

# Wellspring Life Ministry

#### Fall 2021

Formerly known as Pregnancy Clinic Ministry

As Keyana walked into the Pregnancy Clinic on a dreary afternoon in 2019, her mind was reeling. The previous two years had been filled with loss, broken relationships and bad decisions, culminating in a positive pregnancy test that morning.

An only child, Keyana was devastated by the death of her mom in 2015 and decided to move to Texas for a fresh start with a new, promising job opportunity. But her grief eventually consumed her and the fresh start she

had hoped for turned into a cycle of drug use, unhealthy relationships and regret.

"It was such a sad time" she recalls now. "Losing my mom hit hard. I was in a bad place. My head was definitely not on straight. I knew I was slowly killing myself with the loneliness and the drug use if I did not make a change."

Realizing that she needed to make positive changes in her life led her to make the decision to return home to Maryland to be closer to family and friends. She was able to transfer her job position and planned to stay with her father while getting her life back on track.

Not long after settling in Maryland, she was shocked to discover she was pregnant. Overwhelmed by her circumstances and not wanting to be a burden to her dad, her initial thought was an abortion.

Keyana did an online search for abortion information, looking for a place that was "free and private". Her search led her to the Pregnancy Clinic, where she says she was surprised by the "nice vibe" and how comfortable she felt speaking with her counselor, Sue.

"I knew right then I couldn't let him go. That was the start of my journey."

"It was emotional to be able to talk to somone who would listen... I was crying and confused. She was so encouraging and helpful."

After speaking with Sue and learning about resources available to her, Keyana had an ultrasound. In that moment, Keyana says everything changed.

"It was just a shower of emotion at that very moment," Keyana said, remembering seeing her baby's tiny heart beating. "When it happens to you, it's totally amazing. I knew right then I couldn't let him go. And that was the start of my journey". (Cont'd on page 2)

Wellspring Life Ministry (formerly known as the Pregnancy Clinic Ministry) is a faith-based, medical non-profit, serving those facing pregnancy-related and sexual health issues by offering physical, emotional, and spiritual support, and empowering them to make healthy and life-affirming decisions.

Introducing Wellspring Life Ministry

Dear friends,

Many of you may have already learned about our 'refreshing of our brand.' But for those who haven't, I want to bring you up to date with our exciting news.

Briefly, a 'brand' is the gut reaction people have when they hear or see the name of an organization. It is more than just our logo or associated image.

Over the years our logo and our name - our brand have changed and evolved: *Bowie Crisis Pregnancy Center* turned into *Bowie Crofton Pregnancy Center*, then *Bowie Crofton Pregnancy Center and Medical Clinic*. After expanding, we had *three* names (Bowie Crofton Pregnancy Clinic, Severna Park Pregnancy Clinic, and Annapolis Pregnancy Clinic) all under one name: *Pregnancy Clinic Ministry*.



Our websites have also changed. For

many years, PregnancyClinicMinistry.org was our *partner* website - until it became an issue for us to repeat the words "pregnancy" and "clinic" for our partners while using those words for client marketing with Google ads.

So we changed to HelpHopeandHealing.org as our ministry website. While we love these words, we found quickly that they describe what we *do*, not who we *are*, which led to some confusion when using them as our main ministry website address.

During the Board of Directors strategic meeting in January 2020, we discussed and approved an expansion of services - and the search for a new 'umbrella' name to serve over all our services. This spring, the Lord led us to a new name: **Wellspring Life Ministry.** 



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Keyana left the Pregnancy Clinic with an ultrasound picture of her baby and a new found resolve to make positive changes in her life. Her father said it was a blessing and assured her that they could stay with him as long as needed. Her extended family was excited about the news and gave Keyana a baby shower to ensure she had everything she would need.

Kaedyn is now a rambunctious two-year-old with a head full of curls and an irresistible smile. He has the confidence that comes from being surrounded by people who love him. He is the light of his grandfather's life. In fact, Keyana reports that one of his first words was "Grandpa".

Keyana says her life has changed in ways she never thought possible, all beginning from the moment she saw that tiny heart beating on the ultrasound.

> "Kaedyn wouldn't be here if I hadn't come [to the Pregnancy Clinic] and I probably would have been lost. He is truly a blessing."

### What will change?

Our new ministry website will be **WellspringLife.org** and will have information about our history, impact, many services, and giving opportunities.

### What stays the same?

The name Pregnancy Clinic, which is known and trusted by our clients and community, will be transitioned to reflect only the services provided at our three Pregnancy Clinic offices. The website, PregnancyClinic.org, is client-facing for our clients and will remain.

## Why Wellspring Life?

The name Wellspring Life has a deep meaning for us, which is best explained by one of our Board of Directors, Kelly Stauffer:

Basically the picture in my mind when I hear Wellspring is of when I visited the Banias Spring in Caesarea Philippi on my trip to Israel in 2017.

The water there is so clear and the vegetation so lush, all in the middle of a pretty desert landscape.

The interesting thing about this place is that Jesus was probably here when speaking with his disciples in Matthew 16:13-20 and Mark 8:27-33, when He asked them, "who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter declared that Jesus was the Christ, and Jesus blessed Peter, renamed him, and said, "On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

The Banias Springs are located right next to a cave where local people worshipped the god Pan. They believed that the cave

Most importantly, *our mission will not change*, nor our commitment to serving this community with life-affirming care, the love of Jesus, and the hope of the Gospel.

We are so blessed to be in partnership with you in this mission field and we want to keep you up to date throughout these exciting changes. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

To Life!

Samela

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was the entrance to the underworld. So in effect, Jesus was literally standing at the gates of Hell, which makes it so powerful to hear His proclamation that "the gates of Hell (Hades) will not prevail" against God's Church.

Given this picture in my mind it reassures me that God is still making this proclamation. That what we, the Church, are involved in is a spiritual battle and these days it can seem to us that we are losing. BUT GOD said evil will not prevail.

The name Wellspring reminds us that the battle belongs to the Lord and that despite the death all around us, evil will not prevail. When we stay plugged into the Well of God's renewing

strength, we will be refreshed and see God spring forth a lush, fruitful landscape in the community we reach – a Wellspring of Life.

A powerful name for a powerful ministry!



### Serving Women, Saving Lives, Sharing Jesus.

Welcome, Dr. Maryrose Eichelberger!



Dr. Maryrose Eichelberger recently joined the Ministry as part of our Sexual Health Clinic and new Women's Wellness program. Maryrose is a patient-centered physician, combining traditional medicine with holistic wellness. She received her MD in General Medicine from the University of Maryland and a formal certification from the American Academy of Anti-Aging. She recently retired from her local private practice and is excited to join the team at Wellness Life Ministry! Welcome!

"I feel very blessed to be a part of this wonderful ministry!"

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