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SIOUX EMPIRE'S **LARGEST** BABY SHOWER

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Throughout January, you can drop off baby items at the Life 96.5 radio station, AMaVo Boutique or a Sioux Falls Lewis Drug store. Alpha Center clients earn these items while participating in parenting education programs.

BABY ITEM NEEDS LIST

- Gender Neutral Newborn Sleepers
- Baby Wash & Shampoo
- Activity Centers & Swings
- Size 4, 5 & 6 Diapers
- Enfamil Gentlease Formula
- Wipes
- Size 12 Month—2T Clothing
- New Car Seat & Stroller Combos

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alphacenterfriends.com/donate-baby-items



WITH AN INCOMING ADMINISTRATION that has tipped their hand in favor of Big Abortion, our country must prepare for the elimination of the Hyde Amendment (currently bans the use of federal funds for almost all abortions), the reinstatement of Planned Parenthood funding and the widespread availability of the chemical abortion pill.

Despite everything that is happening around the nation, I was recently encouraged by my dear friend and colaborer in this life-affirming work, Jor-El Godsey, President of Heartbeat International. He shared:

The forward momentum of the pro-life movement over the last four years is about to run head-on into an empowered pro-abortion offensive bent on recovering all lost ground and establishing its own forward momentum.

The Trump administration has been the 'most pro-life' administration since the issue began to dominate our politics in the sixties. Most, if not nearly all, of that is about to stop. The immediate future looks bleak. And that is just how a woman experiencing an unexpected pregnancy is imagining her life if she says yes to continuing that pregnancy.

And the very same thing we tell her is what we need to tell ourselves. God's got this. While we can't, with absolute certainty, tell her just exactly how God's going to work in her specific situation, we can boldly proclaim with confidence that the Lord's plans for her involve a "hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

And that's where we need to draw confidence as well. Even in the face of our opposition, Psalm 23 reminds us that God will meet our needs, secure our provision, and strengthen us by His own hand. Just like we know He will be faithful to meet hers. We've seen drastic political twists and turns like this before. With trust in the name of the Lord our God and His anointing upon us, we can face this with a tenacious optimism that has been the hallmark of the pregnancy help movement.

SOME TRUST IN CHARIOTS AND SOME IN HORSES, BUT WE TRUST IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD. - PSALM 20:7

She's not looking to Washington for help. She's looking for someone close by. She's looking for a compassionate person to talk to. Someone who can tell her, 'Don't let your heart be troubled.' (John 14:1a) Someone who will love her in the moment and help her see beyond the immediate obstacles. That someone is us.

The propensities of politics cannot compare to the Promise of Providence. His Glory is not diminished, but instead is exalted in the faithfulness of His people. His calling to champion the Gift of Life will only need more of Him at work in us, for us, and through us.

Your support of Alpha Center allows those experiencing an unexpected pregnancy this year to experience hope, regardless of what happens in Washington. We are committed because we know a very important truth. We have the opportunity to share this truth with the men and women who enter our doors each day: God's got this!

For HIS Unborn,

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Leslee Unruh Alpha Center Founder



CLIENT TESTIMONY

BLESSINGS AMIDST PANDEMIC CHAOS

Last spring, in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic, Jess* walked into our center for a pregnancy test. As she talked with our nurse Molly, she broke down crying. She shared that she had an abortion the previous fall and didn't want to go through that again. Also, because she was in an abusive relationship, she was heartbroken at the thought of being pregnant. **Molly began the ultrasound scan**, **and like a motion picture, two fluttering heartbeats flickered onto the screen.** Jess sat in shock. Molly was able to help her process the idea of being pregnant with twins and refer her for specialized prenatal care.

A few months later we received a call from Mandi at our center. "My cousin Jess has gotten herself into a really bad spot in her life and won't be able to care for her babies after they are born. **She asked if my husband and I would care for her twins, a boy and a girl, after they arrive.** We already have four girls of our own, the youngest being seven years old," she explained. "Of course, my family has agreed. But we have nothing to use to care for two babies, and I feel like a lot has changed since my own girls were infants. Most of the time parents have nine months to prepare for a baby, and we now have less than 10 weeks. Jess said that your center would help us."

And help we did! Mandi and her family have faithfully gone through lessons on newborn hygiene, car seat safety, and parenting infant tips to earn Baby Bucks which they have redeemed for items like diapers, sleepers and a double stroller. She recently reached out to us and said, "The twins will be here by mid-December, if not sooner. **With your help, we have been able to prepare for them.** The lessons have helped me brush up on things I already knew and taught me some tricks I did not know. At this time next year, my hope is that the twins can be reunited with their mom and they can be a happy family. Thank you for supporting all of us."

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ALPHA TWINS MACKENZIE AND JULIAN HAVE MADE THEIR SAFE ARRIVAL INTO THIS WORLD AND ARE IN THE CARE OF MANDI AND HER FAMILY.

* denotes name has been changed for client confidentiality



A NIGHT FOR MOTHERS & SONS

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021 7:00 PM / HOLIDAY INN SIOUX FALLS-CITY CENTRE TICKETS / ABSTINENCE.NET/KTR

Young people are constantly surrounded by messages promoting a "hook-up culture" grounded in the pursuit of instant gratification. Social media and television are slowly distorting the meaning of love and commitment. Our culture is unashamed to talk about difficult topics; therefore, parents must engage in challenging conversations with their teens.

There is no better time than now to inspire virtue and integrity in the lives of young men! At the Abstinence Clearinghouse, we believe parents must be equipped to educate their children in matters of sexual integrity.

For this reason, the Abstinence Clearinghouse, in partnership with Alpha Center, will be hosting a *Knight to Remember* on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Sioux Falls. The evening will include guest speaker, Restoration Generation Founder Tom Henderson, dessert, a photobooth and live music.

> TICKETS: \$30.00 PER PERSON RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY CALLING (605) 335-3643 OR VISIT ABSTINENCE.NET TODAY.

— FEATURED SPEAKER / TOM HENDERSON



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INSPIRING MEN & WOMEN OF VIRTUE

Would you consider impacting the next generation as a *Knight to Remember* event sponsor? Your partnership will allow the next generation to hear the life-changing truth of the Gospel and be empowered to embrace a virtuous life. Call us at **(605) 335-3643** or email **info@abstinence.net** for more information.



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