



# Help, Hope, & Healing

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 **Pregnancy Clinic Ministry**  
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*In a study done by the Vitae Foundation, more than 80% of women surveyed who'd had an abortion responded that if just **one** person had supported them, they would not have made that choice.*

*At the Pregnancy Clinic Ministry, we are striving to be that **one** person for women every day.*

Yvonne had been getting good grades in college and her future was promising, but there was a dark spot: her relationship with her boyfriend had become controlling and unhealthy, so she stopped seeing him altogether. That is, until her pregnancy test came back positive.

She called him up, feeling afraid and alone, and told him about the pregnancy. His response was immediate: "Obviously, you have to get an abortion." Yvonne, having grown up in the church, never thought she would even consider abortion, but she also never thought she'd be in this situation. "He was very controlling. I was scared not to get an abortion; I knew if I was going to keep this baby, I was going to be doing this all by myself."

Afraid to tell her parents, she consulted friends. They agreed with her boyfriend. "You're not ready to have a child. Your life will be over. You have to have an abortion," they said. "No one told me, 'you can do this, you can have this baby.' I just needed someone to tell me it was going to be ok." So she searched online, looking for a clinic to help her, and she found the Pregnancy Clinic. "When I talked to my counselor at the Pregnancy Clinic, that was the first time I felt like I had some options. They explained the information to me and I finally felt comfortable. My counselor was so encouraging and I had someone I could connect with whenever I felt overwhelmed or afraid. Maybe my life wasn't over."

"When I had the ultrasound, it suddenly seemed a lot more real. When I knew she was there, she was healthy, and had a heartbeat, I knew I could never let her go."

When Yvonne told her boyfriend, he was absolutely furious. When she told her friends, they thought her life was over. And, she was still too afraid to tell her parents. "I was really pushing them away. I didn't want to tell them because I didn't know what to do and I didn't know how they would react. I was so stressed that I began failing and had to drop my classes. Finally, when I was about four months along, I wrote them a letter, left it on my mom's bed, packed a bag, and began driving, just trying to get some space.

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The Pregnancy Clinic Ministry is a faith-based, medical non-profit, serving those facing pregnancy-related and sexual health issues by offering physical, emotional, and spiritual support, and empowering them to make healthy and life-affirming decisions.

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# Pamela's Post

For many of you, I may be the only "voice" of the Pregnancy Clinic Ministry. But believe me, this ministry is the Lord's and is abundantly blessed by quite a few amazing staff and volunteers. While some are just starting their time with us, others have been with us for decades, including Sharon Greenip, MEd. Sharon trains our volunteers and also created our Life Sense education program for our clients. Sharon and her husband Scott attend Trinity Community Church in Bowie and have four awesome children. She recently wrote an article about the dedication of our volunteers. It really touched me, so I wanted to share it with you. The full-length version is available on our website.



## Two Doors

Recently, I had the opportunity to observe a counselor who had back-to-back appointments with two clients considering abortion. Nearly 70% of such clients who come to us for counseling change their minds and choose life. However, even with the skills and caring words of a counselor, some woman still choose abortion.

It is during those times that I remind the counselor that her responsibility is not to change the client's heart - that is God's alone. Her job is to use her training to the best of her ability and, with love, speak truth into this woman's life ... truth about abortion, truth about her lifestyle, and truth about God from the Bible. We do this by using our training in counseling and communication skills to listen, reflect her words, ask challenging questions, and give feedback to what she says.

Even for those women who choose abortion, continue in their unhealthy habits, and reject Jesus, it is important for the counselor to know that her presence at that moment still made a difference: God was still glorified. Truth was still spoken. We pray for her. Our prayer is that at some point in the future, she will remember the words that were not easy to hear but remain true nonetheless.

**But today, that Truth made a difference. The clients heard and responded. We rejoice.**

There are two doors available - the abortion clinic and our clinic ministry. Those clients could have walked through either door. Had it been the former, some very nice person could have confirmed her "good reasons" for abortion, told her "You don't need this baby right now," and explained how she could just get it "taken care of" and forget about it. For such women, their hearts are vulnerable, and words are powerful. However, those women came to our clinic that day. Both had what they thought were good reasons for abortion, despite the pain that was so visible on their faces in contemplating it, but they heard the truth spoken in love and responded to it. I can't help but be thankful for the volunteers, supporters, and prayer partners of this ministry. Through the power of God, their faithful sacrifice and giving keep the doors of our clinics open, now for over 35 years.

For His glory,

*Pamela Salumlo*  
CEO

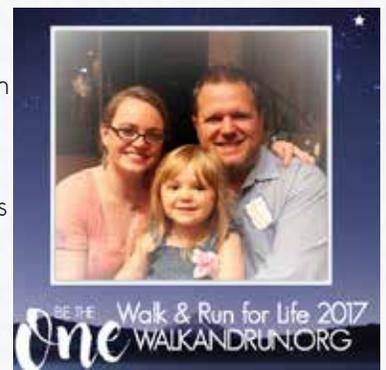


## Coming soon

You may remember young Kaylee from last year's Walk & Run. Her mom, Justine, shared her testimony of the life-changing moment when she first heard Kaylee's heart beat during her ultrasound at our Clinic.

As we have watched Kaylee grow from baby to preschooler, we've also witnessed Justine and Dave grow in their faith in the Lord. This winter, we celebrated with Justine and Dave as they rooted their family on the firm foundation of a Christ-centered marriage.

Well, now Kaylee has some big news to share. Be sure to join us at this year's Walk & Run for Life on September 16 to hear the scoop!



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After a little while, I received a text: "We love you. Please come home so we can talk." When I got home, they told me that they would support me.

Yvonne's counselor was the **one** who told her, "You can do this, your life is not going to end, and you can get through it." And with that encouragement, Yvonne chose life for her beautiful daughter. Arielle Layla was born on July 22, with beautiful brown eyes and dark curly hair. Her round face splits into a huge smile whenever she catches sight of her momma. And Yvonne's life wasn't over. She works a nannying job where she can bring Arielle with her and has plans for going back to school in the fall. "I love spending time with Arielle. She's the light of my life."



## Volunteer Spotlight

Anne Marie and Jeff Kubik



Pictured with: Nathaniel (10), Benjamin (7), and Gabriel (18mo)

Anne Marie and Jeff have been serving the clinic in some capacity for over 5 years. Anne Marie took the training in the fall of 2011 and has been volunteering with the clinic for just over 5 years as a nurse sonographer. She started off with a few months of counseling before attending the sonogram training. She also taught a few of the Life Sense classes but primarily serves as a nurse sonographer: offering a life-changing experience to our abortion-minded clients.

Jeff, her loyal spouse, has adjusted his schedule to allow her to volunteer weekly as well as one Saturday per month. It inspired him to attend the counselor training as well approximately 3 years ago, and he has helped organize the parking detail for the Annual 5K run for the last 3 years. He is the liaison between the Clinic and the local Knights of Columbus chapter, serving as the Pro-life Director.

They have 3 sons whom they homeschool. They have participated in the 5K run for the last 5 years and look forward to cheering Gabriel on in the Toddler Trot this year. They live in Severn and attend St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. They love traveling and particularly camping with their boys.

Anne Marie grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, while Jeff is local to Maryland. She loves her Steelers, while he cheers on the Ravens. Both are also previous military, with Jeff serving in the Air Force, and Anne Marie in the Army for 6 years. They are spirited rivals when it comes to football season.

Jeff attends a men's fellowship called "That Man Is You," which focuses on developing authentic Christ-centered leadership as a husband and father. Anne Marie is involved in a Bible study called "Walking with a Purpose," which aims to bring women into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

*"We love being instruments of God's greater plan and are grateful to be part of this wonderful ministry!"*

## Volunteer Training



If you look at the Guttmacher Institute's Web page for information on abortion in the U.S., you will quickly find this highlighted statistic: "59% of women obtaining abortions are mothers". Without any surveying needed, it is pretty safe to say 100% of women obtaining abortions are mothers.

Whether you are inside the doors of one of our Clinics or in your neighborhood, whether you are at work or at church, chances are you will encounter someone who is misled about abortion. Are you prepared to speak the truth in love? Our Volunteer Training Class will equip you with communication skills and knowledge on the topics of abortion, fetal development, sexual health, evangelism, and adoption. Pray about making this small investment of time and how God might use you in another person's life.

**Pregnancy Clinic Ministry Volunteer Training Class** - Starting Tuesday, October 3rd

10-week session, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Faith Community Church, Gambrills

Contact [Angela@pregnancyclinic.org](mailto:Angela@pregnancyclinic.org) or 410-431-5000 for more information or [www.HelpHopeandHealing.org/volunteer](http://www.HelpHopeandHealing.org/volunteer)

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