

LIFE NETWORK of Southern Illinois

A Pregnancy Resource Center

Spring, 2019

From the Executive Director, Debbie Geist

So often, when I'm asked to give an update on Life Network or to write an article, I wrestle with exactly how to put into words the struggles and victories that we experience daily. We are susceptible, just like any other ministry, to good days and bad days. However, we always try to focus on the positive in any given situation – whether it be with one of our clients or with what's happening at the state and federal levels. We begin every day with prayer and ask God to guide our footsteps. We want to focus on the mission and vision that HE has for us and remember WHO'S MINISTRY IT REALLY IS!

2018 was another successful year for Life Network. We had the opportunity to minister over 650 times in our Waterloo and Red Bud offices. Many clients came to us broken, confused and hurting – looking for hope in a hopeless situation. No matter their reason for coming in, our goal was not to give them unrealistic expectations but to offer truth and companionship as they walked a very uncertain path. Below are a few interesting statistics that will give you just a small glimpse into the daily activities of Life Network, as well as the lives of our clients. Thanks to your partnership, 98% of our abortion vulnerable clients chose "LIFE" and for that we are eternally grateful.

In the past several months, I have been asked many times, what I think about the recent New York ruling on full term abortion or how I feel about the bills that are being introduced in our own state of Illinois. Our new governor has made it perfectly clear that he wants to make Illinois the most progressive state when it comes to abortion

rights. HB2467 will entirely repeal the Illinois Parental Notification Act of 1995 which was put into place to protect a minor child 17 or younger from having an invasive medical procedure without their parents' knowledge. HB2495 – the Reproductive Health Act – has many layers but basically repeals the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975 and creates a fundamental right to abortion, with no restrictions or limitations, for any reason, through the full nine months of pregnancy AND allows for non-doctors to do the surgical procedure. Again, I am speechless on what is happening in this nation concerning protection for the most vulnerable. Do these new bills/laws seem extreme – YES; do they seem unimaginable – ABSOLUTELY; do they seem cruel and dangerous – NO DOUBT! Being on the front lines, we have seen the devastation that abortion can bring to families and my heart breaks to think that the rights of the pre-born continue to be in jeopardy.

How will all of this affect the work that we do at Life Network? IT WON'T! Our faith is NOT in the government or the officials/politicians that make and vote on these laws, but in the ONE that creates and sustains LIFE. We will continue to be a life line for the abortion vulnerable client and the unborn, just as we always have. Pregnancy Centers like Life Network are constantly under a microscope by our opponents, but we serve a mighty God and know that we are on the winning side. Thank you so much for all your continued support and encouragement – it means the world to us and I hope to see you all at our Spring Banquet in April!

2018 STATISTICS

Total Client Visits/Phone Calls, etc.	653
Clients that chose "Life"	98%
Pregnancy Tests Performed	70
Ultrasounds Given	40
Baby/Maternity Supplies	182
Classes (EWYL, Childbirth, Post abortion recovery)	250
Fathers Program	14

Mission Statement

Life Network of Southern Illinois is a Christ-centered ministry committed to upholding the sanctity of human life.



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Client Story...

Allison Kirkpatrick, Director of Client Services

"Who walks through your doors?" is a question that has been posed to Life Network on numerous occasions. However, the reality of facing an unexpected pregnancy does not discriminate across economic status, marital status, race, gender or religion. They are married, single, and divorced. They are students, employed, unemployed, and on disability. Some have grown up in Christian homes. Others have never set foot in a church or prayed openly. They may be discovering who they are in their teen years or struggling to juggle a family in their 40's. They are someone's mother, father, daughter, son, sister, brother, and friend.

The common human experience they all share, however, is a desire to have someone walk with them through the struggles they are facing. It is the need we all have to be seen and heard; to know we are not alone. As we minister to these women and men, whether through parenting classes, medical services, baby supplies or bible studies, we ask our supporters to lift up our clients and their struggles to the One who always sees us and is always with us.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

Center Needs

Diapers: sizes 5 & 6
(Pampers & Huggies)

Little Swimmers
(all sizes)

Laundry Detergent

Baby Juice

Toddler Snacks

Toddler Meals

Ibuprofen

Sunscreen
Diaper Cream
Baby Wash
Baby Lotion
Shampoo

WalMart Gift Cards
(used for specialized
formula)

BECAUSE LIFE IS *Priceless*

Life Network of Southern Illinois 2019 Annual Fundraising Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Robert Reccord

Nationally recognized
Motivational,
Pro-life and Adoption Speaker



We hope you will make plans now to spend this special evening with us! For more information on this exciting event, please call our office at 618.939.4224 or email dgeist@htc.net.

Location:

The Falls Banquet Center
300 Admiral Weinel Blvd * Columbia IL

**THURSDAY, FULL
Friday, April 5th - AVAILABLE**

Call to reserve your seat **TODAY!**

Gifts have been received

In Honor of

The Blessed Mother's Birthday, Feast of St. Gerard & Respect for Life month,
40th Anniversary of Don and Sharon Gum, Charlotte Romano

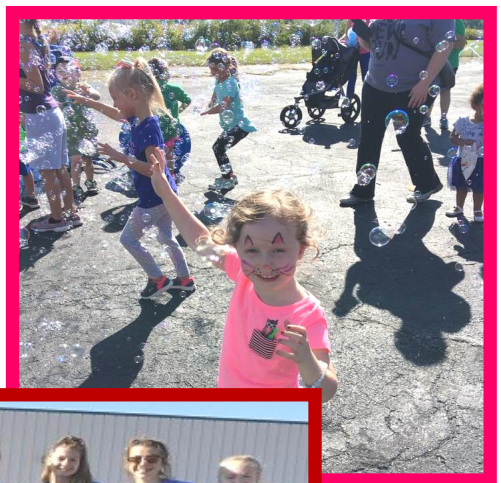
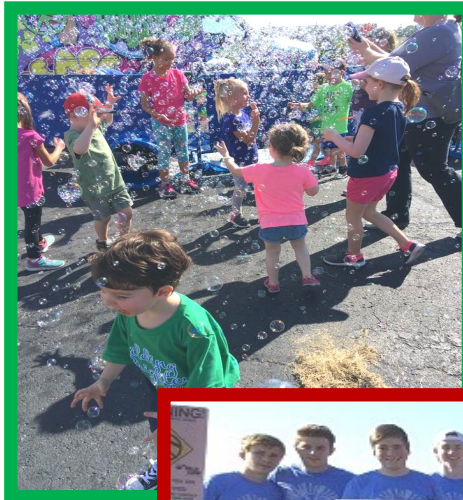
UPDATES...

2019 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TOTAL-TO-DATE

\$11,952.57

It's not too late to fill a bottle!!
Contact us or stop by the office!

2018 WALK * RUN * RIDE - \$17,000 RAISED



SAVE THE DATE:

2019 WALK * RUN * RIDE, Saturday, Sept. 21st

UPDATES...

NOW 2 LOCATIONS TO SERVE CLIENTS

722 N. Market Street
Waterloo IL 62298

324 N. Main Street
Red Bud IL 62278

618.939.4224

\$7,000 RAISED - OVER 400 PEOPLE ATTENDED



TRIVIA 2019

WE HAVE BEEN ABUNDANTLY BLESSED...



"If you think you are *too small* to be *effective*, you have never been in bed with a *mosquito*!"

For we walk by
Faith
not by sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

Babies Born

July, 2018 thru February, 2019

Vincent David	Dax Henry	Kora
Noah Matthew	Wade Allen	Chelsea
Kindall Ray	Kentley	Henry
Hunter	Jaxson	Gavin
Gordon Lee	Taylen	Huntlee
	Keaten	

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do-

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Life Network is 100% donor funded. Thank you!!!

Gifts have been received

In Memory of

Norman Bubash, Florence Burger, Wendy Burger, Bonnie Grohmann, Nancy Kronst, Edward Matzenbacher, Ezekiel Brooks Neptune, Mary Louise Richardson, Verna Rieckenberg, Glenda Rippelmeyer, Gertrude Scherrer

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- Please keep our clients, volunteers, donors, Board of Directors and staff in your prayers as we navigate the new laws in Illinois.

DONATE:

- Website - <http://supportmylifenet.com>
- Mail, Call or Come Into the Office - We accept credit cards, checks and cash

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“Death and life are in
the power of the tongue...”
(Proverbs 18:21)

SPEAK LIFE!