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A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

SCENDANTS



Friday, April 29, 2022 SIOUX FALLS CONVENTION CENTER

1201 N. West Ave. Sioux Falls, SD



BOREALIS CLARINET QUARTET

6:15 - 6:45 PM

You are invited to come enjoy the sweet, soothing sounds of the **Borealis Clarinet** Quartet led by professional clarinetist, Dr. Beverly Gibson.

DINNER & PROGRAM FEATURED SPEAKER DR. WILLIAM LILE 7:00 PM





LETTER FROM THE FOUNDERS

MARCH IS ALPHA CENTER'S BIRTHDAY MONTH, and this year marks 38 years of life-transforming ministry. Some of you have even been with us since the beginning, for which we are deeply grateful. I was recently reminded of someone else who has also been with us since the beginning — Melissa. You see, Alpha Center began with a simple ad for abortion information in the phone book. We met with these abortion-minded women in our own basement and used store-bought pregnancy tests. It's very humbling to

reflect on how God used us, as such meek and unexperienced people, to inspire hope in the lives of many. It's even more amazing to see how God has transformed Alpha Center into the professional pregnancy resource center it is today! Melissa has given us permission to share her story with all of you below.

For HIS Unborn, **Dr. Allen & Leslee Unruh** *Alpha Center Founders*



Melissa's Story

My name is Melissa, and I am one of Alpha Center's first clients.

In 1984, I was a promiscuous 15-year-old who was dating an older guy. We had been together for a couple of months when, after getting home from a summer family vacation, I started freaking out because I hadn't gotten my period. At a friend's house, I called my boyfriend to tell him I had taken two pregnancy tests – both were positive. The first thing he asked was, "How do you know it's mine?" I told him I hadn't been with anyone else. Then he said, "It's your problem," and hung up the phone.

My friend and I looked in the phone book under Abortion and saw that "Abortion Information" was the first entry. We called the number listed and set up an appointment to talk with someone.

The next day we drove to the address and saw that it was a house. Confused, my friend and I thought we had made a mistake, thinking we would be going to a clinic to get an abortion. We knocked on the door and there stood Leslee. She welcomed us into her home and talked with me about abortion, about needing to tell my parents and other things on my mind. She told me to keep in contact with her, and as we were leaving, she had us listen to a song called "Let Me Live" by Pat Boone. The lyrics shook me to the core. (continued on p.6)



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APRIL 29, 2022

SIOUX FALLS CONVENTION CENTER 1201 N. WEST AVE. SIOUX FALLS, SD

WELCOME RECEPTION / 6:15 PM DINNER & PROGRAM / 7:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US

We invite you to join us at the **Descendants Dinner** on Friday, April 29 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. It will be an inspiring night featuring musical entertainment, ministry partner and client testimonies and special guest, Dr. William Lile. Dinner is complimentary. Due to limited seating, registration is required. Adults only, please.

An opportunity to make a financial faith investment will be available.

CHOOSE HOW YOU REGISTER:

- 1. Visit alphacenterfriends.com/dinner
- 2. Call Alpha Center at 605-361-3500 or email info@alphacenter.org
- 3. Contact a registered Table Host



SCAN OR CODE TO REGISTER

FEATURED SPEAKER

. WILLIAM LILE

Dr. William Lile has delivered over 4,000 babies in his medical career as an OB/GYN physician residing in Pensacola, Florida. He is also a Medical Advisor for the Florida Human Life Protection Amendment and serves as a member of Focus on the Family's Physicians Research Council.

In 1999, Dr. William Lile and a business partner bought out the practice of the largest abortion services provider in Pensacola. The decision was the beginning of Dr. Lile's venture into what has become



a second career of providing education on abortion procedures for the pro-life and Christian communities through speaking appearances, articles and videos found online at ProLifeDoc.org.

Dr. Lile was forever changed the first time he was able to successfully reverse the effects of a chemical abortion and go on to deliver a healthy baby. Since then, he has helped rescue many more preborn babies threatened by abortion drugs and has been instrumental in helping educate others on the Abortion Pill Rescue process.

Dr. Lile has always had a passion for educating audiences about the sanctity of the preborn. His medical expertise coupled with his bold faith inform his entire career.

ABSTINENCE CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

INSPIRING MEN & WOMEN OF VIRTUE

STORE HOURS:

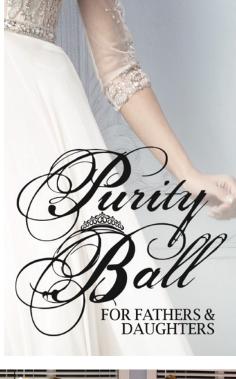
Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM 3405 S. Kiwanis Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57105 (605) 335-3643 info@abstinence.net

PURITY BALL

Abstinence Clearinghouse, in partnership with Alpha Center, hosted a *Purity Ball* on February 12, 2022, at Five Oaks in Sioux Falls. This event for fathers and daughters highlighted the importance of pursuing a virtuous life of integrity regarding purity and abstinence until marriage. The evening included featured speaker Emily Leedom, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, a photo booth and a dance.

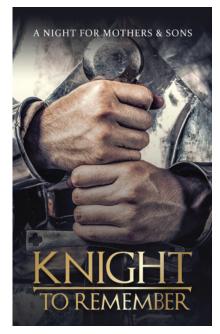
Visit our Facebook page to see more professional images from the event!











KNIGHT TO REMEMBER

Abstinence Clearinghouse also has an event created for mothers and sons. *Knight to Remember* encourages young men to reject passivity, accept responsibility and lead courageously to the glory of God. The event also serves as an opportunity to empower young men to pursue sexual integrity and offers parents the resources needed to have genuine conversations with their children about relationships, setting boundaries, technology and more.



JOIN US FOR KNIGHT TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY 2023!

For more information, visit abstinence.net.



VIRTRU TRAINING UPDATE

VirTru™, an Alpha Center program, is an interactive, online training platform designed to help pregnancy resource center staff, board and volunteers create a client experience that empowers and builds trust.

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ENGAGE WOMEN AND MEN IN MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SEXUAL INTEGRITY WITH VIRTRU'S NEW COURSE, ELEVATE!

Elevate is created for pregnancy resource centers and mentors to offer women and men practical resources to help them succeed. This interactive sexual integrity course will help individuals assess their personal goals and set up systems to achieve them. Help women and men in your community evaluate relationships, create boundaries, recognize destructive habits, establish accountability mentors and more!

Learn how Elevate can impact the way you serve your community.



GIFTS GIVEN

MINISTRY PARTNER	IN MEMORY OF
FIRST AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH	MARGARET SCHUET
ANONYMOUS	PHILLIP BAUMBERGER
REGINA	LEIGHTON KOR
DEAN & SUE	KATHY BAUMBERGER
BECKY & AUSTIN	JAXSON BERWALD
DAVID & NANCY	PETE MATHEY
DAN	ELMER BOON
JOSEPH	LANDON DECKER
JAMES & CHERYL	CHARLES & JOSEPHENE ENGLERT AND DARYL & LORNA BURKE
MARVIN & VERNETTE	AMOS SCHULTZ
VERN & ARLENE	AMOS SCHULTZ
ROBERTA	VIOLET TSCHETTER
NYLE	DONNA MEEKER
LEWIS & LORRAINE	HILDA KUROWSKI, LAVONNE MATZNER & FRIEDA FENSTER
KENNETH & MARIANNE	JANET KOUPAL, LORRAINE SCHELSKE AND JOHN & LIANNE GUNNARE

BRAD & CARLEEN	ELOISE ROSE THOMPSON
PAMELA	CAROL MYERS
GLENN & COLENE	DANE WILSON MCCOY
GARY & MARSHA	LORRAINE SCHELSKE
REV. KENNETH & BEVERLY	PAT BROSZ
KEVIN & SHARON	SONYA MARIE TANNER
PRISCILLA	MAGDALENA KRUMM NIKOLAS
YVONNE & RICHARD	LEO & BETSY TILLEMANS
BETTY	OWEN & EVA LEWIS
MINISTRY PARTNER	IN HONOR OF
LINDSEY & FAMILY	BARBARA BISHOP
MARJORIE	JULIE DRAKE
KEN & JOANNE	FR. PAUL JOSTEN
RENEE & MERLE	DEB MEGINNESS
STEVEN & JOYCE	GLADYIS FESER
DOROTHY & DUANE	KALLY & HANNAH
ORVILLE & ARLENE	ALPHA CENTER VOLUNTEERS, BENJAMIN VANT HUL & SHERRY VANT HUL
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I chose life and gave birth to my daughter. I decided to make an adoption plan, knowing that at 16, I would not be able to take care of her the way I wanted her to be taken care of. Leaving the hospital without her was one of the hardest things I have ever done. I was hopeful though that someday I would see her again.

In 2003, I received a phone call from my mom. She told me to sit down as she read a letter from my daughter Laura, who was now 18 years old. I was filled with many emotions; I was happy, but somewhat skeptical. I didn't know if she hated me or why she was choosing to contact me now. Eventually, we connected by phone, and then in person, and now we have a good relationship and talk often.

Alpha Center helps women in difficult circumstances, but the support they provide is so much more than a pregnancy test. Alpha Center stood by me and not only walked with me throughout my pregnancy, but also continued to support me later on as my husband and I went through trials early in our marriage. I will be forever grateful for Leslee and the ministry that she started and for the care they provided us. Above all, for helping me choose life for Laura and for not allowing my daughter to become another statistic.





MEET THE BABIES



EMERY Birthday: April 15 Favorite Toy: Dolly Recently Learned: How To Stand Up

"I just love watching her

little personality." - Mom



ACE

Birthday: March 21 **Favorite Thing To Do:** Take A Bath

Recently Learned: How

To Walk

"He's a mover and a shaker." - Mom



MALCOLM Birthday: June 1 Favorite Song: Patty Cake Favorite Book: Where Is Your Nose? "We're very blessed to have him." - Mom



SARA

Birthday: March 30 Favorite Toy: Mickey

Mouse

Favorite Place To Go:

Outside

"Everything with Sara has made us so happy." - Dad

THANK YOU!

Sioux Empire's Largest Baby Shower has been impacting the lives of Alpha Center clients for over 20 years. A total of 3,154 baby items were received as part of this January's Baby Shower! We are grateful for the special partnership with Life 96.5 in promoting the event and Lewis Drug and Palace City Coins for serving as additional drop-off locations. Clients were grateful to be able to purchase these items with their earned Baby Bucks, especially larger baby items they had been waiting for! Thank you to everyone who generously supported the success of this event! You have made a difference in the lives of the families we serve.





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