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# IT'S *our* MOMENT TO SHINE

**IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE NEWS BY NOW**, THE SUPREME COURT RECENTLY RULED TO OVERTURN THE INFAMOUS 1973 ROE V. WADE DECISION THAT LEGALIZED ABORTION ACCESS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

This ruling means that each individual state is able to decide how it will regulate abortion. Some states will choose to loosen all restrictions in the hopes of being an abortion hot spot – a step towards cultivating an abortion tourism industry. Other states will seek to fully remove all access to abortion and even put in place regulations to stop women in their state from accessing abortion pills through the mail. The spectrum of protections for the unborn will vastly differ simply by stepping a few feet from one state into another.





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We are fortunate to reside in a state where many believe in valuing human life and protecting the relationship each unborn child has with his or her mother. However, an abortion ban is not going to solve the problems of a woman who is experiencing an unexpected pregnancy; it is going to make her desperate. When she is frantically searching for help, we are here for her. The best alternative to abortion is another person - someone to help her look beyond circumstances and share that abortion is not her only option.

At this turning point in history, it's not the beginning of anything new. Alpha Center has been serving this community for over 38 years and our mission going forward remains constant and unwavering. It is simply a crossroad – a point that causes pause and reflection before moving forward. The pregnancy help movement is under attack, but you won't see it publicized in the mainstream media. Abortion advocates feel threatened and are choosing to react with threats of their own directed at the organizations that seek only to help women in desperation. The heart of our mission has always been about shining the light of truth into spiritually dark situations. It's no surprise that this new season brings out very dark responses as we champion the light of life.

### **"SO WHAT CAN I DO?"**

People have been reaching out to us every day at an overwhelming rate, wondering how they can help. First, we want to thank you. We appreciate your life-affirming support and your desire to join us in this worthy cause. Second, you can pray. Now more than ever, we are asking for Alpha Center staff, volunteers and clients to be lifted up in your daily prayers. Pray for this community and our nation to be bent towards protecting unborn life and encouraging those considering abortion to pursue a positive alternative.

**Third, you can give. Our services and the increased security necessary to continue providing those services come at a cost, a cost we never pass on to our clients. I hope that you believe Alpha Center's mission is a worthy investment. Giving a gift can be done simply and securely online at any time or you can return the enclosed envelope.**

Finally, you can use your voice. Share the impact of this pivotal moment in our country's history with those in your sphere of influence. Choose to reject passivity and engage in challenging conversations. It's easy to be silent – especially when our silence is driven by fear. But now is the time to unite and create a life-affirming culture. You can partner with us in offering encouragement to women who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant as we seek to continue clearing the confusion with a message of hope.

For HIS Unborn,

Leslee Unruh  
*Alpha Center Founder*

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or scan the QR Code.



## LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER



# CLIENT *Testimony*

KENNEDY

*The following testimony was shared at our Descendants Dinner on Friday, April 29 and has been printed for those who were unable to attend the event:*

**Hi, my name is Kennedy.** Life at 23 was going really well for me. My boyfriend and I were busy planning our future life together: a house, children, marriage, and successful careers. However, when I found out that I was pregnant, he really threw me a curveball and said that if I decided to continue the pregnancy, then he no longer wanted to be with me. Everything started to spiral out of control. Our relationship crumbled, my living situation had to change, and the pregnancy caused back problems for me, which forced me to stop working. It was a lot to process - but the hardest part was the idea that I would become a single mom if I did not have an abortion.

One January day, my little sister heard Alpha Center advertised on Life 96.5 radio station and offered to schedule an appointment for me. Shortly after, I was sitting in church and there happened to be a speaker from Alpha Center sharing about everything the center had to offer. Even though I was already a few months into my pregnancy, I made the 80 mile drive from my parents' home to Alpha Center to learn more.

I immediately decided to begin Alpha Center's *Earn While You Learn* program virtually and my little sister wanted to go through it with me as a support person. The parenting education was so valuable. For example, because I was terrified of giving birth, the lessons on labor and delivery really helped me prepare mentally for all that my body would experience and gain a sense of self-confidence.

When it came time for my daughter to be born, I was at the hospital by myself and had a fairly traumatic delivery. Everything ended up being fine, but had I not equipped myself with knowledge before going through that experience, I feel like I would have really freaked out. Even after she was born, the weekly calls to talk through my *Earn While You Learn* lesson with Patti or another staff member were essential for helping me figure this parenting thing out.

My daughter was born on May 26, and I decided to name her Asher after stumbling on the Bible verse Genesis 30:13, "Then Leah said, 'How happy I am! The women will call me happy.' So she named him Asher." Seeing that she was just a little bundle of joy and realizing the Hebrew name Asher means *happiness*, it just sort of clicked, and she continues to embrace her name more and more each day.

It was a couple weeks after Asher was born that I came to Alpha Center for a completely different reason. My best friend, McKayla, was pregnant. Not being in a good situation with the father of the baby, McKayla had decided to go through with a chemical abortion and took the first abortion pill to end her pregnancy. I am so glad that she had confided in me regarding her situation and shared with me that she regretted her decision to have an abortion, because there was still hope.



Kennedy & Asher

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ABSTINENCE CLEARINGHOUSE

ABSTINENCE CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

**INSPIRING**  
MEN & WOMEN OF VIRTUE

**FAMILY RESOURCE  
STORE HOURS:**

Monday – Friday  
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM  
3405 S. Kiwanis Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
(605) 335-3643  
info@abstinence.net  
[www.abstinence.net](http://www.abstinence.net)



## GOD, MOM & ME TEA

*God, Mom & Me Tea* serves as an event for mothers, or mother figures, and daughters ages 9-12 to focus on the joy of womanhood, the beauty of God's design and the greatness of His timing for development.

It is God's plan that the honor of passing on the truth about life and how it begins comes from a child's parents. Poor or inaccurate information from one of her friends, the Internet, or what is taught in a "sex education" program at school could be destructive.

At Abstinence Clearinghouse, we believe that parents should be the primary sex educators of their children and, like you, we desire to come alongside parents by providing age-appropriate events and materials.



## JOIN US

Abstinence Clearinghouse, in partnership with Alpha Center, will be hosting a *God, Mom & Me Tea* event on **Thursday, August 11** from 3:00-4:30 PM. Reserve your seat at [abstinence.net](http://abstinence.net) or call us at (605) 335-3643. Space is limited!

**REGISTER TODAY!**



Register today at [abstinence.net/god-mom-me-tea](http://abstinence.net/god-mom-me-tea) or scan the QR Code.



# PURITY BALL *Testimony* — ADRIAN & AMELIA

*The following testimony was shared at our Descendants Dinner on Friday, April 29 and has been printed for those who were unable to attend the event:*

**Hi, my name is Adrian.** This past February, I had the opportunity to take my Alpha Baby Amelia (born 13 years ago) to the Purity Ball - but she's not really a baby anymore. The reasons I wanted to take her to the Purity Ball are simple. First of all, it was an opportunity to let her dress up like a princess and show the rest of the world, and herself, how beautiful she is. Second, it was an opportunity to encourage her in staying pure. I want her to understand the context for which God created intimacy and that it is a beautiful gift to share with her future husband. If we, as parents, don't train up our children like we are advised to do in Proverbs, we are saying that we are okay with what the world is teaching them. At the Purity Ball, we both made commitments to one another before our God to pursue a path of purity. It's moments and opportunities like these that we are grateful for, and we appreciate the work of these organizations in this area of inspiring virtue within our community.

**Hi, I'm Amelia** and attending the Purity Ball was an amazing experience that felt like attending a beautiful wedding. It taught me how important it is to stay pure and to have a good relationship with my father. So to the Abstinence Clearinghouse and Alpha Center, I say thank you for a wonderful experience and for bringing me closer to my dad.



Adrian & Amelia



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Gifts received between March 10 – June 7, 2022

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## CLIENT *Testimony*

McKayla was able to reach the Abortion Pill Rescue hotline and, because she had not taken the second abortion pill yet, there was still time to rescue her unborn baby. The Abortion Pill Rescue hotline put her in touch with Alpha Center, who was able to immediately begin the rescue process through progesterone treatment. The next day, Asher and I were able to go to Alpha Center with McKayla and see her baby, still very much alive, on the ultrasound screen.

McKayla's pregnancy continued to progress well and she gave birth to healthy little baby boy, Arrow Hayes, on January 8, 2022. It's incredible to think of our two Alpha Babies and wonder what all God has in store for them...who knows, maybe someday they'll get married to each other?!

Asher and I are doing great today and settled into our small hometown surrounded by family. I have been able to get a good job that I love at the hospital and we have plans to build a future here together. Being Asher's mom definitely has its challenging days, but the sacrifices I have made so that she can have life and a future make each day's challenges worth it. I want to be able to encourage anyone going through a similar situation that it takes courage to ask for help and search out resources like Alpha Center, but it is absolutely necessary to not walk your journey alone.





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### UPCOMING EVENTS



ride for alpha

### RIDE FOR ALPHA

Formerly Bike for Life event  
SATURDAY, JULY 16



### MEET THE BABIES NIGHT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8  
ALPHA CENTER

This is a private event for our clients by invitation only.



### GOD, MOM & ME TEA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11  
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### BOOTH AT THE TURNER COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 15-18  
PARKER, SD

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