



BUILDING ON THE RIVER

AUGUST 15, 2021 MARKED THE FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ALPHA CENTER'S LOCATION AT 3405 S. KIWANIS AVENUE.

For those of you who were present at our *Friends & Fellowship Dinner* in April, you had the chance to hear firsthand that, through the generosity of our ministry partners, our entire mortgage had been paid off. Since then, we have been able to make some necessary building updates, including replacing the lower level carpet, repainting interior rooms, pouring a new concrete driveway approach, and reorganizing our storage spaces. We are grateful for the generosity of countless individuals who have helped take care of our *Building On The River*. Our clients consistently comment on how beautiful and inviting our center feels. We are also thankful for those who funded the recent purchase of our brand new full-service vehicle so that we can serve our clients all around the area!

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LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

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I feel bad for our postal workers, I really do. The fact that every workday includes the possibility they are indirectly participating in the death of an unborn life is heartbreaking. Our nation is changing at an incredible pace. **These days, you can buy pretty much anything online.** I'll be honest, I love the instant access to exactly what I am needing - purchased and shipped to me with the click of a button.

In this day and age, why wouldn't someone shop for an abortion online? The abortion industry got smart last year. Under the guise of COVID-19 precautions, they convinced the FDA to relax the requirements for purchasing abortion pills online. Apparently it was too unsafe to require these women to come in and have their pregnancy confirmed through an ultrasound before prescribing a chemical abortion. Now, thanks to our current administration, the relaxed requirements still stand even though we are past needing to take extreme precautions against the spread of COVID-19.

So what's next? **I have to believe the abortion industry will only strengthen their efforts to champion widespread abortion access using whatever means necessary.** In fact, they have even started marketing it as "medication abortion" because who hasn't taken medicine at some point? For many of us, taking pills at home is just a normal part of life.

My heart absolutely breaks for these women, many of whom experience psychological effects after going through an abortion at home, oftentimes alone. Or what about the girls in their college dorm rooms this fall? Or the women that are being forced to take these pills by their pimps or partners who are now able to purchase them online?

Much like the abortion industry, our strategy has changed too. While we would love to be able to intercept every woman considering an abortion before she has made a decision to end her pregnancy, we realize this can't always be the case.

However, what if we could offer a small glimmer of hope to the woman right in the middle of her abortion? You see, to complete a chemical abortion, a woman needs to take two different pills about 24-72 hours apart from each other. **It's during this short time frame between pills that she could change her mind.** If she does, we are here to help.

It's called *Abortion Pill Rescue*, and we have the means necessary to offer this service to women in our community. **In fact, in the past several months, we have successfully begun the rescue process with multiple women who have taken the first abortion pill and then regretted their decision.** Please pray for them and their unborn babies in the months to come.

The battle is just beginning. **About half of the recorded abortions last year were chemical abortions and I only anticipate that number will continue to rise.** The fight to make abortion unthinkable is not a battle we fight alone - we invite your participation and support.

Was any of this information a shock to you? Do you feel uninformed about what is going on? My friends in the pregnancy help movement created a fabulous, short docuseries to help spread the word about the danger of chemical abortions, and I strongly recommend watching the docuseries by visiting thischemicalabortion.com. Trust me, it's worth your precious time.

We need to let these women know that it's not too late and that there is still hope. I invite your partnership so that you can personally help rescue an unborn baby fighting for his or her life.

For HIS Unborn,
Leslee Unruh
Alpha Center Founder



DAROLD FRIESE

Darold was recently nominated by Alpha Center for the **Sioux Empire Helpline's Volunteer of the Month**. The following is an excerpt from his nomination form:

Darold has been a friend of Alpha Center since 2013. After moving to the Sioux Falls area in 2019, he has served in many different volunteer capacities for various events, building maintenance projects and client programs. His service extends beyond himself in that he instills an attitude of volunteerism into the lives of his family and grandchildren by bringing them to Alpha Center when there is a project to work on.

In the fall of 2020, Darold fell off a ladder while working at home and broke his leg. With a boot and scooter, Darold still felt called to serve. His first event with his new accessories was helping at our annual fundraising dinner by greeting and directing guests to their seats. Within a week, Darold was out again representing Alpha Center at the *South Dakota Right to Life Convention*. His service is a humbling example to our staff and other volunteers, and if there is ever a challenge, we can always rely on him to overcome it with perseverance, a smile and some light-hearted humor.

Fully healed from his broken leg, Darold continues to volunteer regularly. He kicked off 2021 by traveling to Pierre with two staff members to visit with state legislators and other pregnancy resource centers. He also served at the *Knight to Remember* by greeting all mother and son attendees at the door and announcing their arrival in honorable fashion. For numerous events like our annual dinners, he has graciously offered to store and transport our event materials in his enclosed trailer. Additionally, he mentors young men in our *Fatherhood* mentoring program and spends a considerable amount of time on building maintenance, seasonal decorating and landscaping projects.

One of Darold's biggest contributions this year was helping with our new carpet installation. He led the volunteer group in moving furniture and removing the old carpet. It was during this time that Darold's mother-in-law passed away, and yet he stayed committed to seeing the project through. One night he even brought several family members that were here visiting from out of town to finish putting all the furniture and décor back in place after the new carpet had been installed. Darold is an incredibly dedicated individual and his servant heart further inspires us to continue our daily work and, likewise, show the same care and thoughtfulness to our clients.



SUMMER EVENTS



Staff had the opportunity to gift Dr. Bruce & Beth Hagen with a chime in honor of our building. They built 3405 S. Kiwanis Ave as a chiropractic clinic in 1992, and we are thrilled to be a part of their legacy.



Darold installing new storage shelving.



Many volunteers helped repaint interior rooms.





Carpet installation in the lower level.



Our new cargo van, named *Legacy*, will soon be outfitted to provide pregnancy test consultations and ultrasounds.



Booth at Love Sioux Falls.



Concrete repair in the driveway approach.



Booth at Turner County Fair.



Check out more images from *Meet the Babies Night* and much more by following and liking Alpha Center Friends on Facebook!

GIFTS GIVEN

Gifts received between June 21 and August 27, 2021.

MINISTRY PARTNER

IN MEMORY OF

DAVID & NANCY	MELVA KOCH
JOSEPH	LANDON DECKER
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THOMAS & MARILEE	ALFRED BRADDOCK
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DEAN	DIANE VOLLMER
DONNA	WILLARD KIRSCHENMAN
THE SIEBRANDS FAMILY	ALYCE SIEBRANDS
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ORVILLE & ARLENE	PASTOR CARL KLOMPIEN & ALPHA CENTER VOLUNTEERS



JOIN OUR MISSION

Are you passionate about our mission and want to join a team of caring, compassionate professionals? Staff and volunteer positions are currently available! E-mail info@alphacenter.org for more information.



BABY ITEMS NEEDS LIST

- Sippy Cups
- Kids Plates, Bowls & Utensils
- Baby Toys
- Toddler Shoes Sizes 3-5
- Newborn-2T Clothing
- Size 4, 5 & 6 Diapers
- Pull-Ups
- Infant Bathtubs
- Infant Swings
- Baby Video Monitors
- Infant Car Seats & Car Seat/Stroller Combos
- Cribs & Mattresses

**At this time we are requesting new items only.*

SHOP OUR AMAZON WISH LIST

Shop our Amazon Wish List and have the items shipped directly to us. Visit the link at

alphacenterfriends.com/donate-baby-items





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UPCOMING EVENTS



BOOTH AT THE
AUGUSTANA
VOLUNTEER FAIR
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

BOOTH AT THE
HEALTH
CONNECT FAIR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18



BOOTH AT THE
SD RIGHT TO LIFE
CONVENTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2



BOOTH AT THE
MILBANK AREA
RIGHT TO LIFE
DINNER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

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