

SAV-A-LIFE NEWS

Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center

WINTER 2017

Be the Light... Fundraising Banquet 2016



Decatur Baptist hosted our annual fundraising banquet in October. They worked tirelessly on the event and did an amazing job. The program line up was different this year from years past. We heard testimonials from past and current clients, a testimony from a volunteer with an abortion story of her own, and from a couple that had adopted a child from a client of Sav-A-Life.

The clients spoke of how Sav-A-Life had been instrumental during their pregnancies and in helping them to choose life for their babies. Our volunteer shared her heart wrenching story of how her abortion choice had affected her life and her family. She shared how her life would have been different had she known about somewhere like Sav-A-Life. She reached out to several agencies for help at the time but was turned away. She felt hopeless and felt abortion was the only option for her at that time in her life.

The adoptive parents were interviewed by Board Member, Trevor Butcher. They shared with our guests how God lined everything up so perfectly for the adoption to take place and how thankful they were that the birth mother had made the selfless decision to make an adoption plan for her baby.

Dr. Jeffrey Hull was presented with a plaque in honor of his years of service as our medical director. He spoke about the battle that we are fighting daily for the unborn babies and shared why he had chosen to be a part of that battle for the past seven years. He encouraged the staff to persevere as we continue fighting our battle.

Our Executive Director, Veronna Keen, shared some of the things that have been happening at Sav-A-Life this past year and gave some of our statistics for the year. She invited our guest to stop by the center at any time to visit and take a tour of the center.

Board Member Larry Wayne, made an appeal for funds after the night's events. Our goal for the 2016 banquet was \$100,000. To date, we have collected \$86,594.00 in donations and pledges! Thank you to everyone who attended this year's banquet and to all of those that have made a donation or a pledge to us this year.



Thank You Point Mallard Ducks!

The Point Mallard Ducks Hockey players worked as servers at our banquet. They have done this for us for the past several years. They do a great job serving our guests, keeping the drinks filled and clearing the tables after the meal. We are very grateful to the Ducks for their hard work and service during our event.

Love Never Fails and Decisions, Choices & Options...

Sav-A-Life offers two educational programs for school age students in 7th-12th grades, at no cost to the schools. The first program is an abstinence program called "Love Never Fails". This program is designed to guide students with the understanding that abstinence is the only completely effective protection from unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and is the expected social standard for unmarried, school age persons (Abstinence law, State Board of Education). The program relates sexual activity with the consequences of early sexual activity, such as contracting sexually transmitted diseases or infections, dealing with unwanted pregnancy and the emotional devastation that can result from promiscuity.

The second program is "Decisions, Choices, and Options: facts about teen pregnancy". This program shares the facts on each of the three options available to a pregnant teen (teen parenting, abortion, adoption). Decision making skills are emphasized as each option is explored. Students come face to face with the reality of just how difficult this decision is and a new understanding of the need to avoid teen pregnancy.

LOVE
never fails

The program is a 2 hour presentation and is usually split into a 2 day presentation for the schools so that we can present it within the time frame of one class period. We would love to set up a date to come to your school. If you are interested in learning more about this program or would like to arrange for a representative of Sav-A-Life to present these programs to your school or organization you can do so by contacting Leigh at (256) 355-3828.

755 Bibles Given Out During 3 Events !

Sav-A-Life was invited to participate in "Endless Opportunities", a career day for all 8th grade students. Veronna, our Director, and Kristi, our Office Coordinator, represented Sav-A-Life at this event and shared with the 8th grade students about the operations of Sav-A-Life and the classes we offer. They also showed them our baby models and showed them the size of an unborn 20 week baby that is still legal to abort in the state of Alabama, as well as most states. They were also able to share the gospel with them! They gave away 286 Bibles that day and could have given away many more if we had them!



Our Director took youth from Westmeade Baptist Church out on Halloween night and did "Light Up The Night" around the city of Decatur. They gave out 169 Bibles and prayed with multiple families on Halloween Night.

Veronna (Director) with her nieces, and Susan (Data Coordinator) with her son participated in the Hartselle Christmas Parade this year. We gave out 300 Bibles and Salvation Tracts at the parade and could have given out many more. It blessed us beyond measure to see the excitement on a young person's face when we would hand them a Bible of their very own. One little boy that appeared to be about 8-10 years old looked us right in the eye and said, "I promise I will read this from cover to cover"! That one statement made it worth all of our work that night!



Client Stories... We had a client that came in recently that was abortion vulnerable, she came in saying that she was going to take the "abortion pill" if her test was positive. She stated that adoption was not an option. Our advocate printed off information about the pill, showed her our baby models, and offered her a free ultrasound. She agreed to the ultrasound. After she heard the heartbeat of the baby she showed emotion and agreed to let us schedule her for another ultrasound, once she is further along so she can see a clearer image of the baby. The advocate asked her if she would just wait until after her 2nd ultrasound to make a decision to which she replied that now that she knew that it had a heartbeat she didn't think she could take the pill. Praise God!

... We had another client that was raised in a Hindu culture. She shared a little about her religious beliefs and then was very open for our advocate to share the Gospel with her. Her test was positive and she signed up for one of our classes. The one that she signed up for? Our Bible Study class! The one where we teach the studies of "Who is Jesus?", "What is God Like?" and "Who is the Holy Spirit?". It is amazing to us how God opens hearts and minds to hear His word when we think it is going to fall on deaf ears! Before she left she expressed her appreciation for our ministry and what we do.

What do you think of when you think of baby closet? At Sav-A-Life we are reminded of the faithful donors that have blessed us in ways that we cannot imagine. This year our baby closet went from one room that we work out of to three rooms! We had a couple of men that volunteered their time and did an amazing job putting in doors, floors and just all around maintenance work to help get the closet ready for the abundance the Lord has given us. Then we have those wonderful ladies that volunteer their time that keep the baby closet organized. These ladies are so faithful to come and work endlessly. Their job is not one for the faint at heart just when it looks like you have made progress you see many other tasks that need to be done and more donations are brought in. These sweet women wash clothes, sort clothes, make up bags of clothes, make our layettes, bag our diaper and wipes. They also sort and put away all of the items that come in from baby showers or the gently used donations that come in. I am not saying that we have too many donations, as that is not the case. What I am saying is that God is using our donors and clients to bless our baby closet so that others can be blessed. It amazes us that often time someone comes in needing something and we just got that very thing in just moments or hours before they come in looking for it. We regularly get request for baby beds, walkers, high chairs, and car seats along with other miscellaneous items. All of these items come in strictly through donations.

Our baby closet has also expanded to size three toddlers. The reason for this is to better serve our community. Many of our clients have older children that are not yet school age that they need assistance with. This is another way to get to sow seeds of faith through relationships. Once the client comes for a pregnancy test we have the opportunity to continue to show her the truths in God's word through classes, phone calls, and her visits. We have seen many of our clients become volunteers and through that we are inspired at their growth in the knowledge of Jesus. They learn, not only about the love of Christ, but also how to love and help others.

As you can see the baby closet has just been one way that we have seen the Lord bless Sav-A-Life this past year. We are very excited to see how God is going to use this organization to help further His Kingdom in 2017. Please keep us in your prayers and thoughts as we are striving to do the will of God in all that we do.



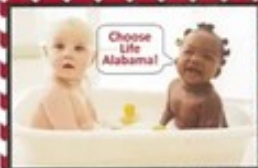
These Pictures represent just a small portion of donations that we have been blessed with. Our God is Good!



Volunteers Wanted

Are you looking for a place to serve in the new year? Do you have a heart for young girls and young men that find themselves in a crisis pregnancy situation or maybe just in a bad situation in their lives? Do you enjoy sharing God's love with the lost and hurting? If so, we have the perfect place for you! You can call our office at (256)355-3828 or stop by at 801 Bradley Street SW, Decatur during our regular business hours and speak with our Director to learn more about our volunteer opportunities. You decide how often and what days or hours work best for you.

 **BUY A TAG = SAVE A BABY**



Tag Fee of
\$50.00 = \$41.25
to Alabama
Pro-Life Agencies

CHOOSE LIFE ALABAMA

Remember when it's time to renew your tag, if you purchase a Choose Life tag, a portion of the purchase price goes to the Pro-Life Agencies of Alabama.

January is Sanctity of Human Life Month

Please pray for the truth of life to continue to be heard and that people will choose life for the unborn. Please remember God is love and we are called to tell the truth about our Savior. The truth is we all have sinned and we all need help at times. Please pray for those that have had abortions or suffered harm from them. If they don't know Christ we need to share Him with them. There is nothing like the forgiveness that comes from God. Some just can't forgive themselves, we need to speak truth in love not in a condemning way. Our God is able to handle it, even when we can't. Love Christ, Love Others.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." Jeremiah 1:5

Gifts Given "In Honor"

Given In Honor of Pat Capps by Sabrina Green

Given in Honor of Tina Hjelm by Rhonda Appleton

Given in Honor of Luke Hester by Robert & Susan Hester

Given in Honor of David Bittle by Open Bible Class

Given In Honor of Dr. Ben Light by Dr. Light's Staff

Given In Honor of Randy Stepp by Men's Fellowship Class at Decatur Baptist

Given In Honor of David A. Bittle & Family by David F. Bittle

Given In Honor of Kermit McCollum by Stephen, Anna, Maddie & Braedon McCollum

Gifts Given "In Memory"

Given In Memory of Jordan Grisham by Daryl & Kathy Grisham

Given in Memory of Bailey Lee by Julie Buckley

Given in Memory of Jewell & Leo Terry by David Bittle

Given in Memory of Shirley Thacker by Phil Waldrep Evangelistic Association

Given in Memory of Stanley Penn by Shoal Creek Baptist Church

Given In Memory of Laura Ann Bittle by David F. Bittle

Given In Memory of Debra S. Sims by Emily Shelton

SAV-A-LIFE VITAL SIGNS

YTD Client Report As of December 2016

Client Visits **2771**
Other Visits (Men/Guests) **157**
Children Served **1520**
Bibles Given **1832**

Gospel Shared/Spiritual Discussion **1165**

Received Christ **35**

Re-Dedicated **22**

Layettes Given **84**

Attended "Finding Grace" Class **466**

Pregnancy Services YTD As of December 2016

Pregnancy Tests **823**
Positive Results **571**
Ultrasounds Performed **324**
Made Life Choice After US **322**

YTD Financial Report As of December 2016

Income \$ **191,025.17**
Expense \$ **152,276.76**
Net Income \$ **38,748.41**