartbeats**. "I came here hopeless," she said through tears. "Now, I feel like I'm going to be a mom again."

Bradon, a local student, didn't believe waiting for sex was realistic. But after just a few days in our *Pursue* healthy relationships training, his mindset shifted – and now, he's one of countless students who says he'll make different choices going forward.

Jeri, a single mom, recently graduated from our parenting program after attending 56 sessions. "I don't know where I'd be if I hadn't found you guys," she shared. "My parenting coach has meant so much to me, and the counseling I received changed my life."

These are three of the **more than 15,000 lives** touched by Life Network this past year because of friends like you. In the last 12 months:

- **7,642 students** received life-affirming wisdom on mental health and relationships
- **557 babies** were saved from abortion
- **3,238 parenting appointments** equipping moms and dads to thrive
- And **over 76 clients** came to know Jesus Christ as their Savior

Despite a state government that champions abortion up to birth, your prayers and partnership are helping women and men hear: **You're not alone. There is hope. And there is life beyond this moment.**

Thank you for shining Christ's light into the darkness. We can't wait to celebrate with you what God is doing – and what's ahead – at this year's Gala.

To God be the glory,



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President / CEO

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We thank you for joining us — your presence and partnership make every story of life and hope possible.

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SAVING LIVES *on the* EASTSIDE

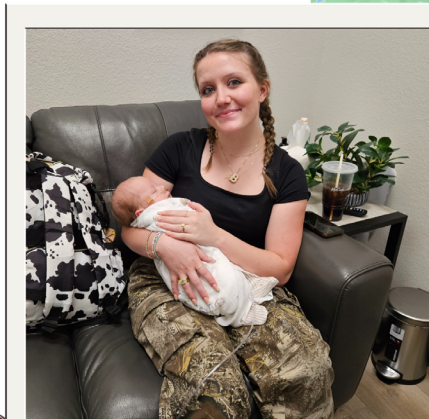
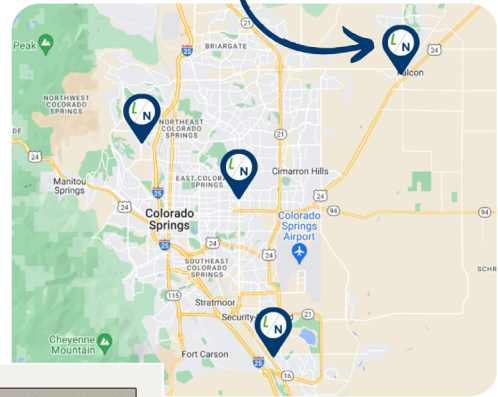
Deepening Our Impact

El Paso County's east side is the fastest-growing area in our community. To ensure easy access to life - affirming care, we secured a strategic location – right across from the busiest Walmart in the region.

Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of community partners like you, our Eastside campus launched last year. It now houses our fourth pregnancy center (opened November 2024), our second thrift store (opened January 2025), and our relocated administrative offices (April 2025).

Through your support, the Lord is moving mightily through this new location, serving the ever-expanding east side of our community with hope, help, and life!

Our New Location



First Eastside baby!



Learn More at elifenetwork.com/EastsideNews

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FINANCIALS

Assets

Current Assets	\$3,790,531
Other Assets	\$5,556,566
Total Assets	\$9,347,097

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$560,425
Other Liabilities	\$264,589
Total Liabilities	\$825,014

Total Net Assets \$8,522,083

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$9,347,097

Revenue

Contributions	\$4,162,172
Grants	\$190,150
Events	\$915,970
Other *	\$1,056,748
Total	\$6,325,040

** Includes Thrift Store Sales, Program Fees and Investment Income*

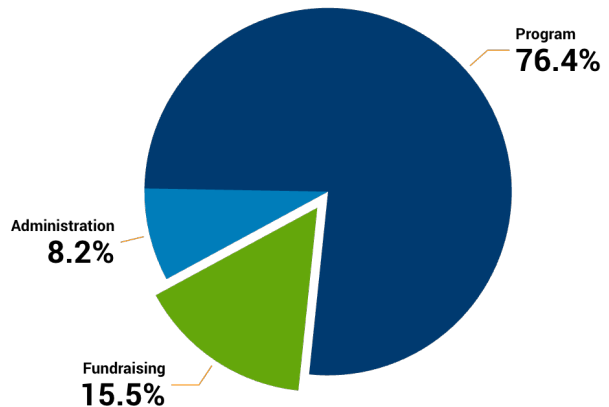
Expenses

Program	\$3,750,702
Administration	\$401,432
Fundraising	\$759,197
Total	\$4,911,331

In the past 12 months, volunteers donated 27,605 hours of time, valued at \$414,070. In addition, 996 hours of professional services, valued at \$99,916 were contributed.

The majority of the funds raised beyond 2024 expenses were used in 2025 to complete the Eastside Expansion project.

EXPENSES



SOURCE: 2024 FORM 990



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



Students in **39** *local schools were reached last school year*

Education for a Lifetime leads the **Prevention** effort 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, focusing on how to set healthy boundaries that reflect each student's value and empower them to make the healthiest choices for their future. Topics discussed during our five-day program include STDs, teen pregnancy, the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, as well as the people and things around us that influence our perceptions and choices.

Who Can Relate challenges students to consider who needs them, who loves them, and where they find their value, followed up with a challenge for them to text three friends and tell them they are "needed, valued, or loved." This shows immediate impact at 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.

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.

In the last school year, the **Education for a Lifetime** program **reached more than 7,500 students locally** across all its programs and an additional 1,000 across schools outside the Pikes Peak area that partner with us to present the **Pursue** program.

**YOU ARE NEEDED,
LOVED + VALUED**



Intervention

COLORADO SPRINGS PREGNANCY CENTER



COLORADO SPRINGS
Pregnancy Center

557

babies saved!

Additional Ministry Impact:

- 3,896 patients served
- 1,412 ultrasounds
- 78% chose life after viewing an ultrasound

The **Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers** meet women and men facing unplanned pregnancies in their time of uncertainty and need. Our compassionate medical services, nonjudgemental options counseling, and the promise of future support, **informs and empowers** our clients to make life-affirming choices for their families.

Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers offer the following no-cost services:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Obstetric Ultrasounds
- STD Testing & Treatment
- Pregnancy Options Education
- Early Pregnancy Care
- Childbirth and Breastfeeding classes
- Community and Medical Referrals
- Emergency Material Needs

Our four pregnancy center locations are strategically located to reach Colorado Springs families and the surrounding areas: our busiest center located on Galley Road across from the Citadel Mall; our Westside location on Centennial Blvd, near Planned Parenthood; Fountain Valley close to Fort Carson; and our newest location in the fast-growing Falcon area.

Our early pregnancy care services have expanded beyond our Galley location to our newest location on the Eastside. 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.



"I don't normally do reviews, good or bad, but I couldn't pass this one up. Absolutely loved my experience here. Everyone was so kind and understanding. I was even able to joke around a bit. I felt completely at ease and comfortable. My provider talked me through everything she was doing and answered all of my questions and/or concerns I had. I have never had an experience like this one for my reproductive healthcare before this one. Absolutely amazing. Thank you all for such great care."

Transformation

PARENTING PROGRAM

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Parenting

3,238

*appointments with
moms and dads in the
past 12 months.*

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 individually matched with a coach for one-on-one mentorship and education. The 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-needed 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.

"They helped me process and prepare me for this huge change in life and didn't judge me or turn me away. I love them and definitely recommend to a new or scared momma or younger women as well!" – Google review from a Motherhood Program client

76

decisions for Christ

In every patient appointment in the pregnancy center and client meeting through our supporting programs, we have the opportunity to share the hope of Christ. **On average, at least six clients dedicate their lives to Christ every month at our centers.**



Transformation

BRIDGES OF HOPE AND COUNSELING

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Bridges OF Hope

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*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 Arukah Center and Heart's Hope Counseling and have enabled us to provide professional mental health care to clients dealing with issues such as past trauma, and depression.



27

*clients served
through
professional
counseling*

One More Chance: Kaylee's Story

*Names Changed

Earlier this year, a young woman we'll call Kaylee came to one of our centers for an early ultrasound. Just six weeks pregnant, she was scared, overwhelmed, and unsure of what to do. After that first visit, we lost contact with her—and we prayed.

Weeks turned into months.

Then, more recently, Kaylee walked back through our doors, now well into her second trimester. She told us she still wanted an abortion and had one scheduled for the following week. But something in her heart prompted her to come back — just once more — to see another ultrasound.

It was a holy moment.

One more opportunity.

One more chance for her to see the life growing inside her.

These are some of the hardest appointments we face — when so much is at stake, and all we can do is show up, speak truth in love, and pray for softened hearts.

And God moved.

After seeing her baby again, Kaylee made the courageous choice to choose life.

She called our team later that day with her decision — and we immediately began connecting her to our parenting program for long-term support.

This is what your support makes possible.

Every prayer, every conversation, every ultrasound is a chance to shine light into the darkest moments. A chance to offer hope. A chance to save a life.

We are continuing to pray for Kaylee as she steps into motherhood, and we trust the same God who brought her back through our doors will walk with her every step of the way.

Thank you for being part of this story.





Grace walked into our Fountain center overwhelmed, struggling with addictions in her life, and considering abortion. She was shocked to learn she was already 20 weeks pregnant. She left with resources on parenting and adoption, along with a scheduled appointment with our Early Pregnancy Care program. We prayed she would return — and that God would meet her there.

And He did.

Grace came back. Not only did she show up, but she made the courageous decision to pursue adoption. Despite the storms in her life, she chose life — not just for her baby, but for herself.

Now, Grace is choosing a healthier lifestyle—for her baby and herself. “In some ways my baby is saving me,” she shared. Though she cannot parent right now, she’s giving her child life. They’re saving each other.

The team at the Fountain center wrapped her in love, compassion, and the grace of Jesus. It made all the difference.

YOU made the difference.

Please keep praying — for strength as Grace confronts addiction, for the health of her baby, and for continued hope in this powerful story of redemption.

This is what love does. This is what God redeems.

Grace's Story: A Journey of Courage and Redemption

***Names Changed**

