



# ALPHA CENTER News

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## REGISTER TODAY

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020

CHECK-IN &  
WELCOME RECEPTION  
6:15 PM – 6:45 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



*Celebrating*

**36**  
**YEARS**

Join us in being  
**DEFENDERS** of  
all unborn life.



## DEFENDERS OF LIFE

### Greetings to our Alpha Center Friends,

The theme for Alpha Center's 36th year of service is equipping you to be DEFENDERS of life.

Today, we have many young people who are going out on the stormiest sea of life with no fixed stars to steer by, no compass, no rudders and no anchors. They wonder why their lives end up shipwrecked.

Abortion is a symptom of a much deeper problem. A majority of young people are being indoctrinated into moral relativism. In other words, "Do whatever you want to do and call it morality." They are being told in many places: "Your parents are old fashioned; they have their values, but you are your own person and you can decide on your values." It is a lie by the Devil, the author of lies.

The entire existence of our Republic depends on the citizens living and acting in a moral and virtuous manner. John Adams said, "The Constitution was written for a moral people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." Once virtue is gone, a Republic becomes lawless. That is why defending unborn life through the teaching of biblical values is a high priority. Alpha Center clients come in from every imaginable background and many have bought into the lie of moral relativism. They need to be pointed to the truth and shown that "Thy Word is truth" (John 7:17).

We are all commissioned to be SALT and LIGHT in a darkened world. It is through your partnership with Alpha Center and our new VirTru training program that you are able to reach the multitudes. Your commitment to save lives and inspire virtue is a noble cause and a legacy worth passing on to your future generations.



We are honored to have each of you on our team. Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 1 to attend Alpha Center's Defenders Dinner. It will be an inspiring event as we purpose together to defend all life, all the time.

### For Life & Liberty,

Dr. Allen & Leslee Unruh



# Defenders Dinner



## JOIN US ON FRIDAY, MAY 1

We invite you to join us at the Defenders Dinner on Friday, May 1 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.***

### 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

# 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 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

## You're Invited

A *God, Mom & Me Tea* serves as an event for mothers and daughters to focus on the joy of womanhood, the beauty of God's design and the greatness of His timing for development. This event is designed for mothers, or mother figures, and daughters ages nine to twelve.

### Kind words from previous attendees...

*"I loved this quote from the Mother's Guide: 'God would not give you a responsibility that he would not equip you for.' That really made me feel empowered that I didn't need to get all uptight about having this conversation with my girls." - Cathy*

*"Thank you for creating this special event and for bringing out the beauty in every season of life." - Jenny*



**THURSDAY, JULY 16  
6:00-7:30 PM**

**LOCATION:** Abstinence Clearinghouse  
3405 S. Kiwanis Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57105

### Your Registration Includes:

1. Mother's Guide & Daughter's Guide booklets  
*\*These booklets will be available for pick-up prior to the tea, and we encourage going through them before the event.*
2. Teatime food & beverages
3. Photo booth
4. Gift bags for daughters



### Registration Required

- To reserve space for a group, please call (605) 335-3643
- Visit [abstinence.net](http://abstinence.net) for more information and to register today!



Phone: (605) 335-3643  
Email: [info@abstinence.net](mailto:info@abstinence.net)  
**abstinence.net**

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







# VIRTRU UPDATE

## From the Bronx to Santa Fe, VirTru has made its way to parents and pregnancy resource centers across the nation!

In January, our team launched the first monthly VirTru Live Training Call for pregnancy centers who have subscribed to VirTru. Subscribers heard from VirTru Founder Leslee Unruh as she offered wisdom on how to answer with confidence and clarity the call of an individual facing an unplanned pregnancy.

In February, we hosted our second monthly call. The topic discussed was starting or expanding a mentoring program within a pregnancy center. Subscribers heard firsthand from Alpha Center's Client Services Supervisor about the importance of mentoring relationships, how to attract good mentors and ways to avoid roadblocks in a client's path to success.

In March, the VirTru team will be hosting special guest Vicky Botsford-Matthews, President of LifeSteward Ministries, who will share how to grow a center's ministry through successful fundraising events and development strategies.

These monthly calls offer VirTru centers the opportunity to network and hear from pioneers in the pregnancy help community!

ONE INTERACTION  
CAN CHANGE A LIFE AND  
INFLUENCE A GENERATION



**Interested in receiving free access to the Parenting Courses?**

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# GIFTS GIVEN

GIVEN BY	IN MEMORY OF
Fred & Joan DeRouche	Members of DeRouche & VanWell Families
Dr. Patti Giebink	Cornelia (Connie) Rose Geide & Mary Giebink
Marvin & Vernetta Guthmiller	Gerald Handel
Terry & Marcia Haaland	Phoenix Burmeister
Vern & Arlene Haase	Marilyn Kepplinger
Marlyss Hanssen	Milton L. Hanssen
Evelyn Itterman	Bruce Itterman
Gary & Janice Jerke	Judy Ehlers, Frieda Baier & Marilyn Kepplinger
Roberta Johnson	Paul A. Knock & Welma Nelson
Becky Knobloch	Mary Wilcox
Vernon & Loretta Kraft	Frieda Baier & Margaret Geidel
Peter Mack	Joseph J. Roby
Carol Mettler	LaVay Tobin
Lewis & Lorraine Mosemann	Dale Backes
Dennis & Janice Motz	Troy Nichols
Tom & Jennifer Ortman	Erv Ortman
Bob & Trisha Rausch	Carmen Rausch
Jeff & Jodi Schrick	Janice DeBoer
Michael & Rosanne Sloan	Bruce Loosbrock
Alice Ann Stange	Alfred Erickson & Arlene Stange
Yvonne & Richard Tillemans	Leo Tillemans
Stan & Ann Tuton	Sally Grooms
Orville & Arlene Van't Hul	Audrey Jongetjes
Donna Zeeb	Marvin Ulmer, Janice Lehr, Gerald Handel, Elmer Zeeb and Belva Heckenlaible

GIVEN BY	IN HONOR OF
Joy & Marion Blom	Our Grandchildren
Carol Marie Doss	Fr. Terry Weber, Fr. Tim Cone & Deacon John Devlin
Bill & Brenda Gran	Alice Ann Stange
Roger Hantke	Baby John
Brian & Shamra Johnson	Gary & Kristi Jagels
Ken & Rhonda Koch	Kally Pulse
Cynthia Larson	Jonathan Larson
Dick & Loretta Leonard	All Of The Babies Alpha Center Has Saved From Abortion
Dennis & Janice Motz	Mary Gengler, Glenn Ridder & Jane Gaetze
Bob & Mary Pollema	Larry & Marvella Landman
Dorothy Pulse	Kally & Hannah
Loren & Ruth Van Roekel	Our Six Grandchildren & Babies Saved by Alpha Center
Frank & Lanita Vanderbush	Our Grandchildren: Maxx, Porter & Nora
Marvin Van't Hof	Bertha's Birthday
Orville & Arlene Van't Hul	Leslee & Alpha Center Staff
Katrina Weber	Timothy Weber
Marcia Williamson	Brianna Dschaak





# CLIENT TESTIMONY

When Angie came into our center for the first time, she had not only just gone through a broken engagement, but also received a devastating medical diagnosis and found out she was pregnant. So many unknowns promised to alter her life, and she had little support to face the decision in front of her. Angie came to Alpha Center looking for information on abortion and adoption. After months of encouragement, thought and prayer from staff and her mentor, Brittany, Angie decided to choose life and parent her child. Angie gave up a lot in order to embrace motherhood, but in her words, "It was the best thing that ever happened to me."



Abby,

Thank you so much for all the support you gave me during my pregnancy. I was sad to be moving back to MN and leaving the Alpha Center, but I know it was the best decision for me. I gave birth to my little girl, Mollie Kay, on Oct. 14th at 11:45 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19.25 inches long. I'm not sure if I would've made it through my pregnancy without the aid and support of the Alpha Center. You all gave me the courage and strength I needed to have Mollie, and for that I am eternally grateful. Having Mollie was the best thing to ever happen to me. Thank you again, Angie



▲  
A written note from Angie to our Client Services Supervisor, Abby.



# STAY UP TO DATE



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TO EDUCATE AND  
MOTIVATE OTHERS.

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



## UPCOMING EVENT



**SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIDAY  
MAY 1, 2020**

Sioux Falls  
Convention Center

**DEFENDERS  
DINNER**

alpha center

*featured speaker*  
**Melissa Ohden**

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