

**P.S. Early voting starts on September 20, so don't wait! Visit [NoOnGSD.com](http://NoOnGSD.com) to read more, sign up to volunteer or request your No on G yard sign.**

## IT'S TOO EXTREME

Renowned American author Mark Twain once said, *"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."* Over 40 years ago, I discovered my "why" - to clear confusion with a message of HOPE for women who have had abortions, and to love women in unexpected pregnancies and see them find joy and hope as they bring their babies into the world. Every day, the team at Alpha Center strives to create a space where women and men can come to receive compassion, love and hope as they navigate challenging circumstances. There are countless stories of women who come in feeling scared and alone but leave feeling empowered and supported.

**However, all of this could be ripped away from women in South Dakota if Amendment G passes in November. If this extreme amendment is passed, it would:**

- Legalize abortion up to birth, including painful late-term abortions.
- 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.

I urge you to make this election season the moment you were born for - **Vote NO On G**, and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Your voice matters, and together we can protect South Dakotan women and babies, and offer them the care, compassion and hope they truly need. **Don't let this critical moment in history pass you by.**

For HIS Unborn,



Leslee Unruh  
Alpha Center Founder  
and Co-Chair of Life Defense Fund

**VOTE**  
**NO**  
ON **G**

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LEARN MORE



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KEEP IN TOUCH



# Summer RECAP



Alpha Center Client Advocate Volunteer, Suzy Jones, was selected as 211 Helpline's Volunteer of the Month for March 2024.



Celebrating Helen, one of our Hotline Volunteers

Jami Groen taking photos at our Meet The Babies Night!



Faith Lutheran Church dropped off a large diaper donation. They were just one of many churches who did summer diaper drives!

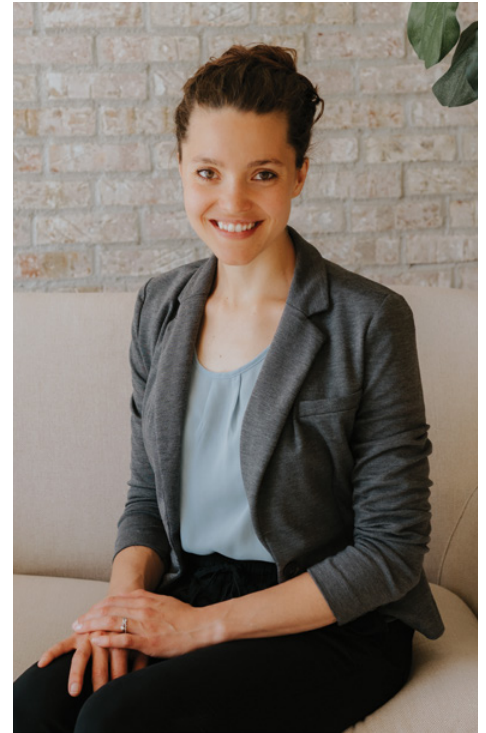


Our Legacy Mobile Medical Unit serving clients and spreading awareness at the Turner County Fair.

## Hi, I'm Abby, and I lead After Abortion Care at Alpha Center.

Statistics show that one in four women will have an abortion by the time they turn 40 years old. This may be your sister, your spouse, your mother or your friend, or this may be you. One of the bravest steps that women can take in their recovery is getting the help needed in order to experience freedom and forgiveness from a past abortion decision.

I have heard it said, "No one goes to get an abortion like she goes to the grocery store. She gets an abortion as if it is a prison sentence." In her mind, she is making a choice between two deaths: the death of her life as she knows it, or the death of the child. And the lie she is told is that her pregnancy is not a life, and she can fix her own life. However, the truth is, she can't. She is a mother to the child she carries. **She is irreversibly changed by the life growing inside of her.**



To give you a picture, I will share about a client we will call Sarah. Sarah was 18 years old when she first found out she was pregnant. She was a college freshman with career dreams and a whole life ahead of her. She and her boyfriend were not interested in becoming parents, so they chose what they were told was the easy option, to "un-do" their pregnancy. Sarah took the abortion pills, and became "un-pregnant."

However, what Sarah did not anticipate was the grief and internal sense of motherhood that did not go away. She proceeded to live a life trying to numb her pain. She still achieved her educational and career goals, but there was a bitterness in her life. She spent a decade addicted to alcohol and drugs, until she finally decided to make a change.

She detoxed from these addictions and the emptiness of her life really set in. She is now 36 years old and grieving a family she does not have. Sarah participated in one of our After Abortion Care groups and was able to finally process the loss of her child who would have been 18 years old today. She was able to experience grace and forgiveness. She now knows the truth that she does not deserve pain and suffering, because the love of Jesus forgives and cleanses. She was able to place a memorial plaque in our Memorial Garden for her child, and can now give her child the most selfless form of love: grief - a love that is never returned. **Now, Sarah grieves her child with hope.**

Sarah lives with confidence that she is not the sum of her past decisions, no matter how regretful they were. In the same way, I am grateful I do not have to live defined by my past mistakes. Aren't you? Our challenge today, as supporters of life, is to help women and men recover from their abortions. They are the voice we need to hear. Only they can explain the true impact of abortion. Theirs is the voice that shows that love can heal.

### **Abby**

*After Abortion Care Coordinator*

**If you or someone you know have been impacted by abortion, there is healing and hope available. Contact Alpha Center at 605-361-3500 or [info@alphacenter.org](mailto:info@alphacenter.org).**

# MEET THE BABIES

We recently sat down and asked our Alpha Babies to answer the following questions. Here is what we found out:

1. *When is your birthday?*
2. *What is your favorite song?*
3. *What food did mommy crave when she was pregnant?*
4. *What is daddy's favorite thing about me?*



## Liam

- May 23
- Dances to Any Music
- Bread & Butter Pickles
- My Laugh



## Neyali-Jaye

- May 19
- I'll Dance to Anything
- Taco Bell



## Atlas

- June 14
- *Darling*
- Ramen Fuji
- My Personality



## Silas

- February 20
- *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*
- Ice Cream
- My Toes



## Micah

- September 3
- *Baby Shark* or *Daniel Tiger Intro*
- Pickle Juice, Takis & Sauerkraut
- My Hair & My Laugh



## Shivansh

- December 11
- *Johny Johny Yes Papa*
- Fast Food
- My Smile



## Saylor

- June 22
- *The Clean-Up Song* & *Jesus Loves Me*
- Cutie Oranges & Anything Sweet

# GIFTS GIVEN

Gifts received between June 28 – August 31, 2024

MINISTRY PARTNER	IN MEMORY OF
JOY & MARION BLOM	ELIZABETH ROZEBOOM
TRUDY BOUMA	LEONARD BOUMA
GERRIT & JOELLEN DOPPENBERG	DELWYN DOPPENBERG
NANCY FOSTER	ALBERTA HALL
VERN & ARLENE HAASE	MARVIN M. GUTHMILLER
LOUIS & BECKY HALL	VERONICA NIEHAUS
JANICE JERKE	DEAN CLAASSEN
CAROL KELDERMAN	ARNOLD KELDERMAN, JOHN VAN MEETEREN & ARTHUR KELDERMAN
VERNON & LORETTA KRAFT	HERMAN PETERS
KENT & SANDRA SCHMIDT	MY MOTHER ROSELLA
ELLEN T. SCHOLTEN	SAMMY
DEAN & KIMBERLY SHEMON	VINETTE BOMHOFF
YVONNE & RICHARD TILLEMANS	TODD LEO TILLEMANS
JEANETTE TSCHETTER	DARYL & STEVE TSCHETTER
PASTOR EWALD ULMER	JOANN ULMER
LISA & RANDY ULMER	PATRICIA KNUST
JENNIFER & CHAD HARDMAN	WALLY COOK

MINISTRY PARTNER	IN HONOR OF
DANIELLE & RYAN BROUWER	ROYER'S BIRTHDAY
CAROL KELDERMAN	ARIC, SCOTT, ROSS, BEN, DARWYN & GRANDSONS
OREN & PATTI STAHL	GOD THE GIVER OF LIFE!
ORVILLE & ARLENE VAN'T HUL	RYDER VANT HUL'S 1ST BIRTHDAY & HULL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
MARK & DENISE VENNER	MARK VENNER SR.

## JOIN OUR TEAM

Interested in joining our team as staff or volunteer? **Opportunities are available!** Contact us for an application at 605-361-3500.



SCAN TO MEET OUR TEAM

## Summer RECAP



Our staff gathering to celebrate teamwork and the amazing group of volunteers, supporters and prayer partners that help us meet the needs of our clients every day.



Our staff member, Jenna, represented Alpha Center at an event at Linwood Wesleyan Church.



ABSTINENCE CLEARINGHOUSE

ABSTINENCE CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

# ELEVATE™

ENGAGE WOMEN AND MEN IN MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SEXUAL INTEGRITY



Elevate is a course created for pregnancy resource centers and mentors to offer young women and men practical resources to help them succeed. This interactive sexual integrity course will help individuals assess their personal goals and set up systems to achieve them. Help women and men in your community evaluate relationships, create boundaries, recognize destructive habits, establish accountability mentors and more! Learn how Elevate can impact the way you serve your community by contacting the Abstinence Clearinghouse at **605-335-3643** for more information.



## INTERESTED IN GOING THROUGH ELEVATE?

Alpha Center, in partnership with the Abstinence Clearinghouse, offers ELEVATE through its RADIANT program. RADIANT is for women and men of all ages, regardless of relationship status. This program will help participants establish healthy, life-long relationships, and empower them with practical tools and resources to help them succeed! Participants will have the opportunity to establish personal goals and set up systems to achieve them. Details regarding Alpha Center's RADIANT program can be further discussed during an appointment at our office. Call Alpha Center at **605-361-3500** for more information.

### 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)





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[alphacenterfriends.com](http://alphacenterfriends.com)



STAY UP TO DATE



### UPCOMING EVENTS



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BEGINNING  
SEPTEMBER 20



## BOOTH AT THE SD RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 20-21  
YANKTON, SD



## BIKE FOR LIFE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28  
ALPHA CENTER



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## ALPHA CENTER ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

More details coming soon!



## OCTOBER RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Contact us for resources to share Alpha Center in your parish!

Visit our [Event Calendar](http://Event Calendar) at [alphacenterfriends.com](http://alphacenterfriends.com) for more information.