



The Connection



Faith, Family, Future

2026 THEME

"Behold, children are a heritage from the lord, the fruit of the womb a reward". Psalm 127:3 ESV

Dear Friends,

This has been one of the most difficult articles I've written in my five and a half years with Life Choices Resource Center.

I am continually grateful for the ways the Lord provides for this ministry, and I have no doubt that His faithfulness will continue now and in the future. While we find ourselves in a season of unexpected change, our mission and vision remain the same:

"To promote the sanctity of human life by reaching out with Christ's love through our pregnancy resource center, medical clinic, and sexual and relationship educational programs.

"We often say that the best gift you can give a child is a well-prepared parent. Those words were first shared with me by a very special woman Shawn Petsuch, who is now entering a new season of life.

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From the Director's Desk (continued)

BY JEREMY BEWLEY

Due to her husband's health, she feels called to be home to care for him and spend this precious time together. Please join us in praying for them as they seek healing and navigate these changes.

One thing you quickly learn about Life Choices is that serving here is much more than a job. It is a calling, and over time, we become family. Today, we are not saying goodbye—we are simply saying, "See you later."

Shawn joined our team in 2020, bringing valuable experience from previous pregnancy resource centers. Throughout her time here, she faithfully served in several important roles, including Advocate, Finance Manager, and most recently, Client Services Manager. Shawn has also been instrumental in bringing the surrendering the secret program to many.

Shawn brought a wealth of leadership to our ministry. She had focused while leading with grace, special sense of humor. Her and passion for this ministry made our team and to every client she

She is a faithful follower of Jesus warrior, and a mission-driven others see the best in themselves.

Resource Center cannot be an essential role in the growth and success of this ministry.



knowledge, wisdom, and a unique ability to keep us encouragement, and her own testimony, deep love for Jesus, her an incredible blessing to served.

Christ, a devoted prayer leader who always helped Her impact on Life Choices overstated, and she has played

Please join me in thanking and honoring not only a valued team member but also a dear friend and beloved member of our Life Choices family. While she may be stepping away from her daily responsibilities, we know this is not goodbye. We are confident she will continue to pray for, support, and encourage this ministry for years to come.

Thank you simply doesn't seem like enough. There aren't words that can fully express how much she is loved, appreciated, and already missed. I write these words with tears in my eyes as I say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

From the Director's Desk (continued)

BY JEREMY BEWLEY

As one chapter closes, another begins. If you are unapologetically pro-life—from womb to tomb—and passionate about strengthening families through the love of Christ, perhaps God is nudging your heart toward this ministry. We would love to meet you. Please reach out to schedule a tour and discover whether Life Choices Resource Center may be a place where God is calling you to serve.

As always, we will continue standing in the gap for Jesus, advocating for life, and promoting strong, healthy families. We cannot do this without your prayers, encouragement, and faithful support. Thank you for walking alongside us as we navigate the changes ahead.

Although growth is exciting, our vision remains simple: Celebrate the One.

We celebrate the one baby saved from abortion. We celebrate the one life transformed through the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. These victories cannot be measured by statistics alone. Every client who walks through our doors is loved, valued, and poured into by a team committed to sharing Christ's love. Every life is worthy of the time, care, and resources invested through this ministry.

We also have some exciting things to look forward to as we finish the year. We are thankful to be installing a new sign that will strengthen our visibility, improve our curb appeal, and help more people discover Life Choices Resource Center. We believe this new addition will spark curiosity and lead more individuals and families to the hope and help available through our ministry. Be watching for it in the coming weeks!

Finally, thank you for your continued prayers, your generous financial support, and the countless hours of volunteer service that make this ministry possible. We invite you to stop by anytime to see firsthand how your support is changing lives.

Enclosed you will find a self-addressed envelope should the Lord lead you to make a financial pledge or gift. Your partnership enables us to continue growing, serving, and following wherever Christ leads.

May God richly bless you and thank you for being an important part of the Life Choices Resource Center family.

With gratitude and blessings,

Jeremy and the Team at Life Choices Resource Center

From the Director's Desk (continued)

BY JEREMY BEWLEY

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings to you and thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

We are excited to introduce two individuals who have recently answered God's call to serve here at Life Choices Resource Center. Please join us in warmly welcoming **Joan Wittkop** and **Jeff Erickson** to our team.



Jeff - Board Member

Jeff is a member of Faith Alive Church and also serves on the "Dream Team". He has been married to his wife Sandi for 30 years and they have two children Ashtyn (25) and Brendan (23) and 1 Grand Dog (Luna). In addition to the LCRC Board, Jeff also serves the community on boards of the Skidway Optimist Club, Whittemore-Prescott Education Foundation, Ogemaw County Economic Development Corporation and the statewide Agent Charitable Fund. A life long member of the community, Jeff previously worked as a police officer and in various educational leadership positions. Currently he is the agent/owner of the Erickson Family Agency-Farm Bureau Insurance in west branch.



Joan - Thursday Volunteer

My name is Joan Wittkop. My husband and I moved to Houghton Lake in 2021. We have three children, four grandchildren, and another grandchild due in October. Shortly after our move from Milan, MI, we learned about Life Choices Resource Center through our church. The Center provides services that are aligned to our faith, and I was happy to hear of it serving our communities. It has been on my heart for about a year to join the team at Life Choices, and after resigning from a position at church, decided it was time to reach out. I am looking forward to serving the Center's clients, doing what I can to assist. I also enjoy quilting, knitting and reading. It has been a pleasure to meet the team at Life Choices.

From The Fundraising Coordinator's Desk

BY SADIE SNYDER

As we look back on an exciting spring and summer, our hearts are filled with gratitude. God has once again shown His faithfulness through the incredible support of our community.

This year, both our Walk/Run for Life and Golf for Life Outing were tremendous successes. These events would not have been possible without the dedication of our participants, generous sponsors, faithful volunteers, hardworking staff, and countless supporters. Most importantly, we give all glory and praise to Almighty God, who continues to provide for the ministry of Life Choices Resource Center and the families we serve.

Every event, every volunteer hour, every sponsorship, and every donation allows us to continue offering hope and free, life-affirming services to individuals and families in our community.

As we continue through the year, we encourage you to stay connected with us! Be sure to follow our social media pages and visit our website for event announcements, ministry updates, volunteer opportunities, and stories of lives being impacted through your generosity.

We are incredibly thankful for the many people who have supported our ministry this year.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Our 2026 Walk for Life Liaisons, who encouraged participation and helped make this year's event one to remember. Your generosity and commitment allow us to continue serving families with compassion, truth, and hope.
- Our sponsors and Eagle sponsors for our Golf for Life Outing, whose generosity made this year's outing possible.
- The Churches that faithfully participated in Baby Bottle Campaigns and hosted baby showers that provided much-needed supplies for our clients.

We are excited for what's to come in 2027 and we can't wait to see you there!

With thanks,

Sadie Snyder



The baby bottle drive is not limited to the spring months. It is available year round, so please don't hesitate to fill up each month of the year!

Baby Bottle Drive

It's simple! Just pick up a basket of baby bottles from the Center, and distribute them at your church or community group. Then return the filled bottles to the Center. We do all the counting, and as always, donations are tax deductible.

*Coming!
Soon!*



YEAR-ROUND MINISTRY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES INSIDE THE MINISTRY TOURS

Become a Year-Round Ministry Sponsor

We're excited to introduce our new Annual Sponsorship Program beginning in 2027!

Annual sponsorships will help provide dependable funding for our events and ministry needs while offering sponsors recognition throughout the year. By helping cover the costs associated with our fundraising events, sponsors allow an even greater portion of the funds raised through these events to directly support our mission of providing free, life-affirming services to our clients.

This new opportunity allows businesses, churches, organizations, and individuals to make a lasting impact by supporting the mission of Life Choices Resource Center throughout the entire year. Rather than sponsoring a single event, annual sponsors help sustain the free, life-affirming services we provide to women, men, and families in our community.

As an annual sponsor, you'll receive recognition throughout the year at our major events, on our website, through social media, and in select printed materials.

We invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with us at one of the following levels:

Platinum Sponsor – \$5,000 Gold Sponsor – \$4,000 Silver Sponsor – \$3,000 Bronze Sponsor – \$2,000 Nickel Sponsor – \$1,000

Together, we can continue offering hope, help, and life-affirming services to those who need them most. If you're interested in becoming an Annual Sponsor or would like more information, we'd love to hear from you.



Inside the Ministry Tours

Have you ever wondered what happens inside Life Choices Resource Center?

Beginning in 2027, we'll be opening our doors for small-group tours! These guided tours are designed to give our supporters a behind-the-scenes look at our ministry, introduce you to the services we provide, and show how your prayers, generosity, and involvement are making a lasting impact in our community.

To keep the experience personal and interactive, each tour is limited to 10 guests.

Our first Inside the Ministry tour will be held:

Tuesday, January 12, 2027

6:00 PM

Light refreshments will be provided.

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Sadie by December 19, 2026 @ fundraiser@lcrc-wb.org. We'd love the opportunity to welcome you and share more about the work God is doing through Life Choices Resource Center & Options Resource Clinic.

Current Store Needs

- Gently Used Boys and Girls Clothes (Size: newborn - 5T)
- 8 Oz Baby Bottles
- Baby Gates
- Baby Toiletries: Shampoo, Diaper Cream, Lotion, etc.
- Bath Towels and Wash Cloths
- Sleep Sacs, Swaddles, Infant Carriers, Bassinette Sheets, Crib Sheets, Burp Clothes, Highchair Covers
- Books, Games, Toys, etc.
- Mom and Dad Items: Candles, Lotions, Razors, Hand Tools, etc.
- Diapers (Size: Newborn, 6, and 7)
- Pull Ups (Size: 2T-5T)



Christmas Toy Drive

Help us make Christmas brighter for local children and families!

We begin collecting new, unwrapped toy donations in early November. To ensure every gift is ready for our families, please bring donations by December 1, 2026.

Our Christmas Store opens Thursday, December 3, 2026, helping local parents and caregivers provide Christmas gifts for their children.

Your generosity helps make Christmas morning a little more special for families in our community. Thank you for partnering with us to spread hope and joy this holiday season!



We ♥ our Volunteers



Volunteers

Without our volunteers, we would not be able to change lives! We have so many great volunteers, but we are always accepting and in need of more. There are many different opportunities to volunteer with us. Whether you are able to commit to volunteering weekly, monthly, or even for events only, we have a place for you!

Opportunities:

- Male and Female Client Advocate
- Female Clinic Patient Advocate
- Receptionist (clinic or center)
- Event Volunteer
- Mailing Volunteers (3x per year)
- Store Volunteer

Imminent Need

- Cleaning Volunteers (2-4 People - once per month)

If you feel called to volunteer, contact us today!

A Place of Hope, Healing, and Remembrance

Every life matters. Every loss matters.

At Options Resource Clinic, we have the privilege of walking alongside individuals and families experiencing one of life's deepest sorrows. Whether the loss comes through abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of an unborn child, the grief is real, lasting, and often carried silently.

Many parents never have an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the life of their precious son or daughter. Yet healing often begins when that life is recognized, honored, and remembered.

We are grateful to share an exciting new opportunity for healing within our community.

A Memorial Garden for Reproductive Loss

Through the generosity of **Calvary Baptist Church**, a beautiful space has been dedicated within their cemetery for families in our surrounding communities who have experienced reproductive loss.

Nestled among three mature trees with a peaceful view, this **6-foot by 8-foot memorial area** offers a quiet place for reflection, prayer, and remembrance.

As this vision comes to life, the memorial will include:

- A concrete bench engraved with Scripture, offering comfort and hope through God's promises.
- A statue of **Jesus holding a baby**, reminding grieving hearts that their children are safely in His loving arms.
- A peaceful setting where families can sit, pray, reflect, and remember.

Our prayer is that this sacred space becomes a refuge where parents can find peace, remember their children, and experience God's healing presence.

Healing Through Surrendering the Secret

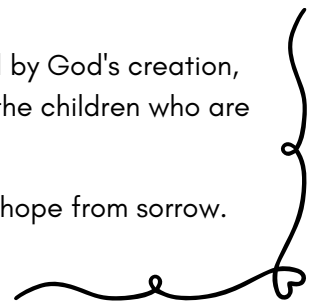
One of the ministries closest to our hearts is Surrendering the Secret, an eight-session Bible study designed to help women find healing from the heartbreak of abortion.

Throughout the study, participants experience God's grace, forgiveness, and restoration in a safe, confidential environment.

One of the most meaningful moments occurs near the end of the study, when each participant can honor the child they lost through a time of peace, release, and memorial. During this special service, mothers acknowledge their son or daughter, entrust them to the Lord, and embrace the hope found in Jesus Christ.

The new Memorial Garden will provide the perfect setting for this sacred experience. Surrounded by God's creation, participants will be able to gather, release the burdens they have carried, and honor the lives of the children who are now with Jesus.

While grief may never completely disappear, we believe God brings beauty from brokenness and hope from sorrow.



From the Nurse Manager's Desk (continued)

BY HELEN BOWEN

Join Our October Healing Class

If you or someone you know has experienced the heartbreak of abortion, you do not have to carry that burden alone.

A new **Surrendering the Secret** class will begin in **October**. This confidential, Christ-centered, eight-session Bible study is designed to help women experience healing, freedom, forgiveness, and hope after abortion.

If you would like more information or would like to reserve a confidential place in the class, please contact **Options Resource Clinic** at **989-345-7398**. All inquiries and registrations are kept strictly confidential.

"There is hope. There is healing. There is grace."

How You Can Help

This Memorial Garden is becoming a place where hurting hearts can encounter healing for years to come.

Your prayers are appreciated as we complete this special project and continue ministering to families affected by reproductive loss. If you would like to partner with Options Resource Clinic through financial support, volunteering, or by helping complete the memorial, we would be honored to hear from you.

Together, we can remind grieving parents that they are not alone, their children are never forgotten, and the love of Christ reaches even into life's deepest pain.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." — Psalm 147:3

Thank you for standing with **Options Resource Clinic** as we continue sharing hope, healing, and the love of Christ with every family we serve.

October Surrendering the Secret Class

Healing after abortion is possible. If you or someone you know would like to participate in our confidential eight-session Bible study beginning in **October**, please call **989-345-7398** to RSVP. All calls are completely confidential.

Thank you,

Options Nurse, Helen Bowen

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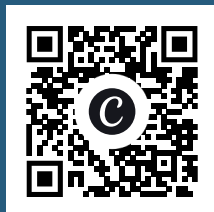
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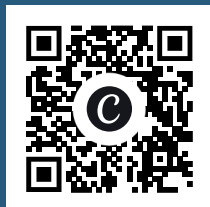


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Upcoming Events



**ANNUAL
FUNDRAISING
BANQUET**

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 1,
2026**



Mark your calendars! Our Annual Fundraising Banquet will feature special guest George Dennehy, whose inspiring testimony and music have encouraged audiences across the country. We hope you'll join us for an evening celebrating the work God is doing through Life Choices Resource Center.

To register as a table host, please contact fundraiser@lcrc-wb.org or call us (989) 345 3909.

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