

\*\*\* JANUARY 2017 \*\*\*

# Words of Life



## “On The Fence”

She saw our billboard and decided to come and get a free pregnancy test.

She was already a mother and suspected she was pregnant but wasn't for sure.

She had been in a long-term relationship with her fiancé, and they both wanted her to finish college. They were “on the fence” about abortion. She was undecided but heavily leaning towards abortion, not wanting to postpone her education. Her fiancé was also the father of their younger child. They planned to marry after she graduated but another child at this time was not a part of their plans.

She was, however, also concerned about not being able to cope emotionally if she chose to have the abortion. Her pregnancy test was positive and she had an ultrasound. She wanted to keep the ultrasound pictures of her baby.

We also offered STD testing and she had those tests done as well.

She was very open about her faith and said she was a Christian and went to church regularly but wasn't sure about what she believed about abortion. We told her the truth about what God's word says about abortion. She seemed to listen but didn't respond. We encouraged her to make sure she read all the material we gave her before she made a decision since it would be a permanent choice.

She returned two weeks later for her ultrasound and STD results. When she returned she said she and her fiancé had read through the materials given and they had thought that they would not abort and parent but they were not for sure just yet. When she left that day she said they would probably parent but was still not completely decided.

Time passed and eventually we learned they had decided to choose life for their baby! Their plans changed to become a family of four!

Truth prevails!

*“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”*

*Luke 11:23*



## *From a Director's Heart...*

Greetings from Agape House and Happy New Year!

Our first two weeks of January have been very busy and productive! We have had five patients with positive pregnancy tests who were at risk to abort. We are grateful for the opportunity to empower them with the information they need to make the best choice for themselves and their unborn baby. Our abstinence based educational team has also been busy presenting the G.R.O.W. Program in two different high schools. God is good, so good, all the time!

Several things are coming up that I would like to share with you.

First, our upcoming Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for Friday, February 17th (5:15 pm till 9:00pm) and Saturday, February 18th (9:00am till 5:00pm). This is an earlier date in the year than we usually offer Orientation and a different schedule. The complete Volunteer Orientation will be held in just one short weekend. Packed with information you will use in a variety of ways, it also allows you to see the extensive ministries of the Agape House up close. After Orientation, you will be in a position to decide if you would like to volunteer in a variety of different capacities. Is this the year for you to volunteer? Would you consider making this weekend commitment and joining us for the Volunteer Orientation in February? If so, please let Barbara know by calling 731-588-0339 or emailing her at [barbara@agapehousefriend.com](mailto:barbara@agapehousefriend.com)

Next, our Annual Spring Fundraising Event is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017. Would you put this event on your calendar and plan to attend? In order for us to make this event successful, we need your help. Would you like to serve on the Spring Event planning committee or as an Event Host? Our Spring Event Hosts commit to attending a Prayer Dessert and inviting their friends or acquaintances to the Spring Event. If you would be willing to help, please let us know by calling Bobbi at 731-588-0339 or emailing her at [bobbi@agapehousefriend.com](mailto:bobbi@agapehousefriend.com) This event is where you will want to be on Thursday night, April 20, 2017!

Yours for LIFE,  
*Linda DeBoard*



## FYI

Because we are committed to both spending every ministry dollar in the most responsible way and thanking you for every ministry dollar you entrust to Agape House, we want to make you aware when this is not possible. Please allow me to explain. When we receive funds designated to Agape House through United Way, the following things happen:

1. We do not receive any of the money until one year later or longer.
2. Approximately 26% of the money is deducted before we receive your donation. (15.75% for United Way fundraising and management and 10.27% for United Way's estimated pledge loss fee)
3. The donor's name is not shared with us, therefore we are unable to thank you or report to you the amount we have received.

If you have given to us through United Way, I hope this will explain why we have not acknowledged your gift. We sincerely apologize.

These are truly exciting times! We have been given the opportunity to make an impact in 2017! Thank you for partnering with us to be the voice of truth! Together we are making a difference for LIFE!

## UTM Students Welcome Oasis Medical



UTM sorority Sigma Alpha invited Oasis Medical on campus to educate students about the benefits of abstinence and the risks of STI's. Barbara Mullins (RTCR), John Hamrick and Morgan Stone, FNP, presented an excellent and informative program.



Mission Statement: Agape House is a Christ-centered ministry committed to upholding the sanctity of human life through education, medical services, and spiritual restoration.

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*A Financial Gift has been Given*  
**In Memory of Corrine Stewart**      **By Mr. & Mrs. William Solomons**  
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Patient Coordinators

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Halina Brown  
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Agape House Needs

Individually wrapped chips, Cracker Jacks, peanut butter crackers, smarties, jerky, peppermints, dumdums and life savers  
(G.R.O.W. School Abstinence Program)

Lg White Laundry Baskets (layettes)

Paper Towels

New or Nearly-New Baby Beds/Pac-N-Plays/Strollers

Walmart Gift Cards (for client needs and office supplies)

Due to a change in safety regulations we are no longer able to accept baby powder.

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January-December 2016 Statistics

Patient/Client Visits (Initial & Ongoing).....	447
Pregnancy Tests Given (78 Positive; 46 Negative).....	124
Abortion Risk Patients (with positive test).....	45
Abortion Risk Patients with Final Stated Intentions to Carry.....	20
<i>(1 set of twins)</i>	
Abortion Risk Patients who Aborted.....	9
Abortion Risk Patients who Miscarried.....	2
Abortion Risk Patients with Unknown Outcomes.....	14
Patients Receiving STI Testing.....	139
ReNew Clients .....	3
Students Attending Abstinence Education Program.....	2270