

Wellspring Life Ministry

"Stephanie" is a busy mom in a blended family. When she and her husband married a few years ago, each brought a child into the marriage, and together they welcomed a baby daughter. Stephanie and her husband, still adjusting to the challenges of a new marriage, having "stepchildren," and their new daughter, agreed that their family was complete.

Then Stephanie took a pregnancy test.

When Stephanie contacted our office, she was reeling from the positive results of her at-home pregnancy test. She found us online and texted for an appointment, "desperate for someone to talk to."

She planned to confirm her pregnancy then schedule an abortion as soon as possible without telling anyone - even her husband.

"I was worried about his reaction, and the stress it would cause in our family. I wasn't thinking, really, I was panicking. I thought an abortion was the only solution," Stephanie said tearfully. Stephanie came to our office determined to get the information she needed to schedule an abortion: a confirmation of pregnancy, and an ultrasound to see how far along she was. She entered our doors filled with fear, anxiety, and shame, but was met with something completely different: hope.

"I didn't expect to be treated so kindly and with such compassion. My counselor spent time getting to know ME - asking me about my life and what I wanted. I hadn't even stopped to think about what I wanted. I was too afraid to even consider it."

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Stephanie, Pregnancy Clinic client

Spring 2023

Her conversation with her counselor gave Stephanie the opportunity to think about the impact an abortion would have on her family - both now and in the future. Stephanie realized that this baby already had siblings and a place in their family. She began to consider a different future.

Then came time for her ultrasound. "One minute the room was quiet, and the next thing I heard was the sound of my baby's heartbeat - a strong heartbeat that meant something! I knew right then and there that this baby is a LIFE and that we were going to make it work."

Stephanie left our office clutching pictures of her beautiful 12-week preborn baby, filled with hope. To her delight and surprise, her husband was excited about the pregnancy, and they are preparing to welcome a very loved baby #4 into their family this spring.

"We are so thankful that God put [this Clinic] in my path. You literally saved this baby. We will forever be grateful."

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.

Pamela's Post

The noise of our culture is intense and unrelenting. We see all around us a cultural war for the lives of women and preborn children. Abortion promoters, social media, music, TV, and films all normalize and promote risky sexual behaviors and devalue human life. A battle rages for the minds and bodies of youth and young adults who are searching for solutions. As a Ministry, we are 100% engaged in this battle and know we will be victorious - by continually seeking God's vision for the Ministry in offering Christ-centered, compassionate, truthful care and services to women at risk for abortion.

Our expansion of services - described in depth on the next page - was originally part of a 5 year strategic plan that the Ministry's Board of Directors drafted back in January 2020. We were working to understand the women we serve now, who are very different from the women we served when we opened in 1982. We identified that modern women's issues and needs could be best met by an expansion of our Medical Services to include Well Women Reproductive services, offering compassionate care from a holistic approach, and including mental and spiritual care along with physical.

We began steps in Jan 2020... and then, we all know what the spring of that year brought!

Fast forward to 2023 - and we are excited to finally launch these new initiatives that came from much prayer and planning. And it's more important than ever: We are now in a Post-Dobbs era, in a state considered an Abortion Tourism destination. The FDA eliminated many Abortion Pill restrictions during Covid, and the Abortion Pill now accounts for the majority of today's abortions.

We must be prepared to care for women at the earliest stage of pregnancy - as soon as a woman suspects that she is pregnant, often at 6 weeks or even earlier.



In this anti-life culture, we also see bills being drafted by our Maryland legislators which are dangerous and absolutely life-threatening. It is imperative that you and I become educated and involved to defend LIFE! We are thankful for sister organizations like Maryland Right to Life (mdrtl.org) and the newly forming Maryland Family Institute who are so crucial.

In addition, we will be working as advocates to ensure our legislators understand that Wellspring Life Ministry's Pregnancy Clinics, as well as many other pregnancy resource centers around the state, are professional medical clinics, with licensed medical staff offering services that are much needed in our communities.

It is a blessing and a privilege to stand alongside you in this battle for Life! Onwards to victory!

To Life!





WALK AND RUN FOR LIFE SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Registration Opens June 1! Spend a day saving lives with every step! Each year, hundreds of families come to walk, run, toddle, and have a ton of fun as they raise funds to support the important work of Wellspring Life Ministry: serving women, saving babies, and sharing Jesus. See you there!

Head's Up, Church Captains!

Save the Date for the annual Church Captain Kick Off on Friday, July 21, 6-7:30pm. It's never too early to sign up and get your church involved. Contact Sharon at patten.s@wellspringlife.org for more information on serving in this important role.

Walkandrun.org

New Year, New Staff, New Services!

Welcome, Lianna! Wellspring Life Ministry is pleased to introduce Lianna Stockeland, CRNP, who will join the medical team this spring. Lianna is excited to be able to practice medicine while speaking Jesus to women in word and deed! She will help the Ministry expand services to include Well Women Reproductive Care, including cancer screening pap smears and breast exams, health and fertility education, and more - in addition to STD/HIV testing and STD treatment, which is already being offered.

Why this expansion? With these new services, Wellspring Life Ministry aims to counteract the current culture of death, widespread sexual disease, and emotional and spiritual woundedness by reaching and caring for women before, during, and after they are making abortion decisions. The women served will receive exceptional one-on-one medical care, which will not only save lives, but empower them to thrive.

Wellspring Life Ministry does not intend to become a woman's primary care - the Ministry's primary mission has been and always will be caring for pregnant women considering abortion. However, "reaching" these women is much harder and more complicated than before as Big Tech actively suppresses Ministry ads and posts.

By serving more women in their reproductive years, Wellspring Life Ministry will not only offer important medical services to women who need them, but will also be building a relationship with women who may become Pregnancy Clinic clients in a future, unexpected pregnancy. As patients experience our caring, professional services, we will also hope to reach their friends and circle of influence as they refer their friends to us.

The Wellspring Life Ministry's community of partners, churches, and businesses have made and continues to make this expansion possible, and enables us to offer these services at no cost to our clients. We look forward to seeing what God will do in the coming months!



Lianna Stockeland, CRNP, the newest member of our Medical Team



Ultrasound image of a 8-week preborn baby as seen on one of our ultrasound machines

Summer Volunteer Training

What will you do on your summer vacation?

Do you feel a calling to help women and men who are considering abortion? Are you looking for an opportunity to share the Gospel of Hope with a hurting world?

Our summer Volunteer Training Course will begin in June. In this 9-week *evening* course, you will learn about abortion methods, important communication skills, and evangelism techniques.

Learn more at Wellspringlife.org/Volunteer or email angela@wellspringlife.org

Volunteer Positions:
Female Counselor
Men's Counselor (MVP)
Nurses
Medical Providers
Receptionist
Administrative Support
Text Support
Spanish Speaker

Healing is Possible

Are you struggling with an abortion in your past? Women and men who are suffering from a past abortion decision are invited to participate in the Ministry's confidential Post-Abortion Bible Study, *Forgiven and Set Free*. Learn more at Wellspringlife.org/PAS.



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 details and we will send a card to the person you designate.

Gifts Given in Honor of:

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Duffie Dawson, by Belcroft Bible Church;
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