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BABY BOUTIQUE NEEDS

- Strollers
- Snow Suits 0-2T
- Diapers Size 3, 4 & 5









How will YOU make a difference this year?

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:21-23

Greetings and blessings to you in this new year! How amazing is it that God's mercies are new each and every day! We get a "do over" every day! A chance to be more like Christ. A chance to be more loving toward others. A chance to make a difference! What do you want to do different in this new year? Is giving back to your community a part of your plan? How will this year be different for you? How will YOU make a difference? Here are some ways that YOU can make a difference at Embracing Options:

PRAY - Did you know that after every client visit, our peer counselors send an email to all our prayer partners telling them a little about the client they met with and how they can pray specifically for that client? Prayer is powerful and such a vital part of our ministry. To join our prayer list, simply send your email address to dbraun@hisbranches.org.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus... 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

VOLUNTEER - Embracing Options is looking for volunteers to do a variety of things to help keep the center running! If you have a heart to serve, we can use you!

Counselor - Social Media - Advertising - Video Production - Fundraising

We are also looking for Life Disciples in churches—men and women to come alongside our clients who have chosen life for their child, are healing from a previous abortion or have recently committed their life to Christ. Contact us if you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities.

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

GIVE – We do not receive a single penny from the government. All of our support comes from compassionate friends like you! Your generous gift will help us continue to serve the men and women in our community.

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. Deuteronomy 15:10

As for our part, we endeavor to be good stewards of everything God and our supporters have entrusted to us. This year we want to better equip our peer counselors to share the Gospel and to respond to the changing sexual culture of our clients. We want to be more strategic and effective in fund raising and consider how we can draw more clients to our center and better meet their needs. Our eyes are on the Lord to lead us and guide us.

God bless you, Diane

Embracing Options News



Webster Center

It's amazing how fast the first six months flew by! It was a wonderful, sometimes challenging, few months of truly having my eyes opened to all that God does through Embracing Options. Early into my time at the Webster center I began to see a theme of what God was bringing into focus through the volunteers who were already there and the new ones he quickly brought our way: a

service in our community of equipping and empowering people toward having abundant life in Him! I am excited to announce that in the spring Embracing Options is launching a new outreach program to youth in our churches (and eventually, God willing, in our schools) sharing God's heart for abundant living through the commitment to abstinence until the awesome gift of marriage. If you are interested in bringing this program to your church, please contact me at the Webster center!

Blessed to Serve, Crystal



One client's story...

Right around the time abortion was legalized, she terminated her pregnancy. Forty-one years later she called Embracing Options...still struggling with the weight of that decision and the guilt! She met with us and attended our Abortion Recovery Retreat Weekend where she received God's forgiveness and healing and was finally able to grieve the loss of her unborn baby. She came to know Christ's love and His forgiveness...even for *this* sin that she held onto for so long.

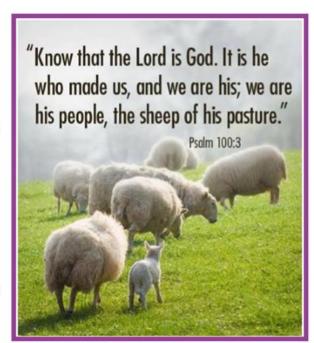
"Forgiven & Set Free" and "Healing A Father's Heart"
Free, confidential abortion recovery studies offered by Embracing Options

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Did you know ???

- 50% of US pregnancies are unintended? 4 in 10 end in abortion.
- 8 out of 10 teen fathers do not marry the mother of the child?
- 4 out of 10 women who have an abortion are attending a church regularly at the time of the abortion?
- As women considered their abortion decision, the most typical reaction expected from a church is "judgmental" (33%) or "condemning" (26%)?
- 78% of women who view an ultrasound choose life?
- Embracing Options did 114 ultrasounds in the last 3 years—46 so far this year?
- Monroe County is the only NYS County with 7 consecutive years of reductions in abortions?
- Embracing options has been open for 11 years? We are blessed to be part of the reason for this change!



Our Mission: Reaching the culture of today with positive life-affirming choices relating to pregnancy and sexual activity.