

NEWSLETTER





UNRELENTING LOVE

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU INVITED ME IN, I NEEDED CLOTHES AND YOU CLOTHED ME, I WAS SICK AND YOU LOOKED AFTER ME...” - MATTHEW 25:35-36

Our outreach team first connected with Jasmine at an adult entertainment club, and a sweet friendship was quickly formed. Each week as we brought home-cooked meals from our faithful volunteers, Jasmine was genuinely appreciative. She would often make an intentional effort to thank us for the kindness and hospitality we shared with her and her co-workers.

When Jasmine had an unplanned pregnancy, she immediately made an appointment at our Choices Medical clinic. **As she and her boyfriend saw the steady heartbeat on the ultrasound monitor, they had no doubts about their decision – they chose life for their baby!** Jasmine was encouraged to consider a new line of work that would be healthier for both her and her baby and, with some encouragement, she decided to walk away from her current lifestyle.

Excitedly, they welcomed a baby boy into their world, but life wasn't easy. Soon after delivery, the father of her baby was arrested.

A few weeks later, our mobile medical team was offering services at a local jail, when a young man spoke up: ***“I know you guys...you scanned my baby mama when we came to your clinic.”*** In that moment, our team was able to provide him with more than just essential medical care, but also encouragement and prayer.

Several years passed and one day Jasmine reappeared at our clinic. She was pregnant again but hadn't yet received any prenatal care. With her pregnancy well into the last trimester, we provided vital testing needed for her and her baby. One of the tests came back positive, requiring immediate intervention, and our team was able to provide Jasmine with support, resources, and referrals for high-risk medical care. **A few weeks later she delivered a healthy baby girl!**

Just a few days after her baby was born, Jasmine again stopped by our clinic and proudly introduced her newest bundle of joy to our team. We were blessed to gift her a tote full of newborn supplies provided by our generous partnering churches.

As Jasmine was leaving the clinic she turned and smiled, sharing ***“I've told everyone about you guys. You've literally saved my life in so many ways, and I can't thank you enough.”***



TOTES OF LOVE

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10



As I was reading this verse on a quiet Sunday afternoon, a text message dinged on my phone. A note and photos popped up from an area pastor's wife thanking LifeChoices for supplying newborn baby gifts for two families in their congregation.

"Thank you so much for the LifeChoices gifts. They were so grateful and needed the extra help so much."

For over three decades LifeChoices has provided free newborn resources for young families in our community. In 2025, we were blessed to have 25 local churches and groups participate in our Tree of Life Christmas generosity program. We are grateful and excited to share that **over 4,000 material items** were donated through this initiative, **valuing more than \$35,000 in gifts received!**

At the helm of our newborn gift program for over two decades has been our friend and volunteer, Evelyn Knowles. Evelyn has faithfully spent hours upon hours organizing donated supplies, ensuring every item is of the utmost quality for a newborn baby, and packing beautiful gift bags to bless the young families we serve. Evelyn has generously used her time and talents to make sure thousands of babies and their families feel tangible encouragement and support on this new journey of life.

We share our deepest thanks to Evelyn and the many other volunteers that make this aspect of our ministry possible.

If you would like to learn more about the many ways you can serve with LifeChoices, please contact Hillary at 417-623-0131 today!



GO: COMPASSION IN ACTION

“THE CHURCH IS THE CHURCH ONLY WHEN IT EXISTS FOR OTHERS...NOT DOMINATING BUT HELPING AND SERVING.”

- DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

When Joey stepped on our mobile medical unit for testing, he told the nurse that he heard about our services in our Compass prevention program at his school. He softly shared, **“I knew I could come to you because you’re safe and you know how to help.”**

At LifeChoices our mobile services are a gateway to reach those that may not be able to come to us. **Ensuring access to anyone who needs our services** is deeply important to our team. Our mobile services are a purposeful strategy to be gospel-whisperers throughout our community. **It’s a go-mission on wheels!**

- *Our prevention education programs in over 15 school districts empower students with life-affirming and medically accurate information about sexual health issues facing their generation.*
- *Our medical team goes into two local jails to fill critical gaps in health care and spiritual services for those often overlooked by society.*
- *Our mobile unit provides health care in the community where medical services are often limited for those with economic hardships and transportation barriers.*
- *Our parenting classes are accessible to anyone with a mobile device and allow essential information to be shared with young parents looking for help in raising their young families.*
- *Our go-bag resources are provided to anyone caught in the dark web of sexual exploitation in our community and, when requested by law enforcement, our team provides on-the-spot trauma-informed victim services and medical care.*

• *Our club outreach teams go to adult entertainment venues every week and provide hot meals, tangible resources, and intentional encouragement to those in the commercial sex industry.*

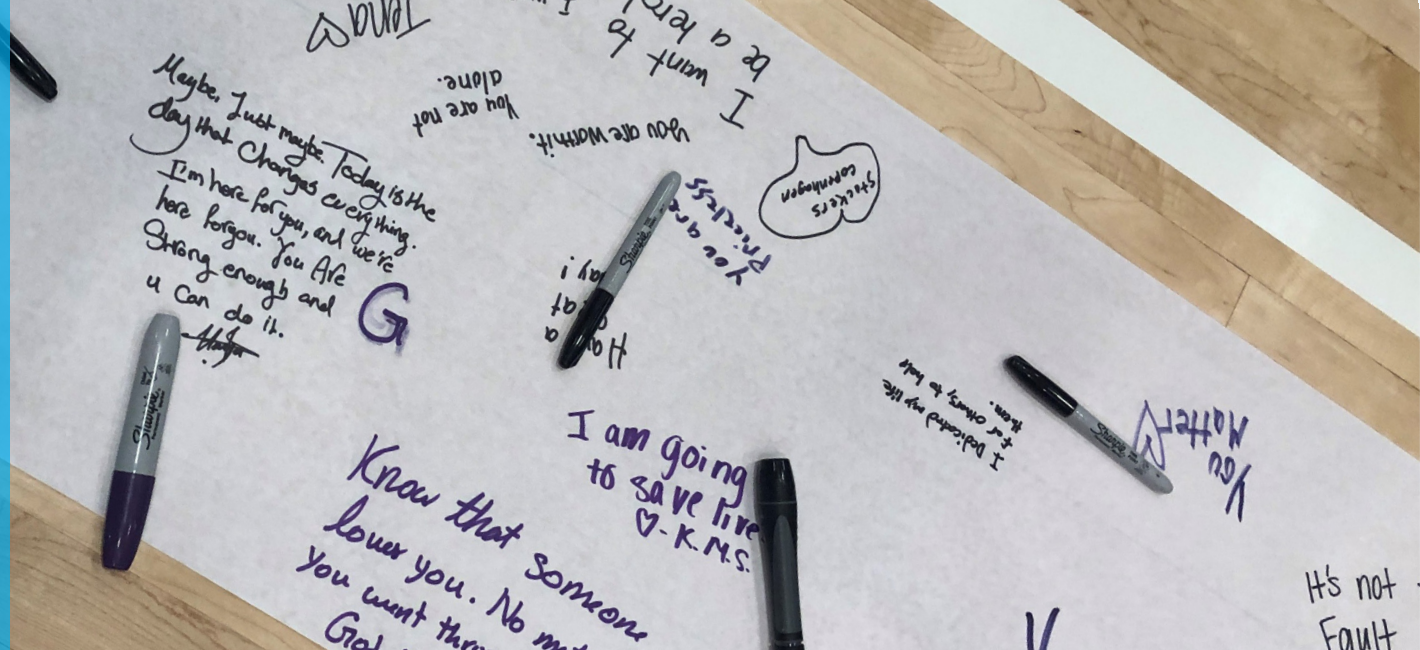
Not everyone can come to us, but **because of your support, we can GO to them.** Your generosity expands our reach to a world beyond our clinic walls. **You are the fuel** that fans the flames of compassion to bring hope and healing to our communities.

Would you consider a special go-gospel gift to help our efforts to reach more vulnerable individuals in 2026?

- **\$75** fuels up our mobile unit to keep us rolling with vital medical services
- **\$125** provides 50 hours of parenting classes
- **\$200** provides a life-saving ultrasound
- **\$250** offers a go-bag to a survivor of human trafficking
- **\$350** covers lab fees for an individual in our local jails
- **\$1000** helps to bring prevention education to 50 area students

Thank you for your help to keep the gospel going to the most vulnerable in our communities. We cannot do this without you!

SAY SOMETHING ASSEMBLIES



Did you know **at least 100,000 children are exploited and trafficked** each year in America? It is also estimated that **two-thirds of minors who have experienced sexual abuse were 12 to 17 years old** when it first occurred, and new data reports that **1 in 5 teens have experienced sexual extortion**. Our kids are at greater risk than ever before. LifeChoices is aiming to change that.

Earlier this spring, we had the privilege of providing an exciting and high-impact program for the students at Carthage High School. With a strong focus on students and their real-life experiences, *Say Something* is designed to engage, educate, and equip teens as they prepare for life beyond high school.

Through powerful storytelling, music, and engaging experiences, students explored critical topics relevant to today's world, such as healthy and unhealthy relationships, cyber safety, sexual assault and abuse prevention, and predatory behaviors related to trafficking and exploitation. The program also highlights practical skills like setting boundaries, bystander intervention, and peer advocacy. Students were equipped to recognize warning signs of risky situations and encouraged to 'say something' when they see someone who needs help or support.

One of the most impactful elements of *Say Something* was our panel of local professionals, which included law enforcement, mental health providers, and a member of our Prevention team. Based on real questions gathered from student interactions, these experts addressed topics relevant to today's youth with

honesty and intentionality, providing students with a safe space to hear directly from those on the front lines about questions and situations that reflect their everyday reality.

This assembly served as a powerful extension of our long-standing classroom programs and helped students connect foundational concepts to real situations they may encounter as they step into adulthood.

"This has been a great program - this is all really great information they need to know!"

- High School Administrator

Together, we can continue equipping students to make informed, healthy, and confident choices for their future. Thank you for your partnership and support to make this possible!



SAVE THE DATE!

ALL IN: LIFECHOICES' 2026 CELEBRATION BANQUET!

- Tuesday, October 6th
- Christ's Church of Oronogo
- Doors open at 6:00 PM
- Dinner begins at 6:30 PM

2026 has kicked off as a year of encouraging stories and incredible impact through the many programs and services provided by LifeChoices. We cannot wait to share these incredible updates with you at our annual celebration banquet this fall!

We are excited to welcome special guest Gian Paul Gonzalez to this year's event! Gian Paul is a teacher, coach, non-profit founder, and renowned motivational speaker celebrated for his transformative message of commitment and teamwork. Best known for inspiring the New York Giants to their 2012 Super Bowl victory with the powerful phrase "All In," Gian Paul emphasizes the importance of dedication and unity in achieving goals and creating impact. He has an engaging and impactful story and we are so excited to introduce him to you!

Make plans now to join us on **Tuesday, October 6th at Christ's Church of Oronogo** for a special evening highlighting the impact of LifeChoices. We need you to help us ensure that the important work being done by LifeChoices continues into 2027 and beyond!

Registration for this year's event will not open until later this summer.

Please watch our social media and visit lifechoices.org/events for more updates!

We are forever grateful for your faithful support of LifeChoices. We could not serve 15,000+ people each year without you!



A VISION BEYOND A LIFETIME:

BUILDING A LEGACY OF LIFE



We all strive to leave the world a little brighter than we found it. For those of us who believe in the dignity of every life, that commitment doesn't have to end with our final chapter. **By including a gift to LifeChoices in your will, you're making a profound statement: the legacy of life is worth protecting for generations to come.**

Some choose to make this kind of impactful contribution through a percentage-based gift as a "living legacy" - as your estate changes over time, your commitment to LifeChoices remains proportional and powerful. Others choose to designate a specific amount to be donated once their estate is settled, so that they have confidence in the gift that will be given. Either way, your directive ensures that even after you are gone, your values remain in action - providing education, counseling, resources, and hope to those who need it most in our community.

Rita and Scott Lawson, long-time friends of LifeChoices, recently shared the following sentiment with us:

When it came time to plan our estate distributions, the question was simple: Why wouldn't we include LifeChoices? This ministry has been part of our story for decades, and its mission reflects the values we hold most dear. By making provisions for LifeChoices in our estate, we know that our commitment to a legacy of life will continue long after our time on earth is complete. Including LifeChoices isn't just a financial decision—it's a continuation of our calling. It ensures that the work we have supported throughout our lives will keep moving forward, offering hope, dignity, and compassionate care to generations yet to come.

We'd love to invite you to consider becoming a LifeChoices Legacy Partner like Scott and Rita, and so many others.

For more information, please contact Jordynn at 417-623-0131.

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