



SPRING 2022

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANNOINTED ME
TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR,
HE HAS SENT ME TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED
TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES,
AND THE OPENING OF THE PRISON
THOSE WHO ARE BOUND...
to those who mourn
beautiful head



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Board Member

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upcoming events!

*Pictured: A New Life staff member
writing scripture on the foundation of
our Phillips building*

OUR MISSION

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

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

OUR LOCATIONS

UNIVERSITY

2900 University Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

RICHFIELD

6517 Nicollet Ave
Richfield, MN 55423

ROCHESTER

40 16th St SE
Rochester, MN 55904

ST. PAUL

2109 Old Hudson Road
St. Paul, MN 55119

MINNEAPOLIS COMING SOON!

2015 Chicago Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55404

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

1515 East 66th St.
Richfield, MN 55423



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

God is good. As I reflect on all of the changes of the past several years, I am reminded of God's goodness and faithfulness. With our new Phillips location nearing completion, one of my favorite things we did was covering the walls and floors of our new building with the Word of

God (as seen throughout this newsletter). **I love knowing that when our clients enter our building, they will quite literally be surrounded by, and standing on the Word of God.**

Thousands of people have come together to make this new location a reality. Nine years of intentional prayer, countless hours of planning and preparing and nearly four million dollars generously given. We are so grateful for every prayer and sacrificial gift made.

As we put on the final touches of the building, our focus is now shifting to our future clients. We are praying for every woman, every man and every child that will walk through our doors in search of help. As with all of our centers, we want to be a place of refuge for our clients who are often in the midst of personal crises. Please join us in praying for God's continued presence as we join this new community.

Thank you,

Tammy Kocher
Executive Director



INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER STEVE CARLISLE

I have lived in Minneapolis for the past 43 years. I currently reside in the Corcoran community in South Minneapolis with my wife and seven children. I am a part-time associate pastor at Vine Church in South Minneapolis as well as I have the privilege of working as a part-time middle school Bible teacher at Hope Academy. I love both of my jobs.

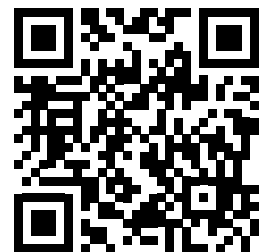
In the black community where I was raised, abortion was/is a common practice. When I realized that my friends and family members were having abortions, many at young ages, I knew I wanted to do my part to

help ensure women had access to life-affirming options, thereby minimizing the (perceived) need for abortion. I believe that everyone deserves to know that God values all life. I also believe that everyone deserves to know that God is a merciful and forgiving God, regardless of past decisions.

I am particularly excited for what is to come in the new Phillips center as this community is near and dear to my heart. It is a privilege to be a part of the work God is doing here at New Life, knowing there is a generational impact with every client we serve!



Pictured: Steve Carlisle and family



Have you been personally impacted by the work of New Life?

We are gathering stories for our 50 Year Anniversary in 2023!
SCAN HERE to share yours!



\$46/month = (\$550/year)



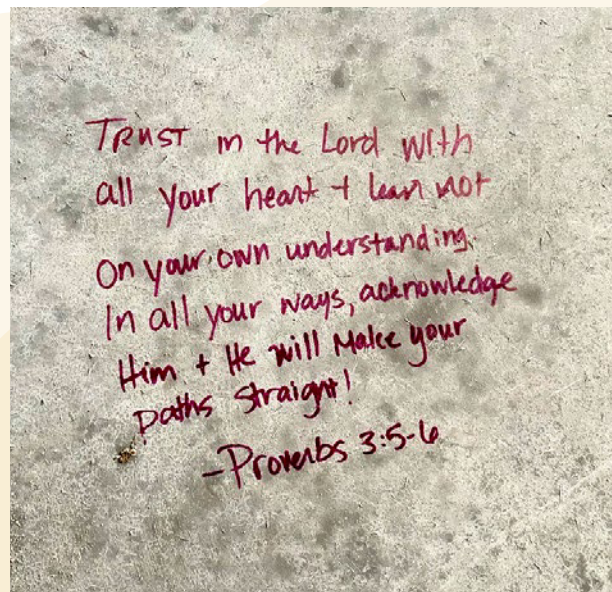
We know that life decisions need support. And for \$1.50 a day (the price of a cup of coffee) or just \$46/month, you can support one woman throughout her entire pregnancy with every service New Life provides. Interestingly, this is the same approximate cost of a first trimester abortion in Minnesota. That same amount of money can either give life or take life.

We invite you to join us in becoming a life sustainer today at nlfs.org.



A woman who had used drugs during her pregnancy came in for an ultrasound, and was strongly considering abortion. A few months later, thinking she was calling an abortion clinic, she accidentally dialed New Life Adoptions instead! After processing her situation with one of our social workers over several calls, she decided to continue her pregnancy. We didn't hear from her for several months, then we received a call from the hospital stating she and the birth father wanted to make an adoption plan. They asked us to choose the family that would raise their child.

The adoptive family we chose originally came to us through pursuing embryo adoption. Unfortunately, their multiple attempts of embryo adoption were unsuccessful. They then turned to traditional adoption and had been waiting more than two years when they "got the call." We asked if they were open to this situation, and they quickly said yes! Everything happened rather quickly, and they brought their new baby home the next week. They have an open adoption relationship with some ongoing contact with the birth family and we are so grateful to be a part of their story!



Pictured: scripture written on the foundation of the new center in the Phillips neighborhood

STORIES OF IMPACT



While much of the Every Family program consists of one-on-one parenting coaching sessions, what many don't know is that we also offer group classes in both English and Spanish. Our group classes offer a unique way of building communal support and engagement by walking through the curriculum. As our Client Advocate, Kenzie, emphasized, "Having the curriculum in a group context helps strip away some of that shame for parents, helping them to see that their struggles are normal and relatable to others."

As friendships develop and phone numbers are swapped, group classes foster natural mentorship among participants. Those with more parenting experience take pride in coming alongside new parents to share from their own experiences, mistakes, and wisdom. For other group members, it offers a place to swap advice and stories on adjusting to life in America. One parent exclaimed, "Coming here and going through Every Family didn't just help me with parenting— it helped me in my relationship with my husband!" It is our hope that the group classes we offer would continue to grow and be a place of comfort, deep connection, and lasting friendship for all involved.



It is such a blessing to witness God working through the Conquerors ministry. Here is one such story. A woman from a recent Conquerors group was processing two abortions she had many years ago. While her husband was not the father of these children, he was very supportive of her going through the program. As we were nearing the memorial service week, she wasn't sure if she would ask her husband to attend since this wasn't something they shared together. After much prayer, she asked if he would attend and he lovingly agreed. On the day of the memorial, she was able to grieve, honor those lives and rest in God's complete forgiveness. After the service, her husband became emotional and shared how deeply powerful the service was. He shared how he could see that God was present throughout, how deeply touched he was by the reminder of God's love and that there is hope and forgiveness for us all.

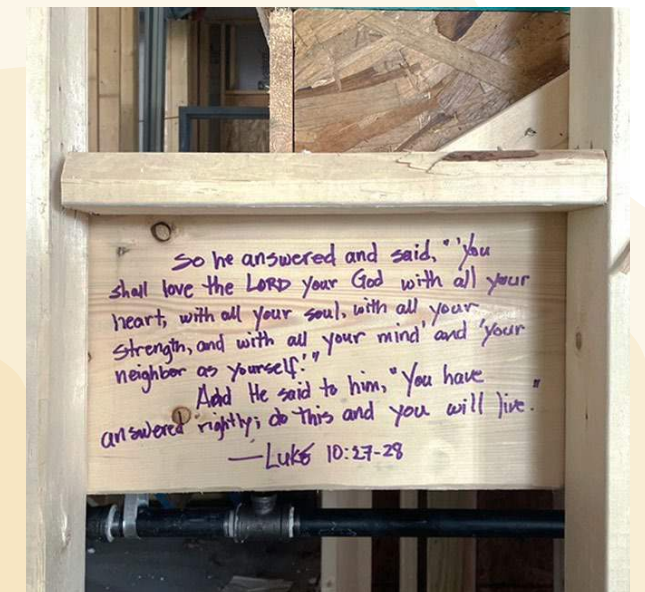
While she initially felt like she might have to go it alone, there they were, together in awe of God and his amazing grace. We are blessed and honored that God allows us a peek into sweet moments like this. All for God's glory!



Seven years ago, Millie visited one of our centers frustrated, scared, and unsure of what to do with her pregnancy. She already tried reaching out to others but didn't feel seen or heard. Our social worker listened with empathy while she cried and shared her concerns, and offered prayers of peace. After a few more meetings, Millie decided to continue her pregnancy and, eventually, parent her son.

Millie, now a mom of two and expecting her third child, recently came back into one of our centers and shared her struggles, difficulties, and joys of being a parent. She said that despite the challenges, it's her love for her children that keeps her pushing forward when she wants to give up. "I don't think I would have parented my son if I hadn't come here," she told us. "This is my village. Whenever I come here I know I will be listened to."

It is a privilege to be invited into these situations with our clients. These women and families (and their experiences) give our staff the motivation and determination to show up every day to make sure that all who walk through our doors feel valued, supported, and heard.





MINNEAPOLIS CENTER IN THE PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD

It was nine years ago that we felt a prompting from the Lord to add a fifth center location and began praying for what would become this new First Care center. While there have been many bumps and steps of faith along the way, we are so grateful for the Lord's timing.

We never imagined owning property, let alone building a facility from the ground up. However, isn't it just like God to take our tiny vision and turn it into something far greater than we could have even imagined? **We have built a 12,600 square foot facility** that will not only house our largest pregnancy center, but also a full-service medical clinic offering prenatal care and whole family care for our clients and the community at large!

One of the greatest joys of this journey has been meeting Dr. Odam and his wife Abena, and hearing about how they were already serving the Phillips community in a way that resonated with our heart and mission. One of the things that impressed us immediately was that they had large family exam rooms, where a single mom could come with all of her children to be seen at once. They were proactively eliminating barriers that families face

in receiving needed health care. **It was truly a God-moment** when we recognized our alignment, and how our facility could be so much greater than we had ever imagined!

While we have built connections and partnerships in the Phillips neighborhood over the past several years, we are excited for the opportunity to have a physical presence and to become a permanent part of the fabric of this neighborhood. It is a community with such cultural richness, strong roots that tie it together, and incredible resilience. We know there are (and will be) significant challenges, but we are honored to be able to come alongside the women, men, children and families in the Phillips community, as our goal has always been to help families thrive!

Save the date for a special Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, July 23rd!



MEET OUR PHILLIPS TEAM

AMY OWEN
OFFICE MANAGER



I first moved to the Twin Cities in 2003, and have been working cross culturally in Asia, Africa and Europe over the last 15 years. I am excited about the opening of the new center, and to become a part of the community while helping to provide practical resources to meet needs. I am passionate about the clients we serve and to hold space where they can feel welcome and safe in the midst of whatever may be happening in their lives.



ANGELA ENGLISH, RN, BSN
CLIENT CARE NURSE

I have lived in South Minneapolis for over 30 years, and reside with my husband, 18 yo son, 16 yo daughter, a dog and a cat. I have been a nurse for 31 years, and am excited to use my nursing skills to serve clients in the new Phillips clinic, located just two miles away from my home.

MELISSA ROUSSIN
EVERY FAMILY PROGRAM MANAGER



I have lived in the Phillips neighborhood for most of the past 18 years. I am thrilled to be in the neighborhood to serve alongside a team that is changing lives and impacting families for Christ. Prior to New Life, I oversaw a social services program for an affordable housing agency in the Twin Cities, and I served as a missionary in Rwanda for 4 years.



AMANDA SALMON
DIRECTOR OF CLIENT CARE

I have worked with New Life for 11 years, and I have been intimately involved in praying for this new Phillips location for the past nine years. Part of my role includes community outreach and I met with one of our partners recently who said, with tears in her eyes, that she is so grateful for us because so many people are running from Minneapolis, but New Life is running towards it. I am so thankful to be a part of what God is doing here.

CURRENTLY HIRING SOCIAL WORKER/CLIENT CARE ADVOCATE

Are you passionate about the work of New Life? This position works alongside other caring professionals directly serving clients with pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, decision making appointments, Every Family Parenting program, and assisting clients in finding additional resources to meet their needs. Does this sound exciting and rewarding? If so, please visit www.nlfs.org for a full job description.

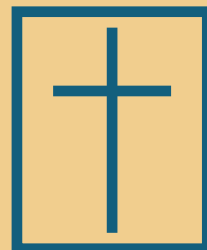


CHURCH SPOTLIGHT



We had six churches participate in diaper drives for New Life as we participated in the World's largest diaper drive. We are especially grateful to Grace Church in Eden Prairie and Woodbury Lutheran for being drop sites for this huge event.

We were pleased to host another training specifically for pastors on how to address the topic of abortion from the pulpit. We challenged pastors to be faithful to God's word and speak truth about the issue, while balancing it with the grace and compassion that Jesus offers to all of us.



Wayzata Free Church hosted a three week Sanctity of Human Life learning circle for their church in March. We commend Wayzata Free for their willingness to foster discussions around what it means to be pro-life as a Christian. We're thankful for the thoughts, questions and stories that were shared during our time together!

River Valley Church and New Life are working together to execute the Walk for Life! Their creativity, willingness to provide staff and volunteer support, and excitement to get involved has brought about a refreshing perspective for this event – we're excited for you to experience it!



COME JOIN US

Being pro-life means honoring the dignity of human life and holistically caring for people at every stage of life. Our volunteers live this out as they serve with New Life in the truth and love of Christ. Our volunteers choose to serve for a variety of reasons. Some have experienced similar circumstances and want to walk with others as they heal through our Conquerors ministry. Others choose to get involved out of a desire to encourage and support young families as parenting coaches. Our medical volunteers use their skills to provide medical services with compassionate care. Those with administrative and organizational gifts clean our offices, sort donations, and make sure our clothing closets and offices are well organized and

welcoming. Many volunteers help behind the scenes with mailings, bundling diapers, and serving at events. Each of our volunteers is an important part of our team who enable us to fulfill our mission. In 2021 volunteers donated more than 9,000 hours of service!

At this time, we have a need for parenting coaches in all of our Twin Cities locations. We also need clothing closet and administrative volunteers in our new Phillips office. If you feel called by God to partner with us as a volunteer, please email volunteer@nfls.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

My name is Erin Busse. My husband Mark and I have a nine year old daughter and a six year old son. I am a former teacher and now, in addition to parenting, I am a part-time paraprofessional, part-time nanny, and I have been a volunteer Parenting Coach since 2019! I love it all.

Why did you get involved with New Life?

Thriving families are God's design to model his love, and to send forth adults who are ready to love the next generation. God works powerfully through families and New Life is a place that speaks hope, life, and dignity to all people.

What made you want to be a coach?

Being a mom is the best and the hardest, and I was blessed to have other women on that journey with me. Now I get to be a part of providing that community for other women. I want to be a part of helping moms choose life. It's the body of Christ in action.

How has your mindset/heart changed since becoming a coach?

I've been very humbled—and grateful—to learn that coaching is all about connection and relationship, not having the right answers. I've also experienced a deep conviction to share the gospel when I have that opportunity! If I really believe Jesus changes lives and futures — and I do — then I cannot let an opportunity go by that I don't point to Him as the answer.

Can you tell about a really memorable coaching interaction you have had with a client?

One time we were discussing gifts gone awry in kids, or negative behaviors children have that are actually signs of a positive virtue (e.g.: stubbornness harnessed for good can be resiliency!). This mom was at the end of her rope with one of her children's behaviors, but she was able to see her child in a whole new light during that lesson. She was filled with appreciation, love and hope for her child's future and how God made them. I was able to pray for her child and she left excited about who her child was, and she felt equipped to parent that child. It was amazing.

What impact have our clients had on you?

Many of our clients are pressing on in the face of really tough circumstances, and I'm moved by their grit and grateful they let me into their lives. I see God working, drawing many clients closer to Him, and answering prayers. I've also seen that parents know what's best for their children.

What advice would you give others who might be interested in volunteering?

Come and check it out! It's one of my favorite things I've ever done. With the awesome way New Life prepares you, you will be able to go in to coaching sessions feeling ready and excited. Just as every client is unique, so is every coach. You could bring something to coaching that is uniquely you, and God will use it to help families thrive.



Pictured: Erin Busse and family

WALK FOR LIFE IS BACK!

Join us for carnival games, kid-friendly activities, food trucks, live music, and more. Invite your friends and family to honor the sanctity of human life by walking or running with us.

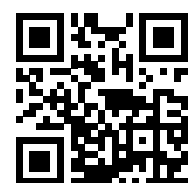
Saturday, June 11, 2022

NORMANDALE LAKE PARK

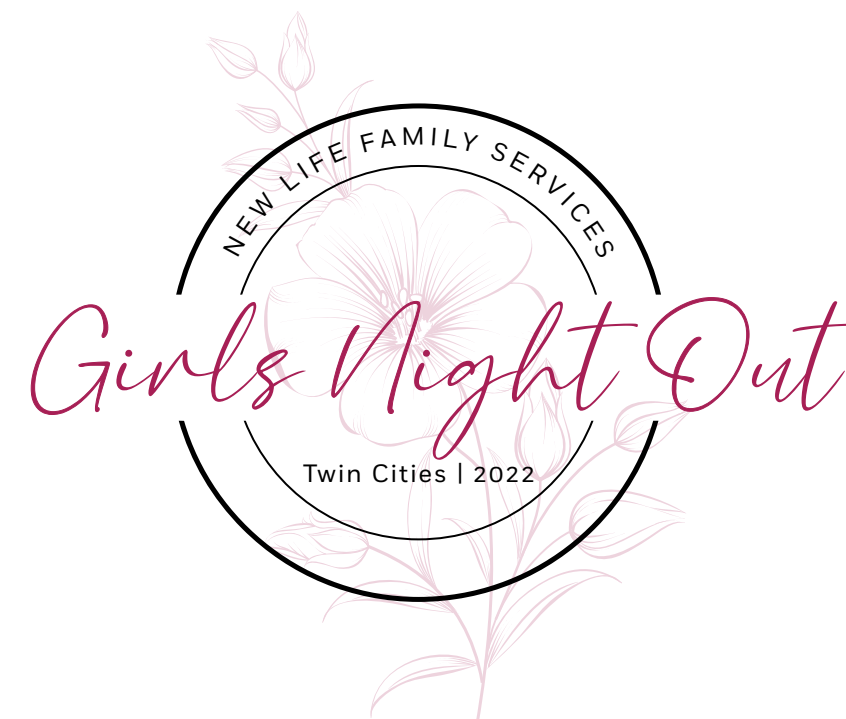
Registration opens at 8:30 AM

Let's continue to see how God changes hearts, saves lives, builds families, and restores hope!

For more information, email
delaney@nlfs.org



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

Christ Community Church
Rochester, MN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022

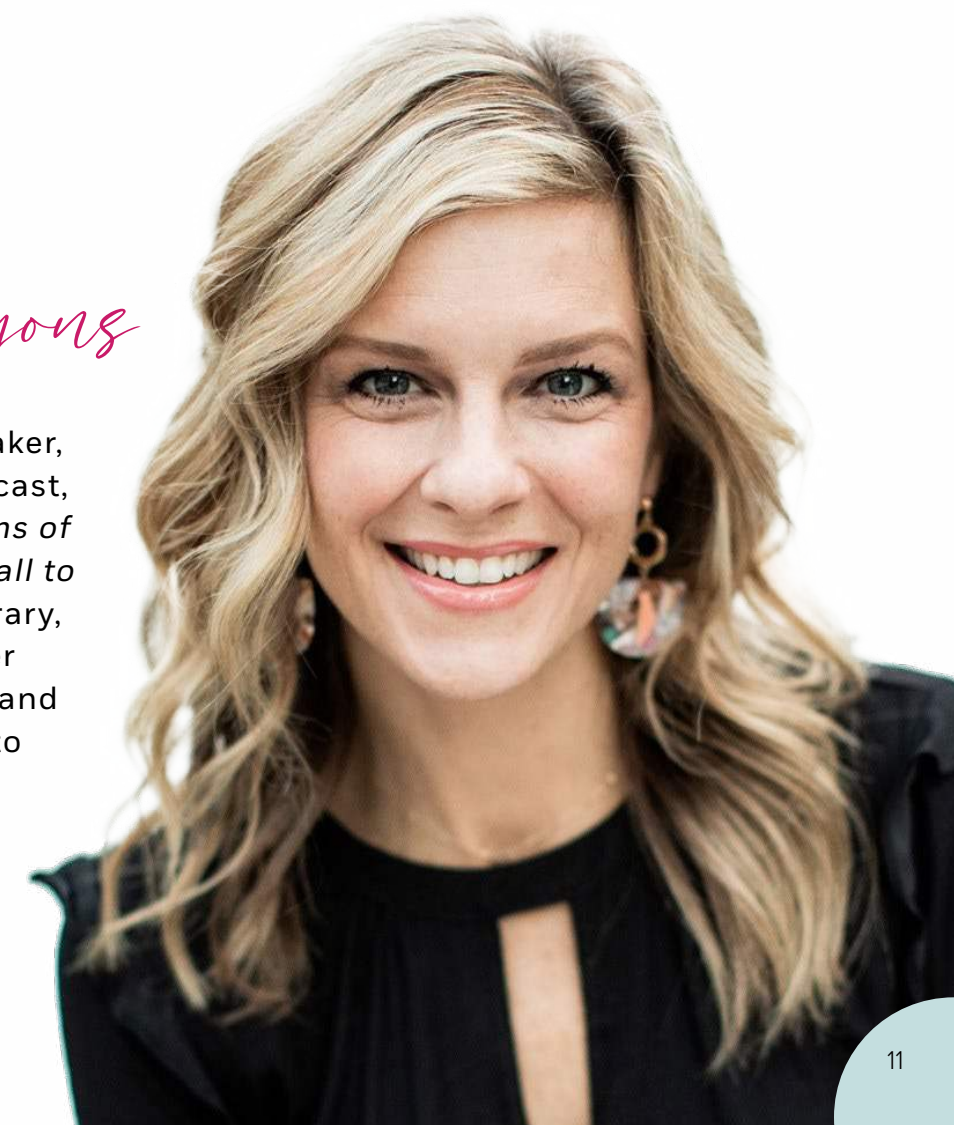
Cedar Valley Church
Bloomington, MN

GUEST SPEAKER

Rebekah Lyons

Rebekah Lyons is a national speaker, host of the *Rhythms for Life* podcast, and bestselling author of *Rhythms of Renewal*, *You Are Free*, and *Freefall to Fly*. An old soul with a contemporary, honest voice, Rebekah reveals her own battles to overcome anxiety and depression – and invites others to discover and boldly pursue their God-given purpose.

Tickets go on sale in June.





and its programs



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