



CELEBRATING

35 YEARS

OF VALUING LIFE



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Dear Friends,

Something important began with the God-given passion, dreams and prayers of a faithful few thirty-five years ago.

In November 1983, Pastor Bernie Kuiper and a group from Village Seven Church, as well as Andrew Wommack, Melissa Hammock and other local Christians, opened the Bethany Crisis Pregnancy Center - a safe place for women facing unanticipated pregnancies.

A name change to Life Network and 35 years later, **more than 100,000 women facing unexpected pregnancies have now been helped – and thousands of babies' lives have been saved!** Many of those whose lives were preserved three decades ago now have children of their own!

The dream to support pregnant women has been blessed by God – and continues to grow! Today, Life Network aids women and men at the start of their journey as parents ... trains thousands of students annually on making healthy decisions about relationships and sexuality ... and provides healing to those who've experienced an abortion. *More than 15,000 women, men, students and babies in our community are helped annually!*

God looks to us, His people, to do the work of His Kingdom here on earth. By stepping forward today you can forever impact someone's life tomorrow. **When you invest in Life Network, you invest in life for generations to come!** You are offering a teenager an opportunity for a healthy future. You are showing the hopeless a path toward restoration. You are providing moms and dads a chance to hear truth, forever transforming their lives and the life of the little one entrusted to them by God.

In short, as a supporter of Life Network, you save and change lives!

Will you partner with us? Your support is what enables us to share life-affirming choices with those who need His love and His hope. One of my favorite memories this past year is hearing from a man who shared, "I have a grandson today because you were there for my daughter." Stand with us for today's generation so we can impact the lives of tomorrow!

To God be the glory,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Bennett".

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Life Network 2017 Annual Report

Financials

Assets

Current Assets	\$551,953
Property Net	\$916,881
Total Assets	\$1,468,834

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$105,943
Notes Payable	\$761,196
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$867,139</u>
Net Assets	\$601,695

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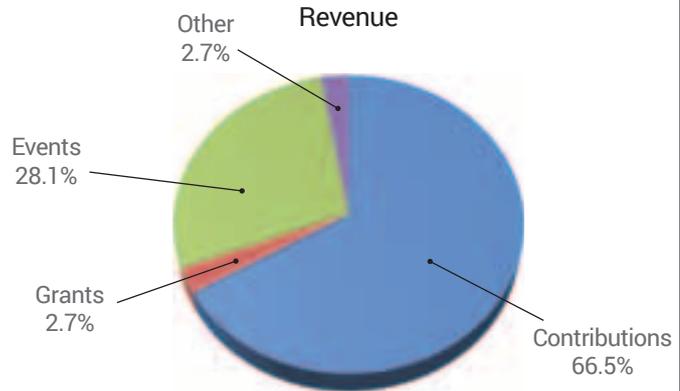
Revenue

Contributions	\$1,090,291	66.5%
Grants	\$44,000	2.7%
Events	\$461,421	28.1%
Other *	\$44,672	2.7%
Total	\$1,640,384	100%

** (Includes Program Fees, Donated Services, Investment income, Loss on sale of assets)*

Expenses

Program Expenses	\$1,126,590	74.3%
Administration	\$156,913	10.4%
Fundraising	\$232,812	15.3%
Total	\$1,516,315	100%



In 2017, volunteers donated approximately 9,705 hours of time, valued at approximately \$140,009. In addition, 578 hours of professional services valued at \$41,465 were contributed as reflected in our detailed financial statements.



To ensure accountability to donors like you, Life Network is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and is audited annually. Thank you for your trust and generosity.



2018

PREVENTION

- **6,310** Colorado Springs students taught
- **8,711** Students taught overall (including regional schools)
- **641** Parents equipped
- **32** Schools reached

INTERVENTION

- **259** Babies saved
- **655** Ultrasounds performed

TRANSFORMATION

- **1,866** LifeSteps appointments (Women)
- **541** Fatherhood appointments (Men's services)
- **2,407** Parenting appointments overall
- **16** Post-abortive women received healing
- **2,752** Spiritual conversations
- **86** Decisions for Christ!



Education FOR A Lifetime

Pursue | This high energy, interactive program is designed for the classroom, and prepares students for healthy relationships, and healthy marriages. Based on current research, the curriculum promotes a strong, positive message about avoiding high-risk behaviors with an emphasis on avoiding all sexual activity outside the context of marriage.

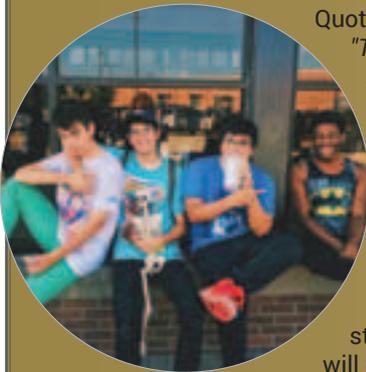
Quote from student:

"Thank you for educating my class and me about STI's, consent, marriage, etc. You were probably the first person other than my parents, that were down to earth and told the truth about everything upfront and without hesitation. Thank you."

Parent Talks | EFL recognizes that most parents do not often feel equipped to broach the topic of sex and other high-risk behaviors with their children. This talk is geared around learning why and how to have a conversation with your students about sexual activity, relationships, social media and other high-risk behaviors. At the end of our presentation, there is typically a time for Q&A.

Quote from Parent:

"This is GREAT! I LOVE everything you have said. I was at your last presentation and I applied your teaching. I went to each of my three children and let them know they are valuable. And just like you said they all responded differently. It has helped with my relationship with my children."



Who Can Relate | The goal of Who Can Relate is to engage on a heart level about the topic of suicide with students in a high school classroom. It is designed to be an adjunct to what schools teach about the topic of suicide. The training prompts students to identify who needs them, who loves them, and where they find their value. We believe that when students recognize they are needed, valued and loved, their risk for suicide will decrease and the likelihood of an optimal health outcome will increase.

Quote from student:

"I really like the presentation. The vibe the presenter gives off is very comforting, and engaging but does give the information we need. Many students think anxiety and depression are a sign of weakness, and parents think it doesn't exist. This presentation would help raise awareness and show that there are people like them and care about them."

Prevention

www.Educationforalifetime.com



COLORADO SPRINGS Pregnancy Center

The Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center provides life-affirming support from the moment of a positive pregnancy test until a client's child is two. All services are free of charge including, options counsel, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and STD testing.

Angie came to the pregnancy center with a friend for a free ultrasound after scheduling her abortion appointment with Planned Parenthood earlier in the day. Despite having second thoughts about the abortion after describing the receptionist as "soulless and matter-of-fact," she truly felt like she had no other options. Finances were a huge concern; she had worked hard to get her career off the ground and had been rewarded with three promotions at work. She was afraid of losing her job if she decided to parent.

She already had a ten-year-old daughter she was raising on her own, and the father of her unborn baby was in the military. He was about to be relocated, so he wasn't in the picture. Although finances were her primary concern, she was also deeply curious and inquisitive about fetal development and the age of the baby she was carrying. After seeing the ultrasound, she communicated through tears, that she'd decided to carry and parent.

She attended one of her coaching sessions during her second trimester and had not received any medical care because she couldn't afford to pay the deductible. Her coach found a doctor willing to cover the cost and Angie is now able to get the medical care she needs. She also suffers from perinatal depression and because of her generous doctor, she is able to get the medication she needs.



Angie said the staff at the pregnancy center made her feel strong and gave her hope that she could parent another child.

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Intervention

www.CSPregnancyCenter.com

Life NETWORK LifeSteps

LifeSteps offers parenting education, mentoring and practical support – such as baby items, clothing, diapers and food. The program is supported by faithful volunteers and Life Network staff. All of the baby supplies are donated by generous ministry supporters.



“I wasn’t ready to be a mom,” Carly* told her LifeSteps Coach as she recalled her first appointment. “Now I can’t imagine my life without my son. He’s everything to me.”

Carly told her Coach how thankful she was that Life Network was there for her when she was alone, frightened and unsure what to do about her unplanned pregnancy. She was depressed and even considered suicide. However, once her pregnancy was confirmed she knew she had a purpose, a reason to live. She also knew that she could get resources and support for her and her baby.

Carly was determined to be the best mom possible. Her Coach encouraged her as she began to make healthy choices. Carly separated herself from unhealthy relationships, began to take better care of herself, and planned to take college classes online so she could stay home with her baby and go to school.

Being a young, single mom was extremely difficult at first. After her son’s birth, Carly told her Coach that she often felt overwhelming loneliness. Her Coach suggested she go to the LifeSteps Bible Study. Carly quickly made friends there and loved being with other women who understood the challenges and joys of motherhood and like her, needed more than friendships.

Soon after starting Bible Study, Carly gave her life to Christ and started going to church. “She’s not the same frightened, depressed young woman I first met,” her Coach shared. “God has completely changed her life.”

Carly told her Coach that Life Network saved her baby’s life. After witnessing firsthand how God transformed Carly’s life, her Coach believes that two lives were actually saved.

The LifeSteps Team is privileged to watch God work in the lives of the moms we serve. We see His hand shaping and molding their softened mommy’s hearts and turning what was often a crisis and unplanned detour into one of the greatest gifts in their life.

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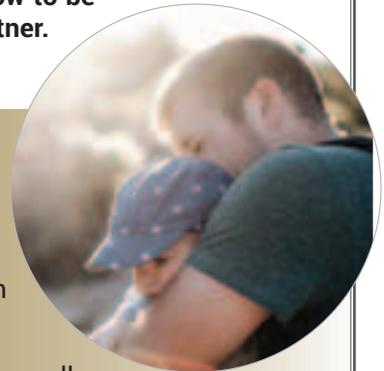
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Men's Services

Men play crucial roles in the face of an unexpected pregnancy. The impact of fatherlessness is far-reaching as children without dads are more likely to be poor, become involved in drug and alcohol abuse, drop out of school, commit crimes and repeat the cycle of fatherlessness. Life Network offers resources and support on how to be God-honoring fathers while also learning to support their partner. Over 75 men meet monthly with their mentor coaches.

Within the walls of Life Network contain the very starting point for most who walk in. Men's Services recognize this when they talk to the guy in the lobby. At first, he isn't sure about one of them heading in his direction with a bear paw-sized hand outstretched ready to say hi. He isn't used to a man plopping down next to him wanting nothing more from him than to share a smile and maybe some jerky.



The coaches in men's services hope this guy sees within the walls of the lobby, that there is someone here who actually cares for him and for what he is today. He is more than that shiny hot-hatch Subaru with the loud mufflers, parked outside, that he cannot afford.

Then there is the first glimpse at a baby who is dancing, like a firefly in the wind, in the new mom's belly. The awe at such life is tangible within the four walls of the ultrasound room. Even our guy who was in the lobby can't help but smile and show interest - mouth gaping open. The new mom has a hopeful tear in her eye as she looks at the screen then at the father and then at all who are cheering her on. Those who have contact with this couple hope that a thriving family starts within the four walls of their home.

Without judgement for the choices that brought this couple in today, the coaches honor and respect them. They see them for what they are about to become...a family. The coaches respect him for what he is now...a scared, rough-and-tumble guy in the lobby formed by his social circle.

Within the walls of Men's Services and LifeSteps, the coaches get to gently bring them up in a challenging way similar to how Jesus brought up hard-working fishermen, scars and all, into men of substance.

Intervention

www.elifeNetwork.com

LifeNETWORK Bridges of Hope

While abortion in our country is declining, at least 1 in 4 women will have an abortion by the age of 45. Bridges of Hope offers a nine week group that addresses issues related to abortion and the opportunity to experience God's love and healing from the past ... helping individuals find forgiveness and honoring the lives of the children they have lost.

I had a wonderful childhood and parents who loved me. So, how did I end up a saved but suicidal Christian at age 36 with two abortions and a rebellious soul?

I was not raised to believe in God. I got pregnant at age 18, had the abortion, and that was it. Life went on as if nothing happened—or so it seemed.

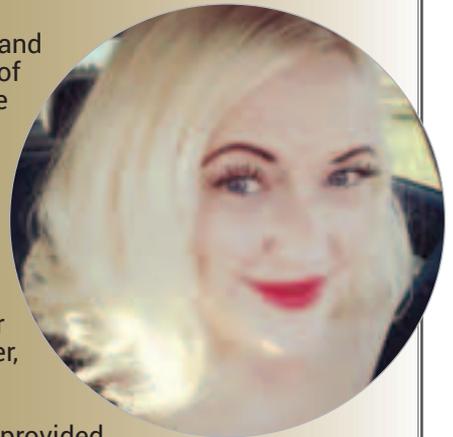
I didn't know it then, but I died emotionally, spiritually, and mentally the day I had that abortion, becoming a shell of a woman. That choice was the catalyst for every future bad decision, including a 2nd abortion at age 22. My abortions were THE reasons for my self-hate, anger, immense shame, depression and suicidal fantasies.

Three years after my 2nd abortion, I was saved. However, I spent a long time with one foot in the Word and one foot in the world. I was a Christian, but without anyone to guide, encourage or mentor me. I was still suffering from self-hate, guilt, anger, depression and was still suicidal.

After many years of growth and turning to God, He provided healing. Now, I am restored, redeemed, forgiven and whole!

The icing on the cake is the beautiful post-abortion bible study offered by Life Network. I completed the bible study in March 2018, nearly 30 years after my 1st abortion. The study brought to mind various memories and details of my abortion experiences that I didn't know were locked away. I discovered some things about myself that I never knew and was able to address hidden anger and hurt feelings I didn't know existed.

I want to thank God for Life Network for everything it does do to help women flip the script.



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Transformation

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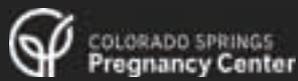


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