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and its programs



**Mission:**

To honor the sanctity of human life by assisting clients in life-affirming decisions with the love and compassion of Christ.

**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.

**Values:**

We believe that God is the author of life and has a plan for each life, therefore, we do not provide or refer for abortions.

We seek to empower our clients in their decision-making process by offering information about all pregnancy-related options. This includes medically accurate information about abortion, a realistic and thorough examination of parenting and adoption, and access to ultrasound.

We are committed to offering support to those facing unplanned pregnancy or struggling with a past abortion experience without judgment or condemnation.

We are committed to assisting our clients in choosing between adoption and parenting without bias toward either option.

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## GENERATIONS TO COME

### A Letter from the Director

I have been working at New Life Family Services for more than 15 years and have seen first-hand the lasting impact our services have on clients. Yet, even still, I can get caught up in the day to day work, and forget that every day lives are being changed, not just for today, but for generations.

Julie’s story (see page 3) reminded me of that again today. As I was reading through and preparing to share her story with you, I was brought to tears by the photos of her son. I remember when I started working at New Life, young Justin’s picture was on our wall. It was so beautiful to see the young man he has grown in to, and it refreshed my soul.

I know God is using New Life to impact generations, and you are a part of that story. On behalf of our clients, I want to say thank you. Thank you for supporting life and joining us in this mission. God is using you in amazing ways to reach women, men, and children in the communities we serve – not just for today, but for generations to come.

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”  
–Ephesians 3:20-21



Tammy Kocher  
Executive Director

## PUTTING YOUR IRA TO GOOD USE: A Tax Wise Way to Give to New Life!

Your retirement account may be an ideal source of assets for your charitable giving. In late 2015, Congress finally made permanent the law that allows you to make qualifying gifts of IRA assets to New Life Family Services. Under the law, up to \$100,000 of qualified charitable distributions (“QCDs”) made during the calendar tax year can be excluded from your gross income.

While you won’t receive an income tax charitable deduction for the gift, you will be able to exclude the distribution from your gross income and count it toward your required minimum distribution for the year. This type of gift is a simple way for you to accomplish your giving to New Life Family Services in a tax wise way.

**To be a QCD, a charitable gift of IRA assets must have the following features:**

- You must be age 70½ or older at the time of the distribution.
- The distribution must come directly from your IRA to New Life Family Services.
- The distribution must come from a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA. An owner of another type of qualified retirement account may, however, be able to roll assets from that account to an IRA, then make a QCD from the IRA.
- You must request the QCD as an outright transfer to a public charity (no “supporting organizations” or donor advised funds).

**Please contact Callie Wayt, Director of Development, at (612) 746-5659 to discuss this opportunity.**

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF MN RECEIVES \$6.5 MILLION GIFT

by Tammy Kocher, Executive Director

Perhaps you saw in the news this summer that Planned Parenthood in Minnesota received a single \$6.5 million gift to help them expand their services and rebuild the busy Uptown location.

This is discouraging and disheartening to those who share our passion for upholding the sanctity of life. Last year alone, Planned Parenthood provided 5,629 of the state's 9,953 abortions.

As we seek to serve men, women and families and share with them the love of Jesus, this can be incredibly defeating. There were moments where I let doubt and fear creep in and I thought, "How can we ever compete with this?"

But the Lord quickly reminded me that He is the author of life. He is our divine Creator and I need not despair. It is because of His great love for His children that we have hope. We have hope that He will lead and guide and bring us exactly where He wants us to be. We trust and surrender to however He leads and provides.

God has faithfully showed us His favor in our almost 45 years of existence. Over our decades of service, we have reached tens of thousands of Minnesotans and have provided them with love, care, support, and the hope of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for standing alongside of us, for upholding us in prayer and for generously giving of your resources to support the work of New Life.

# DID YOU KNOW?

## LATEST MN ABORTION REPORT RELEASED IN JULY

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) released a new report in July indicating that the number of abortions occurring in Minnesota increased in 2016. Last year there were 9,953 abortions reported, which is a slight increase from the previous year.

While we did see an increase in abortions this past year, overall the abortion rate has been on a strong decline. As a matter of fact, in the past 10 years, the number of abortions has decreased by 29%. While this is good news for Minnesota, nobody can say for certain why this is.



Interestingly, 96% of our state's abortions happen in the Twin Cities at four primary clinics. The Mildred Hanson Clinic performed 6%, Robbinsdale Clinic did 9%, Whole Women's Health did almost 24%, and Planned Parenthood performed nearly 57% of our state's abortions this past year. While all of the other abortion providers have decreased in number of abortions provided along with the overall Minnesota decline, Planned Parenthood has increased their market share considerably.

Equally noteworthy is the number of abortions paid for by taxpayer funding, which has increased to an all-time high of nearly 45%. This is important because it shows us the demographics of those having abortions are increasingly low-income women. This aligns with the fact that nearly 60% of women having abortions already have children.



These statistics point to the conclusion that many women are choosing abortion, not because of their ideological beliefs, but because of their circumstances. We see this every day in our First Care centers. Women who say they don't agree with or want to have an abortion, are considering it because their circumstances are so difficult.

Each of these statistics remind us there is more work to be done, and God is in control. The increasing abortion numbers and this large gift to Planned Parenthood (see article on the right) is only confirmation that there is still a great need in Minnesota for the work New Life does. We are more resolved than ever to continue to move forward with our mission to reach abortion-minded individuals in our state with comprehensive life-affirming services.

View the complete MDH Abortion Report online at [www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us)

## HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ABORTION BEFORE?

1 in 3 women will have an abortion by age 45. Yet, many women and men believe they are the only one they know who has had an abortion. As a result, many women and men are suffering in silence. While you are not alone, how you came to the decision to have an abortion is unique. The Conquerors program provides a safe, non-judgmental, confidential place to begin the healing process, and work through your abortion experience.

Group and individual mentoring sessions are offered multiple times each year in a variety of locations in both the Twin Cities and Rochester.

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## 20 YEARS LATER: The Letter that Saved My Son's Life

**As Julie Orlando can tell you, fear is one of the greatest challenges women face when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. It may be fear of pregnancy or parenting, or fear of how their partner will react. When Julie found herself facing an unplanned pregnancy at age 23, it wasn't fear of being pregnant or raising a child that she felt, but rather the fear of her Christian community's response.**

**“As the daughter of a pastor, I felt a lot of pressure wondering what my Christian community would say. How would this news reflect on my dad and my family? Never did it cross my mind that I wasn't capable of raising a child, or that I didn't want to. I was simply afraid of what everyone would think.”**

Although Julie knew of New Life Family Services at the time she found herself pregnant, the fear she felt was so great that she kept the news of her pregnancy hidden, except from two of her closest friends.

“I found myself in a situation I never expected to be in and, all of the sudden, debating a decision I never thought I would be debating. I made up my mind to have an abortion. From the moment I scheduled that appointment, I knew it was wrong. In my mind, it felt like it was my only option.

Although Julie imagined that her friends would challenge her decision, those conversations didn't happen. But God would soon begin speaking to her in ways she hadn't predicted.

### **GOD SPEAKS**

The night before the scheduled abortion appointment, Julie spent the evening with her friends at dinner and the movies, not once talking about her plan for the next day. They parted ways and Julie went home. Julie recounts, “I crawled into bed and decided to flip through the channels on TV as a way to give God one last opportunity to change my mind. The next morning, the baby's father was going to pick me up and take me to my appointment. There was nothing on TV that jumped out at me, so I thought, I guess this is the right decision.” Julie went to bed and an hour later she heard a car pull into the driveway. “It was one of my best

friends who came to the door with three envelopes and a mix tape asking me read, listen, and pray. She gave me a hug and left.”

Two of the letters were from Julie's friends asking her to reconsider, but also telling her they would love her no matter what. The third was an anonymous letter personalized to Julie and her situation. While Julie didn't know it at the time, the letter was written by her coworker Traci, who was a volunteer with New Life Family Services' 24-Hour Crisis Phone Line. Traci had learned about Julie's pregnancy and felt God nudging her to write this letter.

### **DIVINE INTERVENTION**

Julie recounts that fateful middle-of-the-night moment 20 years ago, **“Halfway through this letter, God broke me down. One of the lines that spoke to me was, ‘I know that by choosing to give life to**



*Julie's son Justin participated in a New Life photo shoot as a child. This photo hung on our walls at New Life for many years.*

**your baby, you are risking a lot. But God is faithful and He will be with you every step of the way.' I knew, right in that moment, my decision had changed and I could not go through with this abortion."**

Traci explained, "I felt compelled to write a letter because Julie believed she was alone and no one would be there for her. It broke my heart she felt abortion was her only choice. I wanted her to know there was hope and that people loved her and would support her."

For Julie, the letter was a divine intervention. "After finishing this letter, everything changed. I knew if I didn't tell someone immediately, I could wake up the next morning and proceed with the planned abortion. I needed to call someone, and I remembered New Life's crisis phone line. I didn't want to share my story with a stranger, but I dialed anyway."

As only God could orchestrate, the woman who answered the phone that night was Traci. "I could not believe that out of all of the volunteers, I called the night she was answering the phone. Traci listened to me tell my story and talked with me for hours in the middle of the night, helping me think through the impact an abortion would have on the rest of my life. I also learned during this

conversation that she had written me the letter that God used in a big way. Because of her letter and the time she spent talking with me that night, I had the courage to cancel my abortion appointment and choose life for my son in spite of my fears."

### **FEARS RELIEVED**

After having the courage to choose life, Julie also found the courage she needed to share the news with her parents. "When my dad and everyone at my church found out, it turned out completely opposite of what I had



*Julie's son Justin today. Photo by Craig Dirkes Photography.*

feared. They all came and surrounded me and my family with support and even threw me a baby shower. They were there every step of the way. I moved back in with my parents for the first year, and they were an amazing support to me. My dad has been not just a grandparent, but a second father to Justin."

Justin was born on Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus' big arrival in Jerusalem. For Julie, her son's birthday is a reminder that God shows up in big ways.

### **A 20th ANNIVERSARY**

Now 20 years later, Julie gives thanks to God, Traci, and New Life for the gift of a letter and a listening ear that saved her son's life. "The day I was scheduled to have an abortion was August 20th, and

eight years later, that same date is when I met my now husband. That date marks big changes in my life. God was able to swoop in at the last minute and change the situation through a sheet of paper and a few close friends. It saved my son's life."

Today when Julie finds herself in life's valleys, she is quick to remember God's faithfulness to her. "I reminisce about God's faithfulness twenty years ago and that is able to pull me out of the valleys I'm facing."

Justin, now a young man, has graduated from high school and is pursuing dreams of working in software development. Julie describes Justin as a really funny guy, a nature lover, and sport enthusiast.

**"When I look at my son, I am so blessed I was given the opportunity to be his mom. I know how easily I could have missed the joy of motherhood, as I experienced multiple miscarriages later in my marriage. My son Justin is my one and only child here on earth."**

But beyond all of this, Julie knows Justin is destined for great things. "God had a purpose in mind when creating Justin and I am thrilled to see where God leads him. I hope and pray Justin will know how much he is loved and be able to use his life to make a difference."



*Julie and her son Justin. Photo by Craig Dirkes Photography.*

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New Life Family Services' Annual Gala and Silent Auction is quickly approaching. We are so excited for an evening celebrating *Courageous Love* and all that God has done in the past year and what He is leading us toward in the year to come.

This year we will hear from David Bereit, our keynote speaker, and our clients who will share their personal journeys and how New Life has impacted them. Without you, we would not be able to support our clients in their greatest time of need.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR LIFE

### CALVARY MEMORIAL

The community of Calvary Memorial Church recently participated in a baby item drive for New Life's Parenting Plus education program. As a church, they raised enough money for twelve car seats, two booster seats, and a large gift card to fulfill other needs of the program. We are incredibly grateful for all of the equipment donated! Thanks to their generosity, families within the Twin Cities and Rochester will be blessed through the Parenting Plus program.



### CROSS VIEW EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

In early August, our Richfield location was given 50 blankets from the 1st - 4th grade students of Cross View Early Childhood Center. These students put together small blankets for children and families in our Parenting Plus program! We are so excited to see children support life in their school. The families participating in our parenting program will be blessed abundantly by this generous gift.

### CORPORATE SPONSORS

New Life is grateful for the 15 local businesses who have chosen to faithfully sponsor New Life's mission as corporate sponsors (see current list on back). For more information on becoming a Corporate Sponsor, please contact Jessica at [schoen.jessica@nlfs.org](mailto:schoen.jessica@nlfs.org).

### GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

In August, a generous donor helped underwrite the cost of sending 10 of our staff to the Global Leadership Summit. The Summit, put on by the Willow Creek Association, helps to encourage and equip Christian leaders to maximize Kingdom impact. Attending the conference was an incredible opportunity for our staff and we are so thankful for the experience. We pray what was learned will be transformational to the way we lead at New Life.

## CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

### HOST A BABY SHOWER

At New Life Family Services, we serve over 6,000 women and men each year who are in need of essential baby items for their children. By hosting a Baby Item Drive, Baby Shower, or even simply dropping off donated items at one of our offices, you are helping ensure those who choose life have the resources they need for their children. Learn more about hosting an item drive: [www.nlfs.org/donate/donation-drives](http://www.nlfs.org/donate/donation-drives)



organizations and congregations. Thrivent members have faithfully supported New Life through this giving opportunity. If you are a Thrivent member, speak to your representative about using your Choice Dollars to support New Life!

### AMAZON SMILE

Want to support life while you shop? Select New Life Family Services (Minneapolis, MN) under [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and a portion of your purchases will be given back to our mission!



offices and receive a giving receipt! You can easily find the items our offices need to serve our clients. Whether you decide to purchase items there, or elsewhere, we are incredibly grateful for your partnership in any capacity. Visit [amazon.com/baby-reg](http://amazon.com/baby-reg) and search for "New Life."

### BECOME A LIFE SUSTAINER

If you are not already a monthly giver, will you prayerfully consider making a monthly commitment? By making a recurring credit card or EFT gift to New Life Family Services, you are helping to provide a dependable funding source for the ministry while making a significant difference in the lives of the individuals and families we serve.

### THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Are you a Thrivent Member? Members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable outreach grant dollars among participating nonprofit

### AMAZON REGISTRY

If you'd like an easy way to donate items, you can choose items off of our baby registry and ship them to our office! OR drop items off at our



FOR MORE WAYS TO GIVE, CONTACT CALLIE WAYT AT [WAYT.CALLIE@NLFS.ORG](mailto:WAYT.CALLIE@NLFS.ORG)



# MEET OUR MEDICAL TEAM

**New Life has been licensed by the state of Minnesota to provide a variety of medical services since 2000. Through pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and STD testing and treatment, we are able to meet physical needs of the people we serve while creating opportunities for God to meet clients in powerful ways. Through our medical services, lives are saved, hearts are changed, and eternal transformation occurs. We asked Julie Schewe, our Nurse Manager, to share a little bit about our medical team and New Life's approach.**



*Julie Schewe, RN,  
Nurse Manager*

## **1. Tell us a little bit about the medical services provided at New Life.**

Our medical services include free pregnancy testing, first trimester ultrasounds, and STD testing and treatment. We want to provide free services relevant to young adults who are sexually active and may be experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. Our goal has always been to be a safe resource for anyone experiencing a crisis in sexual or reproductive health.

## **2. What makes New Life's approach unique?**

We approach each appointment as an opportunity to provide excellent, top notch medical care and connect with each client relationally. In all of our appointments, our staff takes time to listen to each client, answer any questions they have, connect them with our social worker, and with permission, pray with them.

Unlike most clinics, we approach each medical appointment as an opportunity to invest in the health of the whole person and in their future health. The first half hour of an appointment is spent in conversation with the client. The social worker invites the client to talk about all aspects of his/her life. By the time any samples are collected for testing, each

client feels known, heard, and cared for.

Because of this holistic approach in making our clients feel cared for, lives are saved through ultrasounds and hearts are changed as we share truth about life and the gospel.

## **3. What role does STD testing provide in supporting our mission?**

Jesus met people as they were, and the reality today is that STDs greatly impact teens and young adults. By offering STD testing and treatment, we are meeting people in a place of need and offering them a chance to get tested, while also talking through their current sexual choices, why they are making them, and if they line up with their beliefs and goals.

STDs, especially those that go undetected/untreated, can significantly impact individual health, fertility, and the health of a baby exposed to an STD. A medical/sexual history interview is an invitation for a client to talk about intimate matters of body, mind and soul without judgment, and is a great spring board for significant spiritual dialogue.

Many teens and young adults come to our clinic, believing sex is just a physical transaction that can be separated from mind and soul. To suggest to our clients that God created sexual intimacy as a gift between a man and a woman as the joining of two whole beings, body, mind and soul, that cannot be whittled down to a "hook up," is to

invite them to live as we are created to live – a life affirming decision to be sure!

## **4. What does success look like for you?**

Success for me is providing a platform for medical services to be delivered seamlessly and with excellence so the real focus can be on relationships that encourage, save, and transform. A completely free service offered with grace, love, and acceptance of a client right where they are, gives people a taste of grace which suggests the grace of God is possible and worth exploring.

## **5. What is your personal draw to working at New Life?**

I went into nursing because I wanted to work directly with people. Although I believe I can make a difference in the lives of individuals while working elsewhere, New Life's mission and the way in which that mission is carried out so closely reflects my own heart for people.

You hardly ever hear a faith story that begins with "Life was going along pretty smoothly when I realized my need for God and got saved." Jesus met me when I was bathed in shame and feeling untouchable. He looked right at me, loved me, and spoke healing words into my soul. New Life seeks to help people in crisis, who are covered in fear or despair, to meet Jesus who heals, transforms, and loves whomever he touches.

# WE ASKED OUR MEDICAL TEAM ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES IN OUR FIRST CARE PREGNANCY CENTERS. HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID:



**Dr. Graham, MD**  
**Medical Director**

## **Q: What makes New Life and First Care Pregnancy Center unique?**

**A:** New Life gives me the freedom to share my life-affirming and Christian values. I appreciate that I can speak candidly with women about abortion. I look forward to coming here all week. Every ultrasound is special. I remember a woman who was about to get an abortion and decided to come to First Care instead. She found out she was 20 weeks

pregnant and had no idea previously. She ended up making a decision for life and was so glad she had been able to see the ultrasound. I am honored to be a part of these moments.



**Brenda Hopper, RN,**  
**Sonographer**

## **Q: How did you get involved as a medical volunteer?**

**A:** I was “called” to ultrasound ministry when I read in the NLFS newsletter that nurse sonographers were needed. God spoke to my heart while I was standing at my kitchen table. I will never forget when an expectant mom told me prior to doing the scan she was planning on an abortion, since being a single mom was “culturally unacceptable.” During the scan, the baby

turned its face directly to the screen as if looking at us. She changed her mind when she saw her child. I got to sit and pray with her after her ultrasound.



**Melissa Finley, RN**  
**Client Care Nurse**

## **Q: Tell us about a memorable interaction with a client.**

**A:** I met with a young male patient who set up an appointment for STD testing. He had been in and out of drug use and had several loved ones die from use. He shared with me that he was finally drug free and was living out of his car when he scheduled an STD appointment. We ended up spending the majority of the hour talking about his life and what he'd been through. He

said he didn't have faith in any sort of religion, but was open to a spiritual discussion and gave me permission to share the Gospel with him. I shared my own testimony and he stated “that's cool and all but I've been able to get through everything that I've been through without depending on anyone...I don't think I need God like that.” I shared further about how God is full of grace even though we are unworthy and his demeanor immediately shifted. I referred him to churches in Rochester. At his follow up appointment he told me he was “going to give this church thing a try!”



**Julie Ann Vingers,**  
**PhD, APRN, CNM**

## **Q: How does STD testing and treatment fit with New Life's mission to affirm life?**

**A:** By meeting people where they are at, we are affirming life by telling them they are important, that they matter. We are not judging them, condemning them, or turning them away; instead, we are opening our doors, treating them with love, kindness and respect in hopes that it will be the kind of transformative love that en-

courages them to begin to make better choices for themselves. More importantly, they matter to God. The challenges mainly arise from the world we live in. I don't care for stereotypes or preconceptions. I am a midwife, pastor's daughter, professor, a wife and mother, and I work at an STD clinic and at a Christian university. Any one of those words conjures up assumptions about who I am or what I believe, that frustrates me. I work really hard to not do that to the people I serve at First Care.



**Kathy Nyman, RN**  
**Sonographer**

## **Q: What happens during an ultrasound?**

**A:** During the limited ultrasound, we scan for the purpose of confirming the pregnancy, detecting fetal heartbeat, and estimating gestational age. We then take a brief medical history, explain the procedure, and answer any questions she may have. The client is able to watch as the sonographer gets several images. We enjoy pointing out the heartbeat and it is always a delight to hear their reactions. After

the scan we talk about healthy pregnancy, answer questions, and with their permission pray for them. It is usually during this time, they have just witnessed the beauty of the child growing in their womb, the Holy Spirit brings truth to their hearts. With clients permission we can read Psalm 139:13-16. At times tears appear, myself included. These moments have even spurred clients to verbalize questions of God and faith, and a holy time of sharing the truth of the Gospel in Jesus Christ.



**Joy Dordal, RN**  
**Client Care Nurse**

## **Q: How do you deal with clients who don't value their sexual health?**

**A:** My purpose in each appointment is to share Christ's love with each client, no matter how much or how little they value their own sexual health. When a client does not value their sexual health, that can be used as a gauge to assess how much they value themselves. Asking open ended questions to help that client

assess what they value and how they view their own worth can lead to opportunities to share with them how valuable they are in Christ's eyes. We minister to those hurting by listening and giving that client the freedom to process and share their story. Acknowledging the grief and injustice present in a client's story can be that client's first stepping stone towards healing. I feel successful when a client hears truth for the first time, experiences the freedom of honestly sharing their story, or when they learn something new about ultrasounds, pregnancy, or STDs.

# CHURCH AMBASSADORS

## Represent Life in Your Church

**At New Life, we serve as an extension of the local church in ministering to the needs of the community with pregnancy related services.**

We recognize we cannot do what we do on a daily basis without our churches! We want to come alongside and partner with your church to serve the communities we live in. Will you consider serving as a Church Ambassador with New Life?

### WHAT IS AN AMBASSADOR:

**An ambassador is a person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity. At New Life our Church Ambassadors act as our representative to their home church. A Church Ambassador takes their personal heart and passion for the life-affirming work of New Life and shares it with their congregation and works to build and establish an intentional partnership between the two.**

### BECOME AN AMBASSADOR:

**For more information on how you and your church can become involved in our Church Ambassador Program, please contact our Church Relations Coordinator, Brandie Perez, at [churches@nlfs.org](mailto:churches@nlfs.org). Make sure to like us on Facebook to find out upcoming dates for an informational meeting for your area this November.**

Through our Church Ambassador Program we want to establish a connection point between your church and New Life. As a Church Ambassador you will represent your church to New Life, and New Life to your church. You will be responsible for communicating the mission of New Life as well as igniting a passion in others to become involved in the work we do. You will have the opportunity to keep your church informed about upcoming events at New Life as well as creatively finding ways to engage your church and church ministries in the work that God is doing here. You can help host a Baby Shower, coordinate our Baby Bottle Fundraiser for your congregation, gather a team to walk in our Walk for Life, host a Diaper Drive or find another creative way to partner that reflects the heart and mission of your church.

We understand that each church is unique in its specific calling, gifts and needs and therefore each partnership with each church is unique.

**God has called us to work as one body and we are excited to see how the Lord will use each of us in continuing the call he has placed on our hearts to see hearts changed, lives saved, families built and hope restored!**



**Brandie Perez**  
**Church Relations Coordinator**  
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## HEAR WHAT CURRENT CHURCH AMBASSADORS ARE SAYING:



**“We hosted Mums for Moms this past Mother’s Day. It was a great way for the people at Hope to once again hear about our partnership with New Life and gave them a practical way to support this great organization.”**

**“The baby wipe drive, which we run from Mother’s Day through Father’s Day, has allowed us to practice stewardship and generosity, bless our local First Care office, and make partnerships beyond our local church.”**



**“The speakers who come are not strangers, but known partners in ministry that keep us apprised of the vision of NLFS.”**

**“A Church Ambassador allows us [the church] to know what is going on locally at our First Care Office. We know specifically how to pray, how to help and what to celebrate.”**

**“Being a direct contact for New Life as a Church Ambassador has really helped make it easy to support New Life and share with our church ways to support New Life. Brandie makes it easy for us, giving us specific instructions/verbiage to use, signs to use, assisting us as needed. It is great to help be the hands and feet of New Life in our church!”**



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## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER?

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Gala & Silent Auction

Rochester: Thursday, October 26th

Twin Cities: Friday, October 27th

You are invited to join us as we celebrate life with guest speakers and New Life clients! Dinner will be provided.

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### Me Too Event

Twin Cities: Saturday, February 24th

Join Hundreds of women who are walking in forgiveness from a past abortion at the "Me Too" Luncheon and hear from guest speaker, Candy Gibbs. You will find encouragement and support to continue walking in the freedom you have received.

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