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MEET THE *Babies*



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GRACE
April 5



NOAH
April 13



KARINA
May 22



JAYDEN
June 15

Even though our annual Meet the Babies event was postponed from March 31 to August 25, we still wanted to share some of the precious Alpha Babies that were born amidst the pandemic chaos in our community.

KEEP IN TOUCH



Words from the Founder

A PLACE OF NEW BEGINNINGS

Alpha means "new beginning," and Alpha Center strives to be a place of new beginnings for many. Our ultimate hope is to see God change and save lives. Life can have new meaning and purpose when clients understand they are created in the image of Almighty God, the Creator of the universe.

You and I are standing in the gap at a critical moment in our clients' lives. Nobody should have to make a life or death decision out of ignorance, fear, panic or coercion. Yet many feel coerced in different ways: physically, financially, emotionally or through the abandonment of family and friends.

A crisis is often a difficult time when an important decision must be made. Crises can be times of self-reflection and opportunities to change direction.

We want to help them grow emotionally and spiritually. Our clients can learn life skills and prepare for the opportunities that lie ahead of them, and they are encouraged to first put their trust in God. There are 365 "fear not" commandments in the Bible, one for each day of the year. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love and of power and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7).

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DIRECTION**
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Sometimes our clients feel like their lives are about to collapse, and Alpha Center is ready to offer support. Alpha Center staff and volunteers are gifted and, I believe, sent by God to minister to our clients and their families. God knows the when, where, why and how. We are simply available to do what He asks and trust Him to do the rest. In this dark world, will you help us be the light by investing your time, resources and talents in Alpha Center? You are exactly where you are for such a time as this – to make a lasting impact.

God's peace is not the calm after the storm; it is the steadfastness during it. "Be on guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong" (I Corinthians 16:13).

For HIS Unborn,

Leslee Unruh

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CLIENT TESTIMONY

SOCIAL DISTANCING DOES NOT HINDER GOD'S POWER

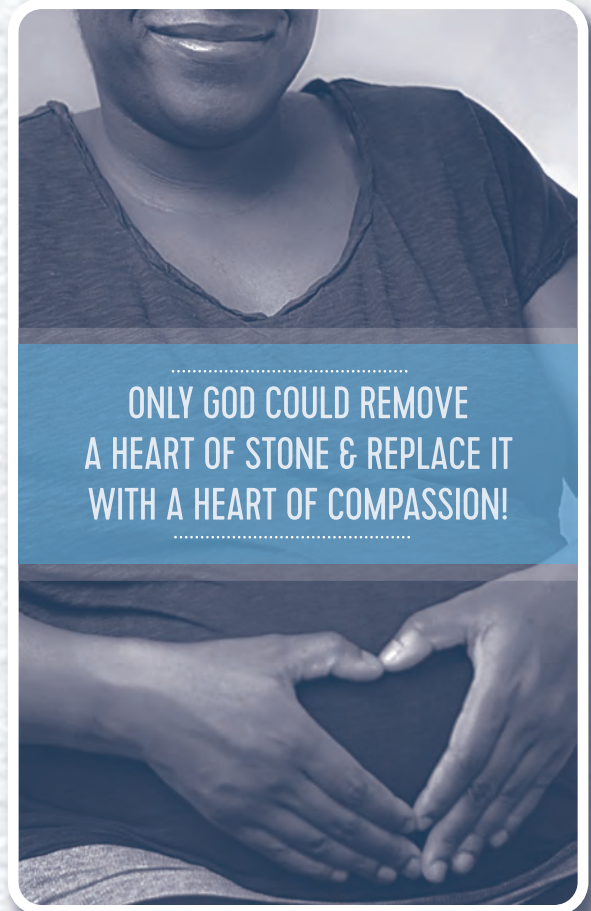
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Earlier this spring, a woman called to schedule an appointment for a pregnancy test and options consultation. She and her husband, still in their early twenties and with two small children, felt they had too much going on to take care of another baby. They were using contraception and were confused how a pregnancy still happened. They had been planning to have another child eventually, but this was too soon.

Though we were not able to visit with this couple in person because of concerns regarding the coronavirus, we were able to stay in contact with them over the phone, listening and asking the questions they needed to consider. During the initial phone call, the young woman stated that if she had to choose at that moment, she would have an abortion. However, there was something troubling her. She said even though this situation was not happy news, she could not help but feel a small degree of happiness about the baby growing inside her womb.

An Alpha Center advocate working from home called every other day for the next week to talk through how the couple was doing. Then, about a week and a half after the initial conversation, the woman answered the phone with what sounded like a small smile in her voice as she said, "We are going to keep it. We wanted another baby, and I guess it came sooner than we thought!" Only God could remove a heart of stone and replace it with a heart of compassion to preserve a brand new beating heart. And He did!

Please be in prayer for our clients experiencing an unexpected pregnancy during the pandemic. While the pandemic complicates circumstances, we have had the privilege of seeing that social distancing does not handicap God's power. We have been humbled to see Him still actively at work in the lives of our clients as their minds are changed from choosing death to choosing life. It has been our privilege to continue to be a voice for the unborn.





Abstinence Clearinghouse Update

You're Invited To Join Us In-Person or Virtually

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.

YOUR IN-PERSON RESERVATION INCLUDES:

- Mother's Guide & Daughter's Guide booklets
**These booklets will be available for pick-up prior to the tea, and we encourage going through the booklets prior to the event.*
- Tea time food & beverages
- Photo booth
- Gift box for daughter

\$15
PER
PERSON

YOUR VIRTUAL RESERVATION INCLUDES:

- Mother's Guide & Daughter's Guide booklets
**These booklets will be mailed to you prior to the tea, and we encourage going through the booklets prior to the event.*
- *Reservation to attend virtually will close Sunday, July 12.*

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God, Mom & Me TEA



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

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

RESERVATION REQUIRED

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



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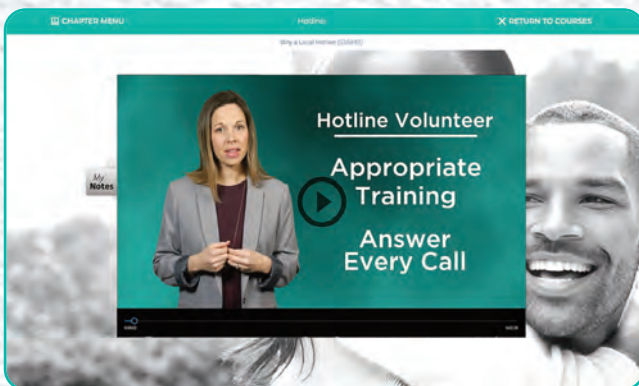
Helping Centers Implement A Local 24/7 Hotline To Serve Men & Women in Need

The coronavirus pandemic has forced pregnancy resource centers to become more innovative in the ways they serve men and women. As many states across the country implemented stay-at-home orders, the urgency for on-demand communication with individuals experiencing an unexpected pregnancy grew. Fortunately, VirTru had already created training courses explaining how centers could implement a local hotline to better serve their communities.

Alpha Center has had a 24/7 hotline available to callers on evenings, weekends and holidays for over 25 years. Local volunteer hotline advocates have served countless individuals, recognizing that an individual's first contact with Alpha Center should

not be an automated message or an answering machine. Rather, the first impression should allow for a real, personal conversation. For an individual experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, talking to someone who is genuinely concerned about their situation is vital.

Fielding calls locally 24/7 allows for men and women to be met with compassion and hope when they are most vulnerable. We are excited to see more centers pursue the implementation of a local hotline as they inspire virtue in their communities.



Hello Parents!

Have you listened to the recording *Assessing Online Safety* featuring VirTru Founder Leslee Unruh and author Josh McDowell? Visit VirTru's YouTube channel or call (605) 335-1927 to access your recording today!



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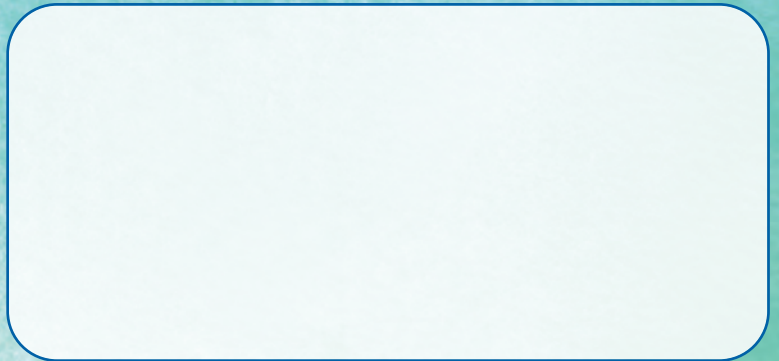
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