

Words Of Life

October 2019

“Information At Our Fingertips”

The convenience of the Internet coupled with smart phones puts information at our fingertips. A young married woman took advantage of this convenience, searched for “abortion answers” and found us.

She came into our clinic saying she wanted to abort soon while she was in her first trimester. Her husband said it was her decision and he would support her through it.

While reviewing options, we asked her to complete a form where she lists the benefits and risks that she knows of each option. She could not think of any benefits of parenting or adoption. She wrote down “relief” as a benefit for abortion. While she was slightly concerned about some physical problems if she aborted, she was still pretty determined that abortion was the only answer.

She told us she was a Christian but it played no role in her decision to abort. We asked her if her Christian beliefs lined up with her decision to abort and she said that was the problem, they didn’t line up.

She was already a mother and knew what joy children bring but this time she wanted out of the pregnancy.

Before the ultrasound she told us she didn’t want to see a heartbeat because she wouldn’t be able to abort.

After the ultrasound we offered her some of the pictures but she did not want them.

We encouraged her to bring her husband with her when she came for her follow-up appointment but she said he would not come because it makes it too real.

When she left our clinic that day she still planned to abort.

She did not return for her follow-up appointment.

Upon following up by phone, she told us she had an appointment for an abortion but couldn’t go through with it. She asked if we still had her ultrasound pictures and if she could come by and get them. She got into OB care and gave birth to a beautiful baby.

She is still married and has a full house.

We are so grateful that we were able to meet her and be the light in this dark world.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1st Peter 4:8

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Greetings from Agape House!

These are exciting days to be living on purpose for our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I keep hearing we are closer than ever before to the possibility of seeing Roe vs. Wade overturned in our nation. On the other hand, we are saddened by the new mega Planned Parenthood facility that has just been built in southern Illinois. Knowing Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in our nation, that's just too close to Tennessee or anywhere for that matter!

I have recently learned that many young people truly believe our nation is going to be destroyed from global warming. They reason there are too many people on the planet producing heat and energy therefore they must do their part. Should they become pregnant, they believe this crisis can be thwarted via abortion.

Yes, these are exciting days to be His voice of truth. When the world around us seems chaotic, dark and hopeless; we are reminded that we are here at this specific time in history for His purpose. May God continue to use us all for His glory is my prayer.

Yours for LIFE,
Linda DeBoard, CEO

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?
Esther 4:14

WHY I SERVE

Why I serve. . .

My name is Kelly Morgan. I have been married to my husband, Terry for 10 years this past June. I have one step daughter Abby, she is 14. I live in Palmersville, TN and I'm a member of Palmersville Baptist Church. I am a transplant from Clarksville, TN.

I work full time at Henry County Medical Center in the ER as a Nurse Practitioner. I also from time to time, work in the ER at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City. I worked as a Critical Care Nurse before going back to get my Master's degree and becoming a Nurse Practitioner. I have been a Nurse Practitioner for 6 years.

I had seen the billboard for the clinic on my way to work in Union City many times never paying much attention to it. I came to hear about Agape House by Linda and Autumn coming to Palmersville Baptist Church. They were going to speak on the Sanctity of Life Sunday but had to re-schedule because of the snow. When they spoke at my church I felt lead by God that I was needed at the clinic. I have been here for about 4 months now and I feel so blessed volunteering here. I'm so thankful God put me here.



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Third Annual #goals Event

The Third Annual #goals Event was a smashing success! The three-day event was held on the University of Tennessee Martin campus the week of September 16, 2019. Over 400 high school juniors participated in a variety of intense learning activities. Some of their favorites were the life stories and the answer panel.

The educators who accompanied their students at the #goals event were asked to complete a post survey after the event. Their comments follow the questions below...

1. Would you recommend students attend this event in the future? Why or why not? "Yes, I would definitely recommend students to attend this event. Being juniors in high school, they are at the right age to learn all of this information so they will know what they can/can't do."
2. Was this event worth the time? "Yes, worth every minute."
3. Do you think the information presented was necessary/helpful? "Very necessary. Today's teens have so much access to "bad" things because of the advanced technology we didn't have as kids. I have talked to students who say these "bad" things are all around all the time and this type of preventative speech has encouraged them to not partake of these negative actions."
4. Other Comments: "I love how well-organized this program is and how well it meets the needs of the students. One of the best programs ever!!"



We are grateful for this opportunity to sow into the lives of students.

A Beautiful Walk For Life!

The LORD gave us beautiful weather on Saturday, September 21st for the Annual Agape House Walk for Life. Fifty-seven plus individuals gathered at Martin Parks and Rec. to show their support for life! Twenty-six local churches were represented as we all came together in a spirit of unity. More than \$11,000 was given in cash and pledges. It was a precious time of fellowship and exhortation.

Agape House will continue to defend the unborn by providing Biblically based sexual health services through our education and medical services. Thank you all for partnering with us!



Quarterly Volunteer Spotlight

We are thankful for your service to the ministry!

1st Quarter

Larry Mullins
Serving 1 Year!

2nd Quarter

Jimmy Carmichael
Serving 1 Year!

3rd Quarter

Penny Petty
Serving 2 Years!

Mission Statement

**Agape House provides evidence-based
medical and sexual health
services.**



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Current Needs

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| *Toilet Paper | *Postal Stamps |
| *White Cardstock | *Walmart Gift Cards |
| *13 Gallon Trash Bags | *Dum Dum Suckers |
| *4 Gallon Trash Bags | *#6 3/4 Size Envelopes |
| *Windex | *Blow Pops |
| *Snack Size Chips | *K cups: Hot Chocolate |
| *Airheads | *Canned Drinks |
| *Individually Wrapped Snacks for Lobby | |
| *Clear Sandwich Ziploc Bags | |
| *Mr. Clean 1 Gallon Floor Cleaner | |

Jan. - Sept. 2019 Statistics

Initial Patient/ Ongoing Client Visits	249
Pregnancy Tests Given 62 (+); 23 (-)	85
Abortion Risk Patients Reached (pos. & neg)	38
Abortion Risk Patients (with positive test)	30
Abortion Risk Patients with Final Stated Intentions to Carry	14
Abortion Risk Patients who Aborted	4
Abortion Risk Patients who Miscarried	4
Abortion Risk Patients with Unknown Outcomes	8
Patients Receiving STI Testing	74
Spiritual Discussions with Patients	173
Bibles Given	13
Students Attending Abstinence Education Program	2570

Interested in Volunteering?

If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities contact

Barbara Mullins at 731-588-0339 or
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Financial Gifts

In Memory of:

Mr. Joe Hankins	By Anonymous
Mrs. Ruth Mayo	By Mrs. Frances Cline
Mrs. Josephine Roberson	By Exchange Street Church of Christ
Mr. William Lynch	By Ms. Jan Hensley
Ms. Carolyn Sullivan	By Ms. Penny Petty

In Honor of:

Ms. Joyce Haworth	By Ms. Peggy Finch
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