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LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT G

Dear Supporters of LIFE,

It might still be summer, but the election is not that far away. **Amendment G** is a dangerous abortion amendment that will be on the ballot in South Dakota on November 5.

I URGE YOU, KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT AMENDMENT G.

IF PASSED, IT WILL:

- Legalize painful, late-term abortions, including abortions after the baby is viable outside of the womb and up to the point of birth.
- Deny parents the right to know if their underage daughter is undergoing an abortion procedure.
- Endanger women by canceling requirements for abortionists to follow basic hospital health and safety standards.

The need is critical. Absentee voting will begin on September 20. Now is the time to start the conversation with friends and family of why Amendment G is too extreme for South Dakotans.

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Vote NO on Amendment G this November.

For HIS Unborn,

Leslee Unruh
Founder



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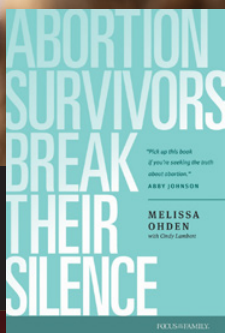
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LOOKING BACK AT AN AMAZING NIGHT

WOW — it was an amazing night getting to share with over 1,200 of our ministry partners! We met some of you for the first time and others who have been partnering with us for the past four decades. We hope the words of the testimonies and panelists were an inspiration to you. Our staff, volunteers and board members prayed that it would be a meaningful and encouraging evening for all in attendance. The event gave us a unique opportunity to share the overall vision of Alpha Center. We trust that our shared mission to reach women and men in unexpected pregnancies will help us work together to accomplish what God has entrusted to our partnership.

In case you missed it, we would love to e-mail you the link to watch the full program or the link to watch the Featured Presentation: *Abortion Survivors Network* panel moderated by Melissa Ohden.



If you would like a signed copy of Melissa Ohden's book, *Abortion Survivors Break Their Silence*, please e-mail us at info@alphacenter.org or call us at 605-361-3500. Suggested \$15 donation.

DINNER *Testimony*

BRADY

The following testimony was shared at our Annual Dinner on Friday, April 26 and has been printed for those who missed attending the event:

Hello, my name is Brady Wrede. I had the opportunity to perform music during the Annual Dinner Welcome Reception for the second year in a row, and now have the opportunity to share a story with you. The story I'm going to tell you is about a young woman who had experienced a lot of trials and hardships. At the age of 13 she watched her parent's marriage struggle and ultimately end. By age 15 she was living in an apartment on her own trying to support herself financially.

Then, at 18 years old, she found herself facing an unexpected pregnancy. After suspecting she might be pregnant, and hearing about Alpha Center and the resources they provided, she sought them out to receive a pregnancy test. Make no mistake, while this woman was scared and unsure of how she might care for the baby, she did not entertain the idea of abortion or releasing the child for adoption. Having a child of her own meant not being alone anymore. Shortly after receiving a pregnancy test through Alpha Center, she was offered a place to live with other women experiencing pregnancies, the Omega Home. She lived there for about five months, and during that time worked and was able to attend classes to help prepare her for motherhood. But most importantly, she felt safe and supported in making sure her child would be brought into the best situation possible. She only wanted to give her child an opportunity to succeed. In February of 1993, this woman, my mom, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy—me.

For those of you who did the quick math, yes, I'm 31 years old, but no, I have not managed to find the fountain of youth. Since then, I've experienced both the joys and hardships the world has to offer. I've been called a teacher, worship leader, musician, songwriter,



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DINNER TESTIMONY CONTINUED

college student, snack bar cashier, husband, brother, son, and much more. Some of these "titles" I no longer hold. And, the ones that still apply will one day no longer exist.

My point is, the only title that I've learned matters is *child of God*, created for a purpose and with a plan. This is my hope and where I find my value, **just as it is for every child born and unborn who is created with a purpose and a plan in mind.** Today, and every day, I wake up and remind myself of two very important facts. One, I cannot do anything on my own, but only with God's help through the Holy Spirit. And two, I have been given a gift of not just life, but NEW LIFE, through Jesus Christ, who paid a price I could never pay through His death and resurrection. The grace and mercy that comes through Jesus have overwhelmed me, undeservingly, and are something I am always grateful for. If you haven't received this gift, you can, and I encourage you to do so, because your life will be changed. I know mine has.

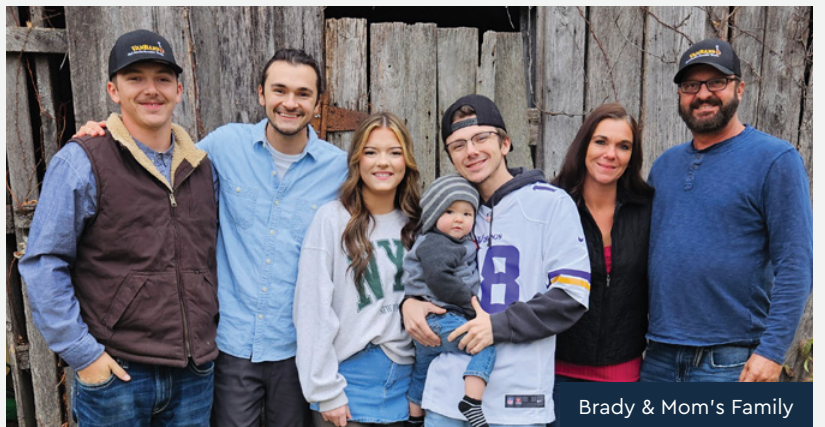
With the help of Alpha Center and others, my mom was able to provide a safe home and help raise a young boy, who feels beyond blessed to be standing where he is now. So, thank you to Alpha Center, and thank you to my mother for wanting a future for me. In doing so, I've been able to impact the lives of others and will continue to do so in whatever path God leads me down. **Thank you.**



Check out Brady's music & event schedule at www.bradywrede.com



Brady & Dad's Family



Brady & Mom's Family

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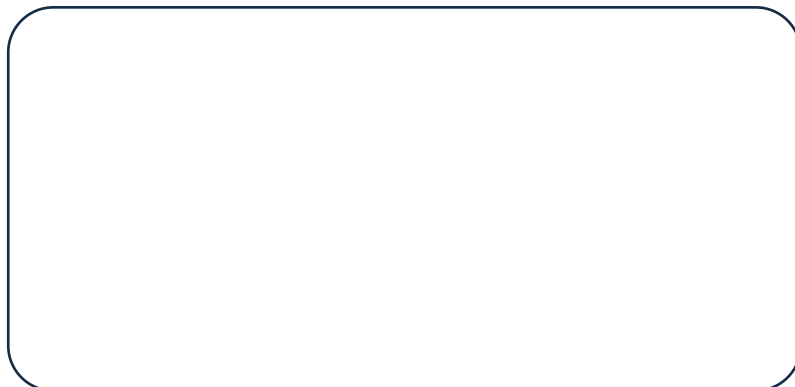
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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THE TURNER
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AUGUST 12-15

PARKER, SD



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