Impact Report

Jen, a graduate from our Heart program, shares her story at our 2022 Gala.

The word <u>hope</u> is frequently associated with what Pregnancy Centers do. There's a good reason for that. Anxiety or hopelessness diminishes our capacity to see what could be. It darkens our imagination for the good that God intends.

Proverbs 12:25 says, "Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up."

So much of what happens in our centers is meant to lift heartlevel burdens. It is to foster hope. The kindness of our staff and volunteers, in both word and deed, has the power to lighten the load and open possibilities for life.

Thank you for being a part of that work; for giving, praying, and partnering with us to love the thousands of people whom we have been entrusted with this year.

Your fellow follower,

Luke Cirillo, CEO

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Verna is a wonderful woman who makes these beautiful blankets for our clients! A handmade blanket is the first thing a client gets to take home after she has an ultrasound with us. Verna told us that she memorizes books of the Bible while she works on the blankets. We are so thankful for her and these special gifts she loves to make!

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ALEXIS' STORY

Alexis came into our center for a pregnancy test on a very cold December night. After confirming she was pregnant, she told me she was hiding from an "evil," abusive man and was homeless. We spent over an hour calling shelters, trying desperately to find some way to ensure that Alexis wouldn't have to go back out on the streets. We gave her what we could and prayed for her, but we felt like we had failed her.

We left her numerous voicemails, but none of them were returned. Thankfully a month later, she finally answered my phone call. Months later, Alexis came back into the center with her baby girl and her mother to pick up a basket of baby clothes. She said her visit here made such a difference, and that when I prayed with her, things changed. She told me,

"It meant so much to me that someone out there cared and was rooting for me, and I owe much of the changes to you."

This last year, thanks to your donations, we helped over 2,500 women like Alexis with medical services and practical support. Our work doesn't stop here, though. There are more women out there with similar situations that need to know about us, and we can't wait to support them.



THANK YOU!

We had an incredible time at the Gala last month. The evening was filled with stories of resilience from our center staff as well as a powerful testimony from a Heart graduate. Our keynote speakers, Blair and Shai Linne, left us all encouraged in the Gospel and hopeful for the future of the ministry. God answered our prayers and provided much through this incredible event!

524 people attended and we raised over \$337K! We are so grateful! Thank you!



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