



Declaring LIFE abundantly  
through Jesus Christ!

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Dear Friends for Life:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We have experienced many changes over the years at Alpha Center and we would like to update you on some exciting things we hope to come in the near future.

Founded in 1998, Alpha Center for Women is a pregnancy resource and education center in Ocala, offering free pregnancy tests; information on abortion risks and procedures; education on fetal development; alternatives to abortion; post-abortion support and counseling - regardless of age, race, marital or financial status. We also offer material support in the way of maternity clothing, infant clothing and accessories; referrals for medical care, financial assistance and temporary housing. We do not recommend or refer for abortion in any situation. Our mission is *“to educate, equip, support, restore and empower moms and dads to choose life.”* In August we will celebrate our 9th anniversary and since opening in 1999, we have experienced over **11,000** client visits.

Because we are located next door to Ocala Women’s Center, the local abortion office, we are often given opportunities to speak with clients that are considering abortion for their unplanned pregnancy and think that abortion is their only option. But since 2003, (when we began keeping more detailed statistical information) of the clients that were considering abortion, **91%** changed their minds and decided to carry their pregnancy to term after receiving counsel from one of our volunteers. A few have chosen adoption, but most have chosen to parent their babies.

Our "Bridges" program is an effort to establish long term relationships with our clients to equip them in becoming dependent upon themselves and the Lord, rather than governmental programs. Incentive points are obtained by earning good grades in school (A, B, or C average), maintaining employment, utilizing a household budget and keeping a balanced checking and/or savings account. Points are redeemable for needed infant furniture and equipment such as cribs, playpens, strollers, high chairs. In addition, clients may also obtain diapers, wipes, toiletries and baby clothing with their points. In the future, the program will include Biblically based classes for childbirth, parenting, daily living skills, budgeting, healthy relationship skills, and various Bible studies, so our clients will have additional opportunities to earn points and gain knowledge.

Last year, we experienced over 2300 clients visits (a 45% increase) and our Bridges program provided our clients over **3,400 dozen diapers, 954 packs of baby wipes**, in addition to clothing, and baby furniture by redeeming their incentive points. Since 2003, we have provided **11,628 dozen diapers** (that’s over **139,000** diapers!) and over **3600** packs of wipes. Our ministry also provides education on Sexually Transmitted Diseases( STD’s), challenging single clients to pledge abstinence until marriage. Last year, **188** single clients were given counsel on sexual purity and **21** committed to remain abstinent until marriage.

At this point in our ministry, we are beginning preliminary efforts to build our permanent building at our current

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location. Because our future plans include limited medical services, such as Pap and STD tests, ultrasound (*an ultrasound machine was donated to us last year!*) and a maternity home, we have a tremendous need for a larger facility. Currently, we are working to obtain a state-certified, steel modular building at a cost of \$65,000.00, which will provide 2160 square feet of office/counseling space - more than twice what we presently have. The building will serve our needs in the interim between where we are and where we desire to be: **in our new permanent building at our present location** so that we may expand into the ministry areas we believe Our Lord is directing.

**Here's where you come in:** We need committed monthly financial **Friends for Life** so that we are able to meet our budget obligations and to expand the vision. God has faithfully provided our needs and He continues to do so through His people. We are not supported by any one church, denomination or organization, nor do we accept state or federal funding. We are supported by the Body of Christ working together for the common purpose of saving and changing lives.

We humbly and prayerfully ask you to consider being a committed monthly donor. Any and every donation, **of any amount**, is needed and greatly appreciated. God bless you.

Committed for life,



Lori Chamblin  
Executive Director



Phase 1  
Interim replacement building  
36x60 State-Certified Steel Modular



Phase 2  
Future permanent Alpha Center for Women building,  
to include ultrasound services and maternity home

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