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ALPHA CENTER ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

SIOUX FALLS CONVENTION CENTER
1201 N. WEST AVE. SIOUX FALLS, SD

DINNER & PROGRAM

7:00 PM

Featured Presentation

Alpha Babies: Past & Present

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we hear the powerful, life-changing testimonies of Alpha Babies past and present.

WELCOME RECEPTION ENTERTAINMENT

6:15—6:50 PM

BILL GIBSON ORCHESTRA

You are invited to come enjoy the music of the **Bill Gibson Orchestra** during the Welcome Reception.

KEEP FIGHTING



A stroke is not a respecter of a person. No one is exempt from being at risk. On December 1, 2024, during the early hours of the morning, Allen suffered a hemorrhagic stroke caused by bleeding around his brain. As I contemplate those dark moments, I am amazed at how the hand of God was present all along. It was just days before when I had learned how to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. By the grace of God, I was able to identify what was happening to him and obtain immediate help.

Allen was taken via ambulance to Avera where he received exceptional and compassionate care by his medical team. We were advised that the journey ahead would be complex and long requiring intensive rehabilitation with physical, occupational, and speech therapies. For nearly two months, we were met with uncertainty and numerous obstacles to overcome.

During his time in rehab, Allen fought to regain strength and mobility, but most of all—to inspire others to be filled with faith. He would continue to remind me, **“No matter how bad things are, we gotta be optimistic.”** If you’ve spent any time with Allen Unruh, you know that he is an eternal optimist and humorist. Most often, when someone entered his hospital room, he used the opportunity to not only share his jokes but also the Gospel of Jesus. There certainly was no shortage of conversations with staff about how their lives could challenge the status quo.

We are filled with thankfulness by the outpouring of your love and countless prayers. Although he is home now, we know this journey is far from over. One of the things we have both been reminded of through this experience is that this trial was not our purpose—we had a purpose before the trial and we will have a purpose after the trial. James’ command to consider trials as “all joy” (James 1:2) makes no sense unless we see them as opportunities to grow and refine us. Nothing is wasted. Even now, as he gets stronger, Allen is preparing to pen his story of his journey through the stroke. **His story is nothing short of a miracle.**

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This trial was a great reminder to us of how important the ministry of Alpha Center is in the lives of the young women and men that are served. In the hospital and rehabilitation facilities, we encountered three different staff members who had at one time been Alpha Center clients. As they shared their stories of unexpected pregnancies and expressed their gratitude, God met Allen and I where we were. Even in the unexpected journey of a stroke, the ministry of Alpha Center came full circle to inspire us to keep going. Through it all, we know how precious and fragile life is. We are called to keep fighting not only for health and healing in Allen's body, but also to never give up and stay the course in the fight for life.

For HIS Unborn,

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

*P.S. Know the signs of a stroke—
it could save someone's life.*

KNOW THE SIGNS OF STROKE

BEFAST.

- Balance problems
- Eye (Vision loss)
- Face drooping
- Arm weakness
- Speech problems
- Time to act

If you have any of these sudden symptoms:
Don't Wait. Call 911.

Humanitarian **OF THE YEAR**

DAVE AEILTS

For the past 2 ½ years, Dave has been faithfully serving our male clients as they have participated in the Fatherhood Program. Dave has a compassionate heart and is a good listener. These are qualities that our male clients appreciate as they walk through the process of being good dads to their children. Dave has also been available to meet with male supports who need help navigating a pregnancy decision. Clients who have met with Dave have shared how much they appreciate the time he has given to them, and the care he shows for them. They especially appreciate how he checks in with them after their babies are born! Dave's service to our male clients has made an immense impact in their lives.



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PLEASE JOIN US

We invite you to join us at the Annual Dinner on Friday, April 25 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. It will be an inspiring night featuring a ministry update, musical entertainment, and the featured presentation, *Alpha Babies: Past & Present*, Stories of Lives Chosen and Cherished through Alpha Center.

Dinner is complimentary. Due to limited seating, registration is required. Adults only, please. An opportunity to make a financial faith investment will be provided.

CHOOSE HOW YOU REGISTER:

1. Visit alphacenterfriends.com/dinner/
2. Call Alpha Center at **605-361-3500** or email info@alphacenter.org
3. Contact a registered Table Host

REGISTER HERE



FEATURED PRESENTATION

ALPHA BABIES: PAST & PRESENT

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we hear the powerful, life-changing testimonies of Alpha Babies past and present. Be a witness to how God has used Alpha Center to equip these chosen and cherished lives with the ongoing message of hope from generation to generation.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



MEGAN OGREN

Megan's deeply personal story of resilience and faith in an unexpected pregnancy will inspire you. After a traumatic experience, she was offered Plan B as a preventive measure. She refused the pill and found out she was pregnant soon after. She was then faced with the difficult decision of what to do with her unexpected pregnancy. Megan uses her story to inspire and focus on the importance of believing in the value of all life, both expected and unexpected.



RACHEL KANENGIETER

At the age of 20, Rachel found herself terrified and overwhelmed by the circumstances surrounding her unexpected pregnancy. After receiving a difficult pre-natal diagnosis, the pressure to terminate the pregnancy was immense. Despite medical recommendations, she chose to carry her pregnancy to full term. Her daughter, Lily, was born and lived for 32 days – weeks longer than any doctor ever expected. Rachel became an advocate for life and continues to be a voice for women facing unexpected pregnancies.

SIoux EMPIRE'S LARGEST BABY SHOWER

UPDATE

OUR STOREHOUSES WILL BE FILLED WITH EVERY KIND OF PROVISION - PSALM 144:13



Sioux Empire's Largest Baby Shower has been impacting the lives of Alpha Center clients for over 20 years. A total of over 2,500 baby items were received as part of this January's Baby Shower! We are grateful for the special partnership with Life 96.5 in promoting the event and Lewis Drug stores for serving as additional drop-off locations. Clients were grateful to be able to earn these items with their Baby Bucks, especially larger baby items they had been waiting for, like car seats! **Thank you to everyone who generously supported the success of this event!** You have made a difference in the lives of the families we serve.



DAVYON & BRYSON GRATITUDE:

We have absolutely loved coming to and learning from Alpha Center so we can be ready for parenthood. We are so thankful for the love and support they have shown us and our new family. The Baby Boutique has saved us from worrying about the big things on our minds. We saved our Baby Bucks and were able to purchase necessary items like a bassinet, a high chair, a car seat/stroller combo, a baby monitor and much more.

We both have learned so much through all of the lessons, and we have been taught to give our son the best childhood and life we can make for him and our family.

Gratitude from Alpha Clients Davyon & Bryson on how *Earn While You Learn* & the *Sioux Empire's Largest Baby Shower* has impacted their family.



Currently serving students at the Augustana University campus. We served 19 students during the Fall 2024 Semester.

MISSION

The mission of the Legacy Mobile Medical Unit (LMMU) is to inspire hope by cultivating a legacy of truth and compassion on college campuses and under-served areas throughout the state of South Dakota. The LMMU can provide medical services and the time-sensitive Abortion Pill Rescue protocol for women who have barriers traveling to our center in Sioux Falls.



IMPACT

The LMMU allows us to potentially interrupt abortion-vulnerable women from actively seeking abortion pills, providing hope in the midst of a life-changing decision. As abortion pills are easily accessible in South Dakota, our Legacy Mobile Medical Unit allows Alpha Center to expand and meet women right where they are.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Pregnancy Testing
- STD Testing
- Limited Obstetrical Ultrasounds
- Pregnancy Options Consultations
- Abortion Pill Rescue

It is estimated that 45% of all abortions occur in college-age women.

Chemical abortion accounts for more than 80% of all abortions in the U.S.

(<https://www.supportafterabortion.com>)

GET INVOLVED

HELP - If you are a medical professional interested learning about ways to help or partner with the Legacy Mobile Medical Unit, please give us a call at (605) 361-3500.

SHARE - Spread the word in your communities about the life-saving abortion pill rescue protocol.

PROMOTE - If you're interested in having the LMMU come to your community, please let us know!

VOLUNTEER - Share your time, treasures, and talents to help the LMMU function to its full potential.

PRAY - We need your partnership in prayer.

GIFTS GIVEN

Gifts received between December 18, 2024 - February 26, 2025

MINISTRY PARTNER	IN MEMORY OF
LEROY & ROSEMARY BENDER	JOE & LILLIAN VARILEK; EUGENE & LAURA BENDER
GWEN BRADDOCK	ALFRED A. BRADDOCK, JR.
DELBERT & ANONA FRERICKS	SALLY HANSON
FRED & JOAN DEROUCHÉY	DELORES DEROUCHÉY AND FRANCES VAN WELL BACHMAN
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LEE & ELEANOR FEENSTRA	PETE SOODSMA
TOBY & ELIZABETH FLADMARK	PETE SOODSMA
DAROLD & SHELLY FRIESE	DARLENE FRIESE
DAROLD & SHELLY FRIESE	DEL BROWN
KEN & JOANNE GERAETS	WAYNE PUETZ
PHILIP & JUDITH GLANZER	CAROLYN RICHERT
KEN & SUE GRIEBEL	MARTIN CLOE, MARY BETH, AND 16 MISCARRIAGES
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DAVID & KIM SCHRAG	DON KOOIMAN & DONALD CHRISTOFFELS
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BARTON & JULIE VISS	CAROLYN VISS
JAY & JUDY VAN ENGEN	PETE SOODSMA
ORVILLE & ARLENE VAN'T HUL	PETE SOODSMA
LONNY & BRENDA WARNE	DEL BROWN

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SUE & DEAN BAUMBERGER	THEO, BENNET & ABBOTT
RENEE BRECK	BRENDA
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JEAN & MARK CONZEMIUS	GRATITUDE FOR DR. GLENN RIDDER
SHAWN COSTELLO	BRENDA VEHLÉ'S BIRTHDAY
JANE FISCHER	HULDA FISCHER
SHARON & LLOYD HOOGESTRAAT	OUR GRANDCHILDREN
JOY & ROBERT JACOBSON	JESSICA
FANNIE JANSSEN	MY GRANDKIDS
KARI LOOFE	BRENDA VEHLÉ
DENNIS & JAN MOTZ	BISHOP DONALD DEGROOD'S BIRTHDAY
BOYD & KAY REIMNITZ	STEPHANIE WOLLMAN, ANTHONY REIMNITZ & DESTINY ROHRER (AND CHILDREN)
DOUG & LINDA SCHAEFFER	DONNA ZEEB
ROBERT & CRIS SICHMELLER	JESSICA ANDERSON
ALICE ANN STANGE	ALL OF MY FAMILY
BRAD & JUDY SVENNES	COURTNEY REEFER
EUGENE & CHERYL THOMAS	CHRISTINE VELDHIJZEN
MARVIN & BERTHA VAN'T HOF	BERTHA'S 88TH BIRTHDAY
MARK & DEB VAN'T HUL	MARK'S BIRTHDAY
ORVILLE & ARLENE VAN'T HUL	BRYCE PARK VAN'T HUL NEWEST GREAT GRANDSON
LANCE & VEE WONDERS	VEE TOMES WONDERS

Upon request, we have special cards available to send in recognition of any gifts given in memory or in honor of an individual.



JOIN OUR TEAM

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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REGISTRATION OPEN NOW
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Happy 41ST BIRTHDAY
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Alpha Baby Sivansh