

# Abundant Life



## inspiring A Brighter Future

In December, Sarah (name changed for confidentiality) was left with four young children to care for on her own. No job, no car—a difficult situation, to say the least. Very practical needs brought her to the Center, and since then, our staff and volunteers have been honored to transport much-needed items to her and help her find rent and utility assistance, providing extra support as she worked to get on her feet. Through hard work and the empowerment of a loving community, Sarah has secured a remote job and is taking business classes as she wants to start a small business someday. Things are looking bright for this family's future.

As I dropped off items, I got to know her, and she has been an absolute inspiration to me. She is a follower of Jesus and while the road has been rocky and given her many sleepless nights, she has steadfastly fixed her hope on Christ. In our many conversations, she shared with me that she longed for a church family. However, a lack of transportation prevented her from finding a church home.

Finding someone who lived near her and who had a vehicle large enough to hold four car seats and an additional adult was no small task. I asked our prayer team to ask God to make a way.

And God answered! We have connected Sarah with a family that supports the Center, and they take her and her kiddos to church weekly. The kids love Sunday School and Childrens' Church, and Sarah loves the teaching, worship, and community. This family even treated Sarah and her kids to a picnic at a local park after worship one Sunday afternoon.



You see, the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center hopes not only to meet the pregnancy and parenting needs of our clients but, more importantly, to connect them with a local Church for ongoing life-on-life discipleship that they might choose Abundant Life.

Abundant Life happens in the small moments, as seen in Sarah's story. Moments when a local family adopts a mom and takes her family on a picnic. Or when the SCPC community drops off meals and supplies at her house. And when a church family opens its heart wide to a single mom and her children. Abundant life happens in moments of self-sacrificial love.

The cost of sacrificial love is exacting and will cost us our very selves. But in God's goodness and kindness, He has poured His love lavishly into our hearts through His Spirit, making us able to walk the path of Christ to become a gift of love to others. Through love, God redeems Shenandoah County.

So come and say "yes" to the small moments. Join God's redemptive work in partnership with the SCPC to inspire Abundant Life and a bright future for generations in our county. Call me at the Center to talk about ways you can say "yes".

*Lisa Schroeder, Executive Director*

## Looking for a hands-on project at the Center?

Here are some ways you can help:

- Trim trees and vines off the storage sheds before winter.
- Replace and paint the wooden steps on the front porch.
- Hang vinyl siding on the donation shed.

## Meet the Need!

Please share with your friends and family that we are in need of gently used boys clothing. Sizes 4T to size 12. Donations can be dropped off any time in our donation shed behind the Center.



**THANK YOU to the folks of Valley Fellowship SDA Church who renovated our donation shed!**

**Client and Center needs are listed at our supporter website: [www.supportscpc.org](http://www.supportscpc.org).**



# Walk For Life 2024

What a beautiful day to celebrate LIFE! Following countless days of much-needed rain, the skies cleared off to provide a glorious, sunny day for the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center’s Walk for Life and Ride for Life ‘24. You could sense the joy and expectation from our attendees that this was a special time set apart for a special purpose, a time for folks of all ages to gather together and actively demonstrate support for the value of human life.

We welcomed a tremendous crowd, with participants from all over the Shenandoah Valley. Guests were treated to a delicious breakfast. Live music by Gary Dalton serenaded the walkers . . . and possibly the nearby neighbors! Special speakers included Shenandoah Valley Christian Riders’ Chaplain, Stuart Israel, the precious Maier Family, and our own Commonwealth’s Attorney, Elizabeth Cooper.

Thanks to YOU, our faithful partners, we raised over \$38,000. We are grateful for each of our participants. A big shout out to our top walkers and top teams!

### Top 5 Walkers

- Betty Gibson \$5440
- Schroeder Family \$3020
- Bernard & Penny Adams \$1530
- Kara Miller \$1510
- Michelle Craver \$1410

### Top 5 Teams

- Liberty Baptist \$7785
- Freshwater Fellowship \$3615
- Wakemans Grove \$2965
- Fellowship Bible \$2475
- Windhaven Church \$2140



**We did not meet our budgeted goal of \$50,000 but it’s not too late to give to our Walk for Life Campaign. Go to [www.supportscpc.org/walk](http://www.supportscpc.org/walk) to make a donation.**

*Please join us in thanking our Walk for Life sponsors! Strasburg Dentistry helped underwrite our t-shirts but unfortunately, their number was printed incorrectly. The correct number of the Strasburg Dentistry office is 540-465-3399. See a full list of our Walk sponsors on our website.*

## Blessed to Be A Blessing

*Infant and children’s clothing, diapers, and formula shared with families in NC, TN and FL.*

The Shenandoah County community is so generous in providing the Center with gently used items that the we are able to share our excess of infant and children’s clothing with the community of Asheville, North Carolina through a ministry called Anchor Ridge. We also shared certain sizes of diapers and kinds of formula that we have in excess to storm ravaged communities through Edinburg Trucks. ***Thank you for blessing us so, TOGETHER, we can be a blessing.***