



2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

CHANGING HEARTS.
SAVING LIVES.
BUILDING FAMILIES.
RESTORING HOPE.

since 1973





A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a year it has been! As we closed the book on Vision 2015, we grew more than we could have ever anticipated. Our goal was to double the number of clients served and lives saved and we did that and in some cases, like our University office, more. Our centers are bustling with excitement and energy. Day after day families walk through our doors receiving excellent love, care and support all in the name of Jesus Christ. It is an honor and a privilege to be at New Life during this exciting time.

Our exponential growth brought us into a season of transition and change. To accommodate our growth we needed to hire new staff, add key positions, reorganize our structure, and once again, relocate our Minneapolis office. Additionally, our budget grew to \$2.1 million from just under \$1.4 million four years ago. As you can imagine, that is both challenging, yet exhilarating. The Lord has been stretching us through this season of growth and reminding us every day how desperately we need to rely on Him. He has sustained us and continues to keep us in awe of His provision and faithfulness.

As the dust settles, we move into a new season of sustainability and deepening what is already here. Over time, our clients have shifted and the life circumstances we are seeing are becoming more and more challenging. Many of our clients are facing homelessness, joblessness, and great instability in their family lives. We are often the only support system they have in place. We believe we have the right foundation to continue to help meet the increased needs that our clients are facing. Each of our centers are unique and the needs of each community are unique. As we are in the planning stages of our new strategic plan, we are looking to further deepen the services that we are already offering and expand our reach to more places. We also need to sustain the work that is already happening and prepare for additional growth and expansion.

While New Life has grown and adapted over time, our mission remains the same. Our commitment to honoring the sanctity of human life is unwavering.

Thank you for faithfully partnering with us this past year as we worked to fulfill our vision “to one day reach all abortion-minded and abortion-vulnerable individuals throughout Minnesota with comprehensive pregnancy-related services and the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”



Tammy Kocher

Tammy Kocher
Executive Director
New Life Family Services



LICENSED ADOPTION AGENCY

New Life Family Services is licensed by the State of Minnesota to provide full and limited domestic adoption services to both birth parents and adoptive families.

With an equal care for birth parents and adoptive families, we customize our adoption services to fit the individual needs of all parties involved. Additionally, New Life provides ongoing post-adoption services once the adoption is finalized.

Our Services:

- Full and limited domestic adoption services
- Embryo adoption home studies
- Post-adoption support
- Foster care

1980

ADOPTION SERVICES BEGAN
as a licensed adoption agency

2012

OUR FIRST EMBRYO ADOPTION
was facilitated

791

ADOPTIONS HAVE BEEN FACILITATED
by New Life since 1980



MEET THE NORMANS

My husband and I struggled with infertility for four years and together made the choice to pursue adoption. We were blown away by how warm and welcoming the staff at New Life were and how up front they were about the fees and requirements.

We quickly learned at New Life that while they cared for us, the adoptive parents, they were also focused on the birth parent's needs. New Life's goal is to serve moms who are in need of support during their pregnancy and adoption is one of the ways that they are able to come along side of them and support them. Their perspective on adoption is to provide families for children, not children for families.

I had never thought about how someone else's life would be affected by this adoption. It wasn't just about growing my family, but

as much or more about the birth parents. This realization changed my perspective throughout our entire adoption journey.

There are so many emotions in receiving the gift of a child from another person. On one hand, it is really hard and sad, because you know how much you love that child and you can only imagine what the birth mother is going through knowing they also love their child and will be grieving. Yet we had been praying for these children and their birth moms for so long and there is so much joy in being able to finally meet them and be a parent.

We love our sons and their birth parents so much. We have so much admiration for them. They gave us two beautiful gifts out of their love for their child and we will be forever grateful.



PROFESSIONAL & MEDICAL PREGNANCY HELP

First Care Pregnancy Center provides free pregnancy-related services to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Our licensed social workers walk alongside women and their partners as they face an unplanned pregnancy, discussing all of the options they have and supporting them in their decision. They help them make a plan for their pregnancy and provide ongoing support, resources, and referrals.

Our Services:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Ultrasound
- Pregnancy Counseling
- STI Testing & Treatment
- Resources & Referrals

1,549

PREGNANCY TESTS

provided through four centers

553

ULTRASOUNDS

for those considering abortion

635

STI TESTS

and treatment when required

993

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

initiated by our staff



MEET LYDIA

When I found out I was pregnant, I already had two children, a 4-year-old and a baby. The father of my unborn child was a drug abuser and an unsafe person to be around. On top of it all, I had just become homeless because of some poor decisions. I was absolutely lost. I very quickly realized that I couldn't support three children under the age of five at this time of my life.

I found First Care Pregnancy Center and began meeting regularly with one of their Social Workers. I applied for housing at Naomi Family Residence, a safe transitional housing program for single mothers and their children. I believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that God was working in my life at that moment.

My social worker at First Care became more than just a social worker. She became my friend. She was there for me whenever I needed to talk and helped me come up with a plan to get back on my feet and had the resources to help me.

When I got the call that I had been accepted into the Naomi program, I dropped to my knees and reded-

icated my life to Christ. Since that day, God has been showing Himself to me again and again. From my pregnancy, providing food, shelter and clothing for me and my kids, to the rent we needed for our new place.

I moved into Naomi in December of 2014. And had faith that with God on my side, anything was possible, even going through with my pregnancy. I started thinking about adoption knowing in my heart that the best thing I wanted for my unborn child was something I couldn't give her at this time in my life. I wanted her to have a loving mother and father, so I chose adoption. I worked with my social worker at First Care to start the adoption process and found the best parents that anyone could ask for.

Since I placed Ella for adoption, my life took off. My hopes and my goals are for my children to have a better life than the one I had, to go to college, and to learn from my mistakes. I have given my life back to Christ and now have hope for the future.



At Right: Lydia's birth daughter with the adoptive family she chose.



PARENTING & FAMILY SUPPORT

Through the Parenting Plus program, families meet with Parenting Coaches who create unique educational plans for each family, while supporting them with practical baby items.

Following educational sessions, families are able to “shop” in our clothing closet which provides practical items such as clothing, diapers, wipes, formula, and car seats. Furthermore, relationships are formed during these sessions and many clients come to know Christ in the process, which we know creates the most meaningful and lasting change.

Our Services:

- Individual Parenting Education
- Group Classes
- Baby Items & Diapers
- Resources & Referrals

1,626

FAMILIES PARTICIPATED
in our Parenting Program

2,710

PARENTING SESSIONS
provided to families

54,200

DIAPERS DISTRIBUTED
to support families in need



MEET ALEXA

I was in a rough spot and had been for a few years. I was living in Texas at the time and going from one bad relationship to another. I couldn't find a job, I was living on the streets, and I eventually ended up living in a domestic violence shelter. I needed fresh start.

In a step of faith, I moved to Minnesota. At that time, I was 5 months pregnant with my third child and not sure if I could parent this baby. I started researching my options and found First Care Pregnancy Center. I made the phone call and ended up making an appointment with one of the social workers who I met with on a weekly basis during my pregnancy.

After many meetings processing my decision, I told her that I had decided to parent. With the help of the resources at First Care I was able to utilize the parenting classes and shop in the clothing closet to gain the tools and supplies that I needed to help me parent better and provide for my children.

The staff at First Care were like a family and support that I didn't really have. First Care is the reason why I was able to parent. Being without a job, car, or money, I was still able to go into the clothing closet and purchase diapers, wipes, formula, clothes, shoes, potty chairs, underwear, socks, blankets, all the things you need to parent. First Care was definitely part of my survival.



HEALING AFTER ABORTION

New Life Family Services' post-abortion healing program, Conquerors, provides one-on-one mentoring and group sessions designed for women and men to deal with the pain and difficulties common to those who have had abortions.

Weekly sessions address the issues of post-abortion stress from a biblical perspective in a confidential and safe setting. Conquerors is designed to meet the unique needs of each individual and walk with them in a path to healing and freedom.

Our Services:

- 10 Week Group Sessions
- One-on-one mentoring
- Teaching & Speaking
- Online Curriculum for other Organizations

9,861

ABORTIONS IN MINNESOTA
in 2015

1 in 3

WOMEN WILL HAVE AN ABORTION
by age 45

43%

WERE ATTENDING CHURCH
at the time of their abortion according
to a recent study

31

WOMEN FOUND FREEDOM
from their abortion through Conquerors



MEET KAYLYN

As a child, I grew up active in pro-life ministry. I spent my younger years sending my babysitting money to pro-life organizations and I had a pro-lifepiece published as a 12-year-old titled “The Adoption Option.”

But when I found myself pregnant at 19 years old, I was scared and was being pressured into abortion by the father. Feeling trapped and without options, I decided that instead of having an abortion and going against everything that I believed in, that I was going to take my own life instead. I attempted suicide, which was the first of many attempts at ending my life. However my attempt was not successful and the father of my child brought me to the abortion clinic kicking and screaming. I had my first abortion that day.

In the year following, I had 2 more abortions. I was using drugs and alcohol to help numb the pain, which resulted in an addiction that lasted 13 years.

Fast forward 13 years later and I had become a single mom to two beautiful children, but my addiction to drugs and alcohol had finally taken full reign of my life. I was intoxicated, suicidal, withdrawing from heroine and on the verge of prostitution. I was at risk of losing my precious children because of my habits. I had a choice between life and death and God gave me an opportunity to be rescued.

I entered the treatment program at Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge where a friend suggested the Conquerors program. Through Conquerors, I started to recognize the role my abortions played in my addiction. And it was through the Conquerors program that I found true freedom from my past abortions.

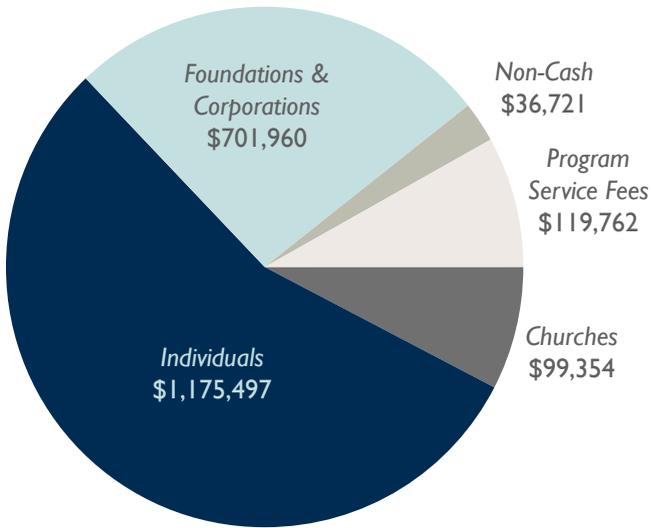
What I once kept inside of me as my deepest darkest secret is now shared almost daily to shed light on a problem that is so common in our day. God is now using my story for His glory. I am forever grateful!

FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year (April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)

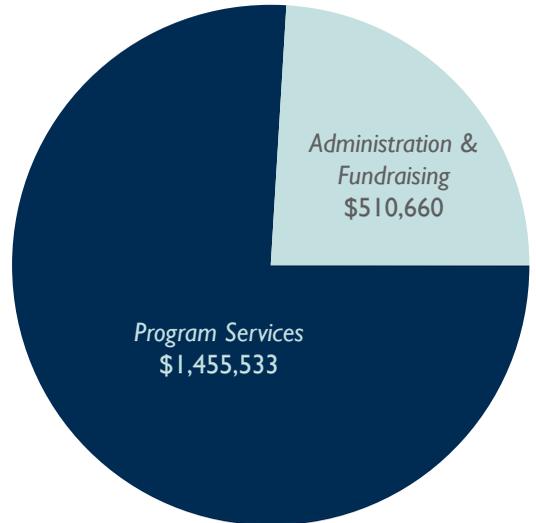
REVENUE

TOTAL \$2,133,294*



EXPENSES

TOTAL \$1,966,193



*The revenue surplus is funds designated for the purchase of our new Minneapolis location.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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New Life Family Services is accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), an agency that is dedicated to helping Christian ministries earn the public's trust and provides accreditation to leading Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with established standards for financial accountability, fundraising and board governance.

New Life Family Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ministry. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

Complete audited financial statements, including a copy of our most recent IRS Form 990, are available upon request.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers contribute countless ways to the work in our programs!

8,936

HOURS

were served by volunteers

A special thank you to the following volunteers who have served for five or more years. If we have overlooked any of our faithful volunteers, we apologize.

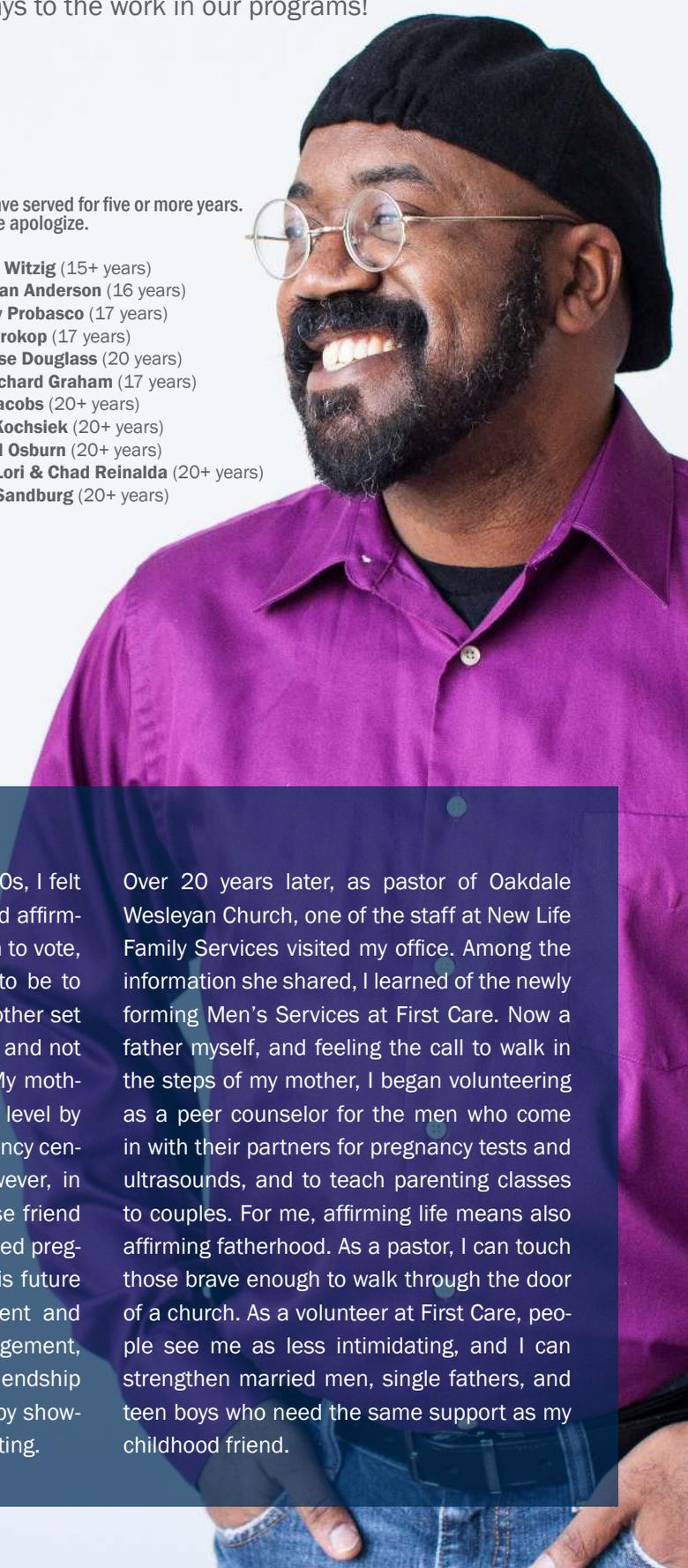
Tonya Erickson (5 years)
Sue Everhart (5 years)
Jess Hofschulte (5 years)
Brenda Hopper (5 years)
Cindy McCabe (5 years)
Laurel Manoles (6 years)
Kathy McPherson (6 years)
Stacy Roberson (6 years)
Matt & Rachel Woehrle (6 years)
LeAnn Radel (7 years)
Jeremy Gundale (8 years)
Robin LeGare (8 years)
Alison Lea Photography (9 years)
Maria Matthys (9 years)
Shyla Allard (10+ years)
Scott Buol (10 years)
Becky Vierling (10 years)
Brad & Michele Lein (10 years)
Geoff & Bonnie Nelson (10 years)
Stephanie & Wayne Dickie (11+ years)
Shirley Jeffrey (11 years)
Laurel Shaefer (13 years)

Diane Witzig (15+ years)
Meghan Anderson (16 years)
Nancy Probasco (17 years)
Deb Prokop (17 years)
Therese Douglass (20 years)
Dr. Richard Graham (17 years)
Sue Jacobs (20+ years)
Judy Kochsiek (20+ years)
Sheryl Osburn (20+ years)
Ron, Lori & Chad Reinalda (20+ years)
Pete Sandburg (20+ years)

MEET PASTOR PAUL

As a teenager growing up in the 1980s, I felt an individualistic responsibility toward affirming life. As a male, not yet old enough to vote, my Christian responsibility seemed to be to follow the example my father and mother set for me, maintaining my sexual purity, and not having children until I got married. My mother took her responsibility to the next level by volunteering at our local crisis pregnancy center, a strictly feminine domain. However, in my senior year of high school, a close friend ran away from home, and then returned pregnant. With my friend's pregnancy, this future and feminine issue became imminent and personal. With my mother's encouragement, I not only maintained a supportive friendship with this girl, but also arranged a baby shower, and eventually did my first babysitting.

Over 20 years later, as pastor of Oakdale Wesleyan Church, one of the staff at New Life Family Services visited my office. Among the information she shared, I learned of the newly forming Men's Services at First Care. Now a father myself, and feeling the call to walk in the steps of my mother, I began volunteering as a peer counselor for the men who come in with their partners for pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, and to teach parenting classes to couples. For me, affirming life means also affirming fatherhood. As a pastor, I can touch those brave enough to walk through the door of a church. As a volunteer at First Care, people see me as less intimidating, and I can strengthen married men, single fathers, and teen boys who need the same support as my childhood friend.





"Watching my daughter grow up with the adoptive family I selected is amazing. She has a mom and a dad, and a brother. She plays sports and has everything she wants and needs. My daughter and her adoptive family are like an extension of our family. This was meant to be."

BAILEY, PICTURED WITH HER BIRTH DAUGHTER



DID YOU KNOW?

9,861

ABORTIONS OCCURED

in Minnesota in 2015

95%

OF MN ABORTIONS OCCUR IN THE TWIN CITIES

where we have three pregnancy centers

59%

OF WOMEN HAVE OTHER CHILDREN

at the time of their abortion

40%

OF WOMEN HAVING ABORTIONS

have had one or more previous abortion

WHERE DOES THIS LEAD US?

As we move into the year ahead, New Life looks to deepen our existing programs and expand our reach. With 1/3 of all MN abortions coming from residents of Hennepin County, we are setting our sights on a new urban location in and around the Phillips neighborhood.

OUR VISION

Our Vision is to one day reach all abortion-minded and abortion-vulnerable individuals throughout Minnesota with comprehensive pregnancy-related services and the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

newLife

family services

and its programs



Conquerors



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PREGNANCY CENTER

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