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Wellspring Life Ministry

Winter 2022

Alex drove past the Annapolis Pregnancy Clinic on her daily commute to work. She frequently noticed the beautiful flower garden and the quaint, welcoming little house. But late in 2020, as she glanced at the sign in the Clinic's front yard, she couldn't shake the nagging feeling that she could possibly be pregnant.

Alex was single and had a demanding career. The prospect of an unplanned pregnancy filled her with uncertainty. Although in her heart and body she knew she was pregnant, she wanted to know for sure. She called and made an appointment in our office. That same night, she met with a volunteer counselor to confirm her pregnancy and talk over her options.

"I knew I always wanted to be a mom, but I didn't think I was ready. The relationship I was in was very new, and I didn't want to bring a child into that uncertainty.

"I was battling a lot about what I was going to do, and if I was even capable of being a good mom," Alex recalls.

As Alex spoke with her counselor, she began to feel encouraged and emboldened to consider parenting. She learned there were many resources available to her, and she also realized that she did not have to do this alone.

"[Wellspring Life Ministry] helped me so much during my pregnancy. I was able to come in for an ultrasound when I was feeling nervous. They were always there for me. "

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Alex

It was during her ultrasound that Alex said she knew for sure what she was going to do. "I knew that ultimately, my only choice was to become a mom."

Alex eagerly participated in our LifeSense Education Classes, where she was able to learn parenting skills alongside other expectant moms. She earned her "Baby Shower in a Bag",

filled to overflowing with clothing, diapers, and other needed items.

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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.

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Pamela's Post



Our 40th Anniversary of ministry is not only a big number but also one that is so symbolic in many ways. The number 40 in the Bible generally symbolizes a period of testing, trial, and then, finally, triumph. From Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness to Moses' 40 days on Mt. Sinai, and then the Israelites' 40 years of wandering, testing and trials are clear. Biblical scholars have pointed out, and God makes clear in scripture, that faith that is not tested is vulnerable.

There certainly have been times of testing, outward attacks, and internal trials over all those years, but this biblically-grounded, prayerfully strong, Jesus-focused ministry has kept the faith and emerged stronger, unshaken - and *flourishing*. Flourishing is our theme this year and means growing vigorously and thriving. We are excited to be sharing throughout the year the vision and plans that the Lord has given the Board of Directors.

Yet it all starts with a glance back and a reminder of how it began. Because of a small group of obedient believers and their mustard seeds of faith and bold obedience to God, we now have the privilege to know of THOUSANDS of babies' lives saved from abortion and THOUSANDS more hearts who have heard the Good News of Jesus.

Every baby saved and every life transformed is a work of God's hand through the ministry. This would not have happened without hundreds of others, like YOU. Supporters, prayer partners, volunteers, BOD members, and staff. We are so grateful to minister alongside you, before, now, and into a flourishing future of ministry, serving women, saving lives, sharing Jesus.

*Those that be planted in
the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the
courts of our God.
Psalm 92:13*

Pamela

Pamela Palumbo
CEO

Spring Opportunities at Wellspring

Attention small groups, church groups, and motivated friends! Spring is approaching and with it comes many volunteer opportunities at our three clinic locations. We need help with spring deep-cleaning, regular day-to-day cleaning, and outside yard work including weeding, pruning, and mowing. If you are interested in volunteering some manual labor in the coming months, please reach out to Angela, Director of Outreach and Volunteers, at angela@pregnancyclinic.org.



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In the summer of 2021, Alex gave birth to a beautiful, healthy baby boy, Tyler. He is now the joy of her life! "Tyler loves being outside. He is always on the move and getting into everything that isn't his! He is such a happy boy, always smiling throughout the day."

Alex's initial fears of motherhood are gone, replaced with new confidence in herself and in her hopes and dreams for their future. "He has changed me, made me more patient, made me a harder worker, more adaptable, and in some ways more relaxed."

Alex's plans include a career change for a better future for her and her son, which will be relocating to the south. She is looking forward to watching Tyler grow and seeing him play in the sand.

Wellspring Life Ministry is blessed to be a part of Alex and Tyler's story and know that their future is bright.



10 Years of Saving Lives in Annapolis

On a sunny Spring day in March of 2012, staff, volunteers and friends of what was then The Pregnancy Clinic Ministry gathered in the front yard of a little house on West Street to cut the ribbon on the new Annapolis Pregnancy Clinic. As prayers were raised and praises sung in that little front yard, we couldn't help but look across the street at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility, and know that God had a plan for this Ministry to be there, for such a time as this.



The opening of the Annapolis Pregnancy Clinic was truly an act of faith. When the little house first became available for rent, we had no plan for expanding the Ministry at that time. But CEO Pamela Palumbo and our Board of Directors knew that this location, directly across from the last remaining abortion facility in Anne Arundel County, could be instrumental in saving lives. Every step of the process was covered in prayer, asking for guidance and direction from our God who provided more than we could even have imagined.

Today the Annapolis Pregnancy Clinic is a trusted place in the community where women come for compassionate, caring, professional help. Since opening in 2012, by the Grace of God, we know of 272 women who have turned from abortion and instead choose life for their babies. That's enough children to fill 11 classrooms! And we rejoice also for the opportunities to have 1,700 spiritual conversations and share the Gospel over 800 times!



March 13, 2012: Ribbon Cutting

We have seen God work miracles in that little house, bringing life and hope to families even in the darkest of times.

Thank you to our many faithful partners, who have given of their time, talents, and treasure to turn a 120-year-old house into the functional, beautiful Annapolis Pregnancy Clinic. It truly is a place women and men will find truth spoken in love, compassionate care, and the way to a life they didn't think was possible.

Welcome to our New Board Members!

Nikki Barnes is originally from New York and has a Masters Degree in Special Education from the University of Maryland. She and her husband, Anthony, have 3 sweet little ones; she describes her favorite role yet is "Stay at Home-Homeschooling mama." Nikki became involved in Wellspring Life Ministry 10 years ago as a counselor. "Being on the board allows me to continue to be involved with, support, and serve the community all while providing the hope that is Jesus Christ."



Lew Schrumm recently retired from the Senior Pastor role at Mid Atlantic Community Church. He and his wife, Nancy, are the proud parents of 4 kids and grandparents to 11 grandchildren. Lew has always had a heart for young people. "So many young folks who get in trouble end up pregnant and they don't know what to do," he said. "The people at Wellspring Life Ministry love them like they've never been loved before. I'm so excited to get involved." Welcome, Lew!

Meet the 2022 Board of Directors: Rev. Derek McCoy (President); Kelly Stauffer (Vice President); Pamela Thomas (Secretary); Jim Anderson (Treasurer); Lew Schrumm (Member); Nikki Barnes (Member); Pamela Palumbo (Member).

Gifts of Hope

Looking for a special way to show you care that will make a difference in countless lives? Make a gift In Honor or In Memory. Send your gift with the information, and we will send a card to the person you designate.

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2022 Walk & Run for Life!

Saturday, September 24, 2022



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Thursday, February 17, 9:30am-12:30pm

Is God Calling You?

Our 10-week Volunteer Training Course begins February 17. Join us and see how God would use you to minister to women and families in our community. Learn more here wellspringlife.org/event/volunteer-training/