



# ALPHA CENTER News

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## REGISTER TODAY

MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

CHECK-IN &  
WELCOME RECEPTION  
6:15 PM

DINNER & PROGRAM  
7:00 PM

SIoux FALLS  
CONVENTION CENTER



FEATURED  
SPEAKER

MELISSA  
OHDEN

## THE SIOUX FALLS DIXIELAND STOMPERS

Welcome Reception  
Entertainment  
6:15 - 6:45 PM

You are invited to come enjoy the upbeat, patriotic sounds of Bill Gibson & The Sioux Falls Dixieland Stompers as they perform for our Welcome Reception.

KEEP IN TOUCH



DEFENDING ALL LIFE ★ ALL THE TIME

# Words from the Founders

## ONE LIFE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

**Dear Defender of the Unborn,**

As we reflect on the theme for our upcoming Defenders Dinner on Monday, September 28, we keep coming back to words from this year's historic March for Life event. Powerful words, so eloquently spoken that paraphrasing them would not do the message justice. So we will just transcribe the words below and pray that they inspire your heart as much as ours.

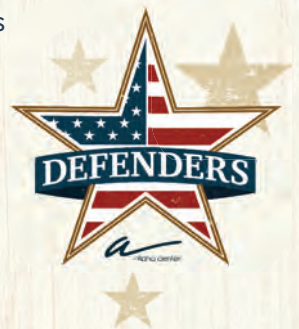
"All of us here today understand an eternal truth, every child is a precious and sacred gift from God. Together we must protect, cherish, and defend the dignity and the sanctity of every human life. When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God's creation. When we hold a newborn in our arms, we know the endless love that each child brings to a family. When we watch a child grow, we see the splendor that radiates from each human soul. One life changes the world."

"We cannot know what our citizens yet unborn will achieve, the dreams they will imagine, the masterpieces they will create, the discoveries they will make. But we know this, every life brings love into this world. Every child brings joy to a family. Every person is worth protecting. And above all, we know that every human soul is divine and every human life, born and unborn, is made in the holy image of Almighty God. Together we will defend this truth all across our magnificent land. We will set free the dreams of our people and with determined hope, we look forward to all of the blessings that will come from the beauty, talent, purpose, nobility and grace of every American child."

-March for Life 2020, President Donald Trump

**Every child, a story yet to be told.**

For His Unborn,  
Dr. Allen & Leslee Unruh



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# Defenders Dinner



PLEASE JOIN US ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

We invite you to join us for the Defenders Dinner on Monday, September 28 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. It will be an inspiring night featuring musical entertainment, ministry partner and client testimonies, and special guest, Melissa Ohden. Dinner is complimentary and because seating is limited, registration is required. Adults only, please. An opportunity to make a financial faith investment will be provided.

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**REGISTRATION CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 21**

*We are working very closely with the Convention Center to plan the event to take place in-person with certain precautionary measures in place.*

## REGISTER NOW

### CHOOSE HOW:

- Visit [alphacenterfriends.com](http://alphacenterfriends.com)
- E-mail [info@alphacenter.org](mailto:info@alphacenter.org)
- Contact Alpha Center at 605.361.3500



*Melissa speaking at Alpha Center's 2016 Liberty Dinner*

## FEATURED SPEAKER

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**MELISSA OHDEN**

In 1977, Melissa survived a failed saline infusion abortion. Despite the initial concerns regarding Melissa's future after surviving the attempt to end her life at approximately seven months gestation, she has not only survived but thrived. With a Master's Degree in Social Work, she has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence and child welfare.

In 2012, Melissa founded The Abortion Survivors Network (ASN). Since ASN's inception, Melissa has been in contact with over 250 abortion survivors. She has testified before the United States House of Representatives and Senate and the Australian Parliament. She is the author of *You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir*. Melissa, her husband and their two daughters live in Kansas City, Missouri.

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**Melissa has been in contact with over 250 abortion survivors.**

Melissa spoke at Alpha Center's 2016 Liberty Dinner and much has transpired in her life since then. We are thrilled to have her back to share the rest of her story.



# Abstinence Clearinghouse Update



Abstinence Clearinghouse, in partnership with Alpha Center, will be hosting a Knight to Remember on Saturday, February 27 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Sioux Falls.

GUEST SPEAKER  
**TOM HENDERSON**



This event is designed for mothers and sons ages 12-18 to focus on virtue and integrity. The evening will include guest speaker, Restoration Generation Founder Tom Henderson. Dessert and live music will be provided.

**Would you consider impacting the next generation as a Knight to Remember event sponsor?**

*Call us at (605) 335-3643 or email [info@abstinence.net](mailto:info@abstinence.net) for more information.*



TICKETS  
**\$30**  
PER PERSON

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Reserve your seat by calling (605) 335-3643 or visit [abstinence.net](http://abstinence.net) today.



Phone: (605) 335-3643  
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**abstinence.net**

**STORE HOURS:**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30am-5:30pm





# VIRTRU UPDATE

## Inspiring Sexual Integrity & Virtue

In June, VirTru hosted a panel of parents for a virtual training event, *Inspiring Sexual Integrity & Virtue*. The panel of parents from all walks of life shared how they pursue conversations about sexual integrity, body safety and technology with their children.

Additionally, VirTru has had the opportunity to host Josh McDowell, Dr. Judith Reisman, Dr. Peggy Hartshorn, Dr. Thomas Lickona and more on the VirTru platform offering encouragement to parents throughout the country.

**Interested in accessing  
VirTru's FREE Live Trainings  
and VirTru's course designed  
specifically for parents?**

**Text FREEPC to  
(605) 368-1200 or e-mail  
info@myvirtru.org today!**



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Joseph Decker	Landon Decker
Wayne & Patti Dubro	O.S. Kuhns
Marjory Fuhr	Carl Fuhr
Lorraine Groeneweg	Adrian & Marie Dekkers
Vern & Arlene Haase	Lavonne Schmeichel
Gary & Janice Jerke	Gay Lynn Konrad
Connie & Tad Kaufman	Luverne VanDerWerff
Kenneth Kluch	Sr. Eleanor Mischel
Allan & Jeanette Kostboth	Ervin Schmidt
Denis & Susan Parsley	Carol Parsley
Dr. Thomas & Julia Schmidt	Bernice Evenson
Charles Schriver	Kate
Rev. Kenneth & Beverly Soyk	Herbert Geidel
Alice Ann Stange	Marion Jorstad
Loren & Sandra Tucholke	Karen Gill
Lisa & Randy Ulmer	Harry & Pat Knust
Josh Waldner	Benjamin Charles Waldner

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Veronica Niehaus	Louie & Becky Hall's Anniversary
Lauren & Nicholas Penning	Glen & Jamie Gauer
Sharon & Dennis Phinney	Nathan Phinney
Clifton & Jeanette Saugstad	Curtis & Carolyn Saugstad's 69th Wedding Anniversary
Katie & Travis Shaykett	Bill Swift
Orville & Arlene Van't Hul	Drake Van't Hul & Great Granddaughter Addyson Van't Hul

## BABY ITEMS *Needs List*

- **Baby Board Books**
- **Diaper Bags**
- **Convertible Car Seats**
- **Hooded Bath Towels**
- **Teething Toys & Rattles**
- **High Chairs**
- **Video Baby Monitors**

Shop our Amazon Wish List through our website to have the items shipped directly to us.

AT THIS TIME WE ARE REQUESTING NEW ITEMS ONLY

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[alphacenterfriends.com](http://alphacenterfriends.com)



# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

## FILL UP A CHANGELOPE

The coronavirus outbreak has created a new nationwide shortage: coins. If you are looking for a way to get your spare change back in circulation and make a difference in the life of an unborn baby, consider filling up a changelope! Text CHANGE to (712) 746-7078 and we will mail you a flat changelope. Pop it open and fill it up! When you're done, changelopes can be dropped off at Alpha Center during business hours.



## WE WANT TO SEE YOU

### *Personal Tours Now Available*

Schedule your personal tour of Alpha Center by calling us at 605-361-3500 or e-mail us at [info@alphacenter.org](mailto:info@alphacenter.org). We also offer small group volunteer projects for youth and adults!

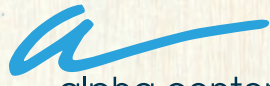


## 2021 Alpha Baby Calendars

Our 2021 Alpha Baby Calendars will be available later this fall, just in time for the holiday season! Order yours before our stock runs out.

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Text **CALENDAR** to (712) 746-7078 to reserve yours today! Suggested \$10 donation per calendar.

# STAY UP TO DATE



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TO EDUCATE AND  
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on our website:  
[alphacenterfriends.com](http://alphacenterfriends.com)



## ★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

### Bike for Life

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Saturday  
September 19

### Defenders Dinner

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Monday  
September 28

### Booth at South Dakota Right to Life Convention

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Saturday  
October 3

### Knight to Remember

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Saturday  
February 27,  
2021



Please visit our events calendar at  
[alphacenterfriends.com](http://alphacenterfriends.com) for more  
details about these events.