## Wellspring Life Ministry Winter/Spring 2025



Late last summer we received a call from the Abortion Pill Rescue Hotline: Audrey\* had contacted the hotline after taking the first part of the abortion pill regimen. She was now devastated and desperate to save her baby. Our APR team scrambled and met Audrey at our clinic. While every APR situation is tragic, Audrey's story and her pleas to save her child were particularly heartbreaking.

Audrey and her husband were surprised but happy when she discovered she was pregnant. Living in Texas with two school age children at home, they were excited to be preparing to enter the "baby phase" again when they received the news that prenatal testing had identified their baby as having Down Syndrome. Their doctor advised the couple to abort as soon as possible, painting the future as dire and their baby's life as something to be disposed of quickly and forgotten.

Audrey and her husband were reeling and confused by the news, and inundated with negative opinions. Their two children were already excited by the pregnancy. Now at 21 weeks gestation, the baby was moving and growing, and the family had seen him on the ultrasound. But their doctor stressed the urgency in aborting as soon as possible. Texas laws do not permit 2nd trimester abortions, but the couple learned that Maryland law allows abortions in all three trimesters.

With great remorse but following their doctor's advice, they found a hospital in Baltimore that would administer the abortion pill and made an appointment. (We do not understand why this hospital administered the abortion pill at this late date when protocol is only until 11 weeks, but regardless, because she had begun the abortion pill we stepped in to help her.)

Audrey and her husband, feeling immense pressure to follow their doctor's orders, packed up their family and drove to Maryland.

\*Name changed for privacy.

"The whole way to Maryland, I just wanted my husband to say 'we got this' and turn the car around," Audrey recalls. "But he was trying to take care of me, and we both were just trying to do the right thing, though we didn't know what that was."

After taking the first dose of the 2-part abortion pill regimen at the hospital, Audrey and her family checked into a hotel. Almost immediately she began to panic. She and her husband knew that they needed to try too save her their baby boy. They called the APR Hotline and were referred to our Women's Clinic for the abortion pill reversal protocol. After meeting with our APR counselor and medical staff, Audrey and her family began to feel hope and optimism for the future. An ultrasound revealed a lively, moving baby with a strong heartbeat.

Audrey and her family headed back to Texas with a new plan, one filled with hope and excitement for the future. Little Leonardo was born at 37.5 weeks, weighing in at 5.5 lbs and 19.5 inches long. After spending 11 days in the NICU, Leo was able to come home to his grateful parents and his very excited brother and sister.

Audrey and her husband know there may be challenges for their son but also know that God has a great plan for his life.

"He is doing great, doing all the infant things and meeting his milestones," Audrey said. "We are so happy. I can't imagine my life without him."

66 I still tear up sometimes when ! think of what you all did for me. Thank you all for wrapping your arms around me and helping to keep my little one safe.



As part of the nationwide Abortion Pill Rescue Network, we receive calls from women who have begun the two-part abortion pill regimen and have changed their minds and are desperate to save their babies. Since 2015 God has used this Ministry to save the lives of 19 babies through Abortion Pill Reversal.

## Pamela's Post

In a past Forbes Non Profit Council publication, they stated that "One critical factor that determines the success of an organization, is how solid its connections are with its target audience. Every single non profit is founded on an important mission that the organization must continue being aligned to, despite an everchanging landscape".

This certainly describes the landscape for Wellspring Life Ministry as we stride into our mid 40 years of ministry to women at risk for abortion. In the 80's when we began, there was no social media, video streaming, internet, or texting. Over the years we have conducted SWOT analysis to stay current on our 'Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats'. This has helped us look at the woman we served when we opened vs the woman of today, her fears, wants, options and needs.

Two years ago this lead us to expand our services, such as our Well Women and STD/HIV testing, to better serve women in our area and reach them before they were experiencing an unexpected pregnancy.

Another area was how they want to communicate. Most of you reading this know this generation is much more likely to use their mobile phone to text, than to pick up a phone and make a call.

Another was 'time'. Workdays aren't always 9-5 and working remote has meant more flexibility as well. We have researched and worked to modify our

**Increase in Text Outreach** Phone Calls 100 100% 96% 84% 55% 80 60 40 20 45% 16% 2010 2015 2020 2022 2024 communication channels and messaging to reach current demographic groups effectively, leveraging social media, culturally relevant language and community events.

With pressure from the left, 3 years ago Google began blocking our ads from even using the word 'abortion', such as in 'We offer abortion information'. We pivoted and began focusing on work arounds, offline marketing, and being available for women, when abortion clinics are not.

Thus was born our 'Texting Team', a combination of volunteers and paid staff who run our texting line when our physical offices are closed. This means that Mon-Fri from 5pm-11pm and all Sat & Sun, we offer a LIVE person anyone can text for information and to set up an appointment. Abortion clinics are *not* open and available then, but we are, and able to reach her first.

As we have watched our total phone calls drop, we are watching our texting continue to rise each year. This past year alone, over 2,889 texting conversations occurred and 1,225, or over 42% happened during off hours. This resulted in an additional 127 appointments being made during those hours, in addition to all the texting conversations which began at midnight and the next morning our team picked up and continued when they opened the office.

Your partnership makes innovation, outreach, and relevance like this possible for us to reach THIS woman of today - THIS woman who has abortion pushed on her from all sides and the abortion pill dispensed like candy. We stand strong and firm for her, ready with the truth spoken in love, offering compassionate, honest care, and sharing the hope that is within us: the Gospel.

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"PRAY ALSO FOR ME, THAT WHENEVER I SPEAK, WORDS MAY
BE GIVEN ME SO THAT I WILL FEARLESSLY MAKE KNOWN THE
MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL." Ephesians 6:9

# Post Abortion Ministry

Serving on the board for Wellspring Life is one of the greatest honors in my life. I have seen God move in the efforts and lives of staff, volunteers, and all those we serve in each of our clinics.

While Wellspring offers diverse services including holistic well women's care, pregnancy testing and counseling, STD testing and treatment, abortion pill reversal, and Life Sense classes, I am most passionate about our Post Abortion Ministry.

Abortion is front and center in the spiritual war around us. While children made in God's image are the obvious victims in this battle, the women and men who fall victim to the lie of abortion face spiritual wounds that can be devastating. When we consider that at least a third of the women around us have experienced one or more abortions, we can see the magnitude of this mission field.

The effects of abortion may look different for each person. Some may identify immediately the weight of their decision while others may find 5, 10, or even 20 years following an abortion that they are no longer able to deny the impact of the loss. Symptoms of depression and anxiety, relationship issues, even difficulty with bonding

### Scan here to see Kelly's video

with living children are often experienced by the women and men to whom we minister.



Wellspring Life Ministry offers Bible studies where women and men can find hope and healing. The Post Abortion Bible Study provides a safe and confidential space to express complex emotions like grief, guilt, anger, and regret. My own personal experience led to a "spiritual wall" between myself and God. I couldn't imagine that what I had done could be forgiven but. when I was able to see the real Character of God in scripture, the wall came down. The Bible Study was instrumental in my healing and relationship with God. I have seen healing in the life of those who have completed the study.

If you or someone you know is experiencing difficulty after an abortion, Wellspring's Post

Abortion Bible Study is an experience in which you will find overflowing grace and a closer relationship with God.





### LifeSense: a unique way to serve

Wellspring cares passionately about the well-being of the moms that walk through our doors, and not just the babies that are saved. One of the ways we show our commitment to be by their side is through our LifeSense Education program which offers free, online classes about topics such as budgeting, parenting, and labor and delivery.

We are always seeking volunteers to teach these online classes. Prayerfully consider serving as a LifeSense volunteer instructor. Contact Angela at angela@wellspringlife.org for more details. Learn more at LifeSenseclasses.org or with the QR code.

Honor or remember someone special in your life and make a life-saving difference with a gift to Wellspring Life Ministry. Send your gift with the details and we will send a card and your note to the person you designate.

### **Gifts Giving In Honor of:**

Dan Raspa, by Robbe & Kimberly Reddinger; Elwood & Nancy Dove, by Deborah A Dove; Isaac Matthew & Monica Rose Gaeng, by Brendan & Christi Gaeng; Joseph Graves Jr., by Scott & Sharon Greenip; Kimberly Iaquinta, by John & Donna Schell; Lew & Nancy Schrumm, by Kevin Haukebo; and by April Wilt; Lianna Stockeland, by Neal & Betty Stockeland; Pamela Palumbo, by James & Pamela Phillips; Rich & Catherine Gobao, by Robert Goldschmidt; Stephen Summers, by Sharon Summers; Tom & Marguerite Rowe, by Robert Goldschmidt; Tom Armstrong, by Deborah A Dove, and by Arthur & Sandra Ahalt.

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# Save the Date! Walk and Run for life

September 20, 2025 Registration Opens June 1

### **Head's Up, Church Captains!**

Interested in leading your church team at this year's Walk and Run for Life? It's not too early to get started! For more information, contact Sharon at patten.s@wellspringlife.org.

# **Wellspring Life**Ministry

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# Volunteer Spotlight: Grace D.

Since joining Wellspring Life Ministry,
I have witnessed how abortion has given
women a dooming answer to their crisis.
Once I saw the destruction abortion caused,
and calling me to seek these women by both

I felt the Lord calling me to seek these women by both meeting them in their crisis and hoping they may know the only life giving answer to their situation is Christ and His ways. He's called me to pursue these women with His true hope, to help them seek restoration even in the most complex of circumstances.

God's workmanship is evident through every facet of this ministry. Whether I'm watching our Sonographers show

women the reality of another life in their situation, to our office managers creating an environment that feels safe and welcoming for women who are vulnerable, it is inspiring to see the body of believers that make this ministry whole. Seeing God's unmeasurable impact through the people of Wellspring has helped me to remember He is the one doing the supernatural work in the counseling room. It helps me to remember it is not just the client and I in that room, but also God's accessible spirit working in our conversation.

## Consider Our Volunteer Training

Do you have a heart for women considering abortion? Curious about volunteering? It's not too late to join our Volunteer Training Course. The 9-week training begins Wednesday, February 19, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Faith Community Church.

Join us and see how God would use you to minister to women and families in our community. Learn more at Wellspringlife.org/Volunteer or email angela@wellspringlife.org