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Wellspring Life Ministry

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Lesley arrived at our clinic with a lot of worry and anxiety. She had barely told her dad that she was dating someone new, and now she was afraid that she was pregnant! Lesley had always respected her strongly disciplined father's opinion and really needed his guidance, but was also fearful of his response to this unexpected news. Her heart was broken when her father's reaction was to turn his back on her.

When Lesley spoke with the baby's father, “Matt,” he told her that this was her decision - he would support whatever she wanted. While this seemed supportive, his response ultimately left her feeling even more alone.

She was on her own to make and shoulder the weight of this unimaginable decision. Despairing, she made up her mind to have an abortion.

Needing help, and someone to talk to, Lesley searched on Google and found our clinic. She came to her appointment looking for answers. Was the pregnancy viable? How far along was she? Her counselor, Joy, lovingly asked Lesley how she felt about everything and listened to all of Lesley's concerns.

She saw her baby and heard the heartbeat during her sonogram. However, when she walked out of our clinic, she was still determined to end her pregnancy with an abortion, and in fact already had an abortion scheduled.

On the day of the appointment, when Lesley met Matt to accompany her to the procedure, she could not stop crying. Matt started crying, too.



Lesley admitted that she did not want to get an abortion and through his tears, Matt said the same. Lesley was no longer alone. Together, the young couple chose life for their baby.

Lesley and Matt married, and Baby Erlin was born, arriving several weeks early. Lesley's whole family surrounded the couple and their young son with care and support.

“I wasn't there for you during the pregnancy,” Lesley's father said, “but I will be there for you and the baby.” The young family lives near Lesley's parents and little Erlin is the joy of his grandfather's life. “He loves him like no other,” Lesley says.

Erlin has brought nothing but joy to Lesley and Matt.

“Thank you for everything, it was a blessing to go to the clinic.” Lesley texted. “I thank God every day for everything that has happened... Going to that clinic changed everything for me and now I can't imagine a world without my little baby. I am truly grateful.”

Did you know? Research and testimonies from women who face an unplanned pregnancy show that men have the power to positively or negatively affect their choice for their babies. The father's support is critical in a woman's decision to choose life.

Sometimes, all it takes is a brave and supportive father saying, “We can do this,” for her to choose life for her baby.

Pamela's Post

My husband Joe and I attend Bay Area Community Church and our church focus for 2026 is on being Good News People. For us this means being people who take the next step in showing and sharing the Good News of Jesus... so others might live.



Part of the message our Pastor, Greg St. Cyr, shared is when Jesus walked through Jericho, the crowds pressed in all around Him, yet he stopped, looked up and saw one man, Zacchaeus. Lost, searching, longing for something more. When Jesus looks at the many, He sees the ONE. He sees us and He calls us by name. We all have the opportunity to be Good News People on mission with Jesus, to step into ordinary places of life and carry extraordinary HOPE.

This is the mission of Wellspring Life as well. To Serve Women – Save Lives – Share Jesus. In 2025, we had 424 opportunities to share Jesus, right here in Annapolis, Bowie, Severna Park and surrounding communities with women who walked in our doors. Hurting women facing an unexpected, often unwanted pregnancy, often alone. Statistics tell us that of women with an abortion in their past, more than 80% said if just ONE person had come alongside them and offered help and hope, they would not have aborted their baby, but would have chosen Life instead. The Father sees these women and invites us to see them too.

The world around us is filled with despair, yet the greatest rejoicing in heavens is when a soul comes to know Jesus Christ. How amazing to be a part of all God did through this ministry of His, this past year in bringing the truth spoken in love and the Good News ...hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of times a year.

You can learn what it means to be a Good News person by stepping out in faith and simply attending our no-obligation volunteer training beginning in February and then praying how God might use you.

Pamela

Update on Succession:

Pray for the WLM Board of Directors for wisdom and vision and God's provision of the person He is calling to lead this Ministry.

Hello, Leo!

We first introduced little Leo in our winter newsletter last year. You may remember his story - - After a prenatal diagnosis of Down's Syndrome, Leo's parents had been pressured by their doctor to abort. Leo's mom had reluctantly begun the medication abortion process when she and her husband chose to follow their hearts and give their child the best life possible. They found the Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline, who referred them to us and our APR team was able to successfully administer the APR protocol. Months later little Leo was born and came home to a very grateful, loving family. We praise God for saving Leo's life and are overjoyed to see pictures of his sweet smile.

It is a heartbreaking reality that in the USA, up to 85% of babies with a prenatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome are aborted.

Recently, we were thrilled to receive a sweet update from his parents along with this adorable photo from Christmas. As you can see, Leo is happy and thriving. Thank you for helping to make this Christmas possible for Leo - and for so many other children and families!

Click here for more about Leo's story.



Meet the 2026 Board of Directors



l-r Cathy Reilly, Ellen Maryon, CEO Pamela Palumbo, 2025 Banquet Speaker Kirk Walden, Nikki Barnes, Kelly Stauffer, and Derek McCoy. Not pictured: Jim Anderson.

Our 2026 Board of Directors has a new President! Kelly Stauffer, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor who leads our Post Abortion Ministry and coordinates our Post Abortion Bible Studies, will serve as President. Derek McCoy, who has faithfully fulfilled the role of President for many years, will step into the role of Vice President. The Ministry is so grateful for our all-volunteer board members and thankful that each of them will continue serving this coming year.

2026 Board of Directors

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Volunteer Spotlight: Monique

We love seeing how God calls His people to serve in this Ministry. One of our newest counselors, Monique, first learned about Wellspring Life Ministry when she came to the Bowie Women's Clinic for a well woman exam. Monique shared how God used that visit to lead her to serving Him in a way she had never considered.



"I had just moved to Maryland and didn't have health insurance. I was moved by my experience at the clinic. Everyone was so warm and welcoming and I remember that my counselor seemed genuinely interested in me and she gave me the opportunity to talk about my faith journey.

"At the time, I didn't know the clinic was Christian, but I immediately recognized that it was unlike any of my other healthcare experiences, which was especially surprising given that it was free! I wondered how I could get involved. It had only been a couple of weeks since our move from NY to Maryland and I had been praying about what was next for me in this new state.

"I noticed one of the women was wearing a tag that said 'volunteer' and at the end of the visit, I worked up the nerve to ask her how to become a volunteer. She gave me a card with the Ministry's website.

"I went through the application that afternoon and I started to uncover and articulate a deeper 'why' as I saw how my past experiences *even, and especially the bad ones*, skills, and abilities could be used to help others. I submitted the application and continued to pray about what was next for me.

"My professional career had been on Wall Street, most recently as a Senior VP in Diversity & Talent Management. The Lord began to speak to me about being a counselor/ advisor, even revealing that it is the meaning of my name, 'Monique'. Because God said it, I was open to it, but I didn't know how to even begin to transition into that field and if I would be a good fit.

"A couple months later, I received an email about the volunteer training beginning that fall. On the first day of training, we received our books and I learned that it was to be a volunteer counselor! I couldn't believe it!

"I felt that my finding the clinic and enrolling in the training was God-ordained. I wasn't sure where it would lead me, but I knew it was what I was supposed to do next."

Monique completed the Volunteer Training and went on to complete the Counseling Internship, where she was paired with experienced Counselors to both observe and be observed. She recently began counseling independently, with the support and encouragement of Wellspring Life Ministry staff and fellow volunteers.

"I feel very prepared and excited to be a counselor and have a network of experienced counselors I feel comfortable reaching out to for advice, if needed, right from the start. Everyone in the office has been so warm and welcoming and I am glad to join the team."



Considering Getting Involved? Start here

Ready to take the next step and care for women in our community considering abortion?

It's not too late to join our Volunteer Training Course.

The 9-week training begins February 11 and meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30AM to 12:30PM at Faith Community Church in Gambrills. 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

LifeSense: Free Classes... Priceless Information

"Renee," already a mother of young children, came to the clinic overwhelmed but committed to parent her new baby. When she shared her concerns about finances, her counselor suggested that Renee sign up for our LifeSense class, "How To Afford A Baby." Excited about learning new skills, Renee signed up.

Renee was also intrigued by the free Baby Shower In A Bag she could earn after completing three classes. But after her first class, she texted her counselor, "Question: am I only able to sign up for 3 classes?" Response: "Take as many as you'd like!"

Did you know?? In 2025, 175 women and men attended LifeSense classes, many earning a free Baby Shower in a Bag. Wellspring Life Ministry offers more than 20 unique LifeSense classes to anyone who is interested. Learn more and register at Lifesenseclasses.org.



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