

# Life Network's 36th Gala and Silent Auction



*"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous – how well I know it."*

*Psalm 139:13-14*

**Life**NETWORK

## Life Network ... Celebrating 36 Years of Valuing Life

Dear Friends,

Earlier this year, I was sharing about the importance of valuing life in a local church. A man I'll call Randy stopped me afterwards and said something I'd never heard: "I'm tired of pretending to care about valuing life." Intrigued, I asked him what he meant.

"I've always said I'm pro-life, but I've never really done anything about it. I want to change that." Randy has since become a volunteer and a donor. In a year where the importance of valuing human life has taken center stage nationally and locally, many in our city like Randy have said ... I must do something!

Now, more people in our city are doing something. As people like you engage more deeply, Life Network has increased the number of ultrasounds we've provided to those facing unexpected pregnancies by 10%. We've added professional counseling to bolster our parenting coaching for clients who are severely struggling. And, we've added a suicide prevention component to our in-school program.

Today, more than 15,000 women, men, students and babies in our community are supported annually across all we do!

When you invest in Life Network, you are standing up and saying, "I want to do something!" You are preventing teenagers from making destructive relationship decisions ... you are intervening on behalf of moms and dads who are overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy ... and you are transforming lives with the hope of the Gospel.

Whether you have partnered with us for years, or you are newer to Life Network, thank you for standing with us to save more babies, support more students and parents and transform more lives. It's your ongoing prayers and support that make all the difference!

Changing lives together,



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

Rich Bennett  
President / CEO

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# Life Network 2018 Annual Report

## FINANCIALS

### Assets

Current Assets	\$757,769
Property Net	\$893,648
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,651,416</b>

### Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$72,415
Notes Payable	\$759,950
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$832,365</b>
Net Assets	\$819,051

**Total Liabilities and Assets \$1,651,416**

### Revenue

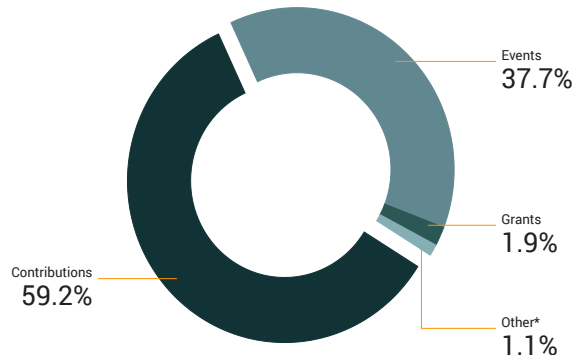
Contributions	\$1,054,046	59.2%
Grants	\$34,000	1.9%
Events	\$671,972	37.7%
Other *	\$20,379	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,780,397</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

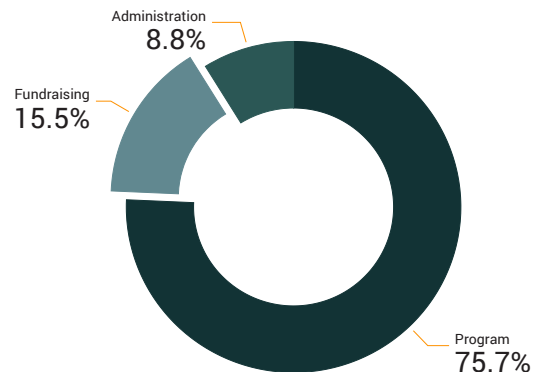
### Expenses

Program Expenses	\$1,168,316	75.7%
Administration	\$136,397	8.8%
Fundraising	\$238,769	15.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,543,482</b>	<b>100%</b>

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



In 2018, volunteers donated approximately 8,900 hours of time, valued at approximately \$134,000. In addition, 571 hours of professional services valued at \$40,002 were contributed.



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.



**Education  
FOR A Lifetime**

**7,994** *Teens reached in 32 schools*

## **YOU ARE NEEDED, LOVED + VALUED**

Education for a Lifetime leads the "Prevention" arm of our mission through educating local high school students on healthy relationships and mental health. EFL reaches thousands of students each year in 32 public and private schools in El Paso County and beyond. The **Pursue** presentation teaches sexual risk avoidance and how to set healthy boundaries that reflect each student's value. **Who Can Relate** challenges students to consider who needs them, who loves them and where they find their value, working to release the stigma surrounding conversations on mental health and suicide.

Education for a Lifetime also works with the Colorado Springs faith community to promote youth mental health through Parent Talks at churches and Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings.

**2,416 STUDENTS ENCOURAGED ON THEIR  
VALUE THROUGH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND  
PREVENTION**

*You have changed my whole mindset about safe sex ...  
I learned what a healthy relationship is and that is is worth keeping.*

*[Who Can Relate] really made me feel like I wasn't alone.*







COLORADO SPRINGS  
Pregnancy Center

248  
*Babies saved!*

- 1,627 clients reached
- 654 ultrasounds
- 89% of clients chose life after viewing an ultrasound

Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers meet women and men facing unplanned pregnancies in their time of need. Through providing **free** medical services in conjunction with compassionate, nonjudgmental options counseling and the promise of future support, we empower our clients to make life-affirming choices for their family. We have two locations, one on Galley Road across from the Citadel Mall, and one on the Westside on Centennial, just a short distance from Planned Parenthood.

*Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers offer:*

- **Pregnancy Testing**
- **Ultrasounds**
- **STI Testing & Treatment**
- **Pregnancy Options Education**
- **Community and Medical Referrals**
- **Emergency Material Needs**
- **Parenting Education (LifeSteps)**



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## *Decisions for Christ*

LifeSteps, our parenting education program, enables moms and dads to confidently enter parenthood knowing that they have people walking beside them for support, encouragement and resources. Our curriculum provides education on topics such as pregnancy, infant care, nutrition and childbirth. As they participate, clients earn credits – called "baby bucks" – to be used toward items in the LifeSteps Baby Boutique. Items earned include infant and toddler clothing, bedding, formula, and diapers, as well as bigger items such as a car seat or crib. Parents participate in LifeSteps until their child turns two. We also host a women's LifeSteps Bible Study that moms can participate in indefinitely for community and support.

Our Men's Services Fatherhood program specifically equips dads through mentorship and education in a one-on-one mentorship relationship. The structure of the program complements LifeSteps, and encourages healthy families through helping men to become involved, committed and responsible fathers.

**1,817** APPOINTMENTS WITH MOMS  
**579** APPOINTMENTS WITH DADS



*Life* NETWORK  
Bridges OF Hope

**20** *women and men received healing through post-abortion recovery*

Bridges of Hope is our program for women and men who are processing and grieving past abortions. Our group for women is a nine-week healing and support class that uses Biblical principles as tools for healing, addressing topics including grief, anger, guilt, depression and forgiveness. This past year, we also had 3 men receive post-abortive support through partnership with Men's Services.

Our partnerships with Mayfield Counseling and Solas Counseling have also enabled us to provide professional mental health care to our clients within the safe space of our centers.

**20** **clients served through professional counseling**





# Client Stories

Amy\* came to the pregnancy center looking for information on the abortion pill. When she got to the center, Amy told her advocate that this was a bad time for a baby as she is still in school, and she and her husband were “not in a good place.” Amy told her advocate, “I don’t know if I could go through with an abortion ... but look at me, I’m still in school and I won’t be a good mom.” The advocate gently reassured her that Amy’s hesitancy when considering abortion made it sound like she was trying to protect this baby – a sign of a great mother! Amy teared up at that thought. She mentioned that she was open to pursuing counseling with her husband to mend their relationship – a glimmer of hope. Amy was able to receive an ultrasound the same day, and she got the chance to witness her baby on the ultrasound screen. As she left, Amy told our staff that she wanted to carry her baby to term! She was offered further support through our LifeSteps parenting education program and left feeling more confident and equipped in her motherhood.



Amy\*

\*Name Changed

With the encouragement of her LifeSteps Coach, Maria\* was one of the first women to see an onsite counselor. Before learning she was pregnant, Maria had attempted suicide several times. Her mother's illness led her parents to divorce when she was five. After that, she and her little sister would be alone for hours, even days. Maria learned early how to survive, ate when and where they could, and befriended adults who provided food, clothing or school supplies. She also learned to be wary of men who are overly nice when they know mom is gone – several raped Maria.

Last summer, with the support of her LifeSteps coach, Maria recommitted her life to Christ. But she still was grappling with past trauma. Her coach encouraged her to continue the healing God was doing in her life by meeting with our onsite counselor. Maria was scared about revisiting her painful past, but she was determined to be the best mom possible. Because she felt safe and loved at the pregnancy center, Maria began counseling.

At first, Maria would find excuses to reschedule appointments. But as she grew to trust her counselor, she rarely missed an appointment. Not only did her attendance change, her countenance did as well. Maria's transformation was visible to her coach and our LifeSteps staff. Maria told her coach that while she knows that she has more emotional work ahead of her, for the first time in her life she knows what hope feels like.

**Maria recently married and relocated for her husband's work. She and her new family are happily preparing for the arrival of a baby girl!**



*Maria\**

\*Name Changed





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