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Letter from the Executive Director

We hope you like our new Vine newsletter! This redesign kicks off our newest initiative to better engage with you, our Vinekeepers, and let you know all the amazing things you are cultivating in Dallas County.

You may wonder: **Why are you called the Vinekeepers?** Our ministry bears fruit and thrives only when we keep hold of Jesus, the true Vine (John 15). **You are the keepers of the Vine** that ground us in Christ and nourish our ministry. Our programs can bear fruit and cultivate LIFE for babies, families, and community only with your support.

Vinekeepers are our donors, volunteers, churches, and partners. Your support is the only way we continue providing all our life-giving services at **no cost** to our clients. Thank you.

We love to tell you about the good things happening at Thrive—especially as we are slammed every minute with news on our phones, email, television, the internet, and our home mailboxes. Sometimes it's fun to read news, but lately it has been difficult for me. I still prefer to sit and turn the pages of an old-fashioned newspaper that magically appears at my door each morning. In a recent read of *The Wall Street Journal*, I noticed the many negative headlines about doom and gloom in our world:

- Reduced forecasts fan fears for stocks
- White House asked Pentagon for options to strike at Iran
- Israel's dangerous dalliance with China
- Auto makers hit speed bumps abroad

It looked as though the world was out of control! But take heart: **We hear amazing stories at Thrive every single day.** And you make them happen. Our

new website and blog will keep you posted, but this issue of The Vine tells you about:

- **Men's mentor program growing leaps and bounds - Page 3**
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Thank you, dear Vinekeepers, for continuing to cultivate God's good news!

Mary Jayne Fogerty
Executive Director
Thrive Women's Clinic



Jan-Feb
2019
Statistics

Babies saved:

32

New believers:

14

New client visits:

371

2018 Annual Report



316 Babies were saved when abortion-minded clients chose life! **14 sets of twins were saved.**

3,998

Calls came from women considering abortion.

1,629

Sonograms displayed *life*.

1,592

New clients came through our doors for the first time.

794

Parenting classes and mentor sessions strengthened families.



6,272 Face-to-face meetings with clients and their partners helped them navigate unplanned pregnancy.

46 Gave their lives to Christ at Thrive.

We welcome anyone seeking services. About one-third of our clients are at-risk for abortion.

- Our new client website launched in January 2018, and online appointment requests increased by **46%**.
- Our men's program reached more fathers. One-on-one mentoring sessions increased **55%** in 2018.



- Our OhKnow education program doubled its reach. Our nurses taught **3,225** students in local schools about fetal development and sexually transmitted diseases.



Caroline Hunt: A legacy of life

Learn how you can build generations of generosity in your family

What is life's greatest thrill for Caroline Hunt, the wise and merry-hearted matriarch who will turn 90 years old next month?

"I must admit, it's when I see one of my 26 great-grandchildren running down the hall toward me with arms open saying 'Grandmama!'" she said. "Jesus told us, 'Let the children come to me. Such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

These are not the only little ones she reaches out to welcome. Through generous financial gifts to Thrive Women's Clinic for decades, she has helped save thousands of babies from abortion, supporting women all over Dallas so they can experience the same thrill of motherhood she enjoys.

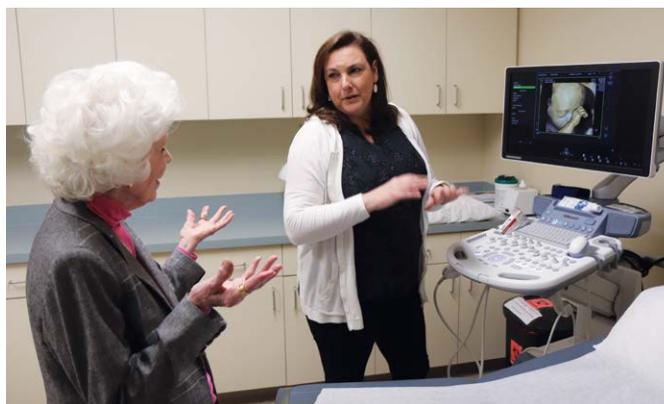
And she is making sure this legacy stays alive. Every generation of her family has become infused with her deep faith in God's view of life. About a dozen of her children and grandchildren have also supported Thrive through generous donations and every kind of volunteer service.

She has also left a legacy through her church, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, a key Thrive partner where she and her husband were founding members. "The sanctity of human life was a basic premise of this church from the start," she said. **"This church believes if God created you and in His image, you're a treasure from the beginning. Why should it be destroyed?"**

Mrs. Hunt even uses her home to treasure children. Smell the cookies she regularly bakes for her brood, step around the toy strollers and Legos she keeps in her living room, and take a closer look at the long lineup of portraits she keeps of every child, grandchild, and great-grandchild—and their spouses. They live out her legacy in a variety of ways.

"I remember Mrs. Hunt's daughter, Ellen Flowers, and her granddaughter, Julia Schwarz, cleaning toilets to help us get ready to open our West Dallas Clinic in 2005," said Mary Jayne Fogerty, Thrive's Executive Director. "That's just one example of the Hunt family's selfless generosity that has blessed our ministry immeasurably. They are an example for us all."

Betsy Hunt said her mother-in-law's life has taught the family how they can tangibly live out their prolife passion. Betsy has supported Thrive and serves on the Council for Life board, which supports many prolife organizations in Dallas. Betsy's children also support Thrive and volunteer. She believes the family's legacy will carry on.



"I have complete confidence in the next generation when I see them get involved and get help to those who need it," Betsy said. "They are wise about giving and are good stewards. There's a lot of hope."

We have Caroline Hunt to thank for that. 

Why I'm a Vinekeeper:

“They have a kind heart at Thrive. The people at Thrive pay attention and try to honestly help and not condemn them for their mistakes. That's who I want to support. —Caroline Hunt, donor

I've learned that women need a lifetime of care when they choose life. I love Thrive because it helps young mothers beyond delivery.

—Elizabeth Harris, Caroline Hunt's granddaughter, donor and volunteer”



Wise words from Caroline Hunt

Q: How can we instill prolife passion into our own families?

"I believe children follow your example. If I'm volunteering somewhere and talk about my day at the dinner table and what excites me, they are listening—no matter what age they are."

Q: How does God guide you to give?



"I've known Mary Jayne Fogerty (Thrive's Executive Director) since she was a little girl. She grew

up and got into this ministry, and it was exactly what I believed. Ask your friends what organizations they love. You will learn so much about what God's doing. I firmly believe you run into the people God wants you to meet. Pay attention to what He's showing you." 🌿

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or 214-343-9263.

You're saving lives overseas

Thrive Women's Clinic has served women in Dallas County for 36 years and your faithful support has helped this ministry build a strong reputation of excellence in the pregnancy center industry worldwide. That's what led two separate groups to approach us for guidance this year as they launch pregnancy centers overseas. We are excited to equip these ministries for success and continue ongoing partnership with them.

Kampala, Uganda

You supplied Latter Glory Clinic with training materials, 500 pregnancy tests, and connections for a sonogram machine. In July, we sent two Thrive staff to Uganda for a week to train clinic staff, community groups, and churches about fetal development and sexual health.

Update: The clinic is open 24/7 and in October-November saved 27 babies!

2019 Partner Goals: Cover the salaries of the executive director and her assistant, 500 pregnancy tests, dopplers to read fetal heartbeats, and a generator with fuel.



LEFT: Zaina chose life! "They told me God has good plan for me and my baby. I thank God!"

BELOW: Thrive staff nurse **Beth Allen** shares God's hope for sexual integrity in Uganda.



Santiago, Chile



Your support launched the country's first pregnancy center the same year abortion became legal. Founders Juan and Eva (pictured above with a staff member on left), trained under our executive director, modeled their clinic after Thrive, and took home fetal models, 500 pregnancy tests, and more.

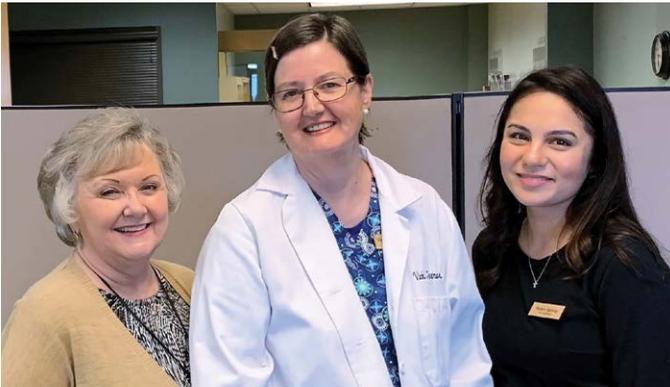
Update: The clinic has been open Fridays since July and in 2018 saved 2 babies!

2019 Partner Goals: Fund rent and resources for a sonogram machine while continuing moral and prayer support.

Valentina, 21, was the first abortion-minded client to choose life at Naceran Foundation. Clinic staff connected her with an amazingly supportive spiritual community that will pay for her manicurist training so she can work from home. 

You stepped up and ... **Irving has hope!**

With your support, our Irving Clinic launched in November, and about 50 clients experiencing unplanned pregnancy heard the Gospel in the first two months, including some considering abortion. Two clients changed their minds and chose life for their babies!



Our Irving staff team: Lana Hopkins, Vicki Germer, and Helen Spivey.

Amanda* came the first day the clinic was open in 2019 considering abortion since she had been laid off over Christmas. She left her appointment undecided but called back later and told us she changed her mind after she couldn't stop thinking about the baby she saw on our sonogram screen. She came back for another sonogram with the baby's father, and they laughed together as they watched their active baby, 12 weeks along. 

YOU CAN HELP!

Current needs:

- Volunteer nurses to work 2-3 hours per week.
- Bilingual advocates to meet with clients one four-hour shift per week.
- \$1,500 for new rugs so little ones can crawl around comfortably.

**Name changed to protect privacy.*



YOU ARE INVITED!

Irving Clinic Dedication

Thursday, March 28, 2019

2PM - 4PM

- 1111 W. Airport Freeway • Suite 229 • Irving, TX 75062
- RSVP to Kontessa at kkiel@ThriveWomensClinic.com



 COVER STORY

Beyond the heart beat

Your support doesn't stop in the sonogram room

Nicole shared the news with her fiancée: The pregnancy test came back positive. His reply text shocked her.

"Is there any way you can take care of this?"

Her body felt a wave of deep disappointment and confusion. She told him she didn't think she could do that—abortion.



"Well, in that case, good luck then," he messaged back. "I don't want to have anything to do with you or this baby."

"And that was that," she said. "He was done. I actually hid it from my family the first two months. I was still in shock."

Nicole, a U.S. Navy veteran, was a student getting her prerequisites for dental hygienist school. She needed a new plan, and a friend

told her about Thrive.

“They gave me a sonogram, and that solidified for me that I could do this,” she said.

Like many women who come to Thrive Women’s Clinic, that triumphant choice for life in the sonogram room was just the dawn of Nicole’s journey. That’s why Thrive’s services don’t stop there. Nicole embarked on a year-long process with Thrive’s full package of holistic care, meeting her needs emotionally, financially, and spiritually.

Nicole didn’t have an emotional support system in her life until she started meeting regularly with Thrive staff and her volunteer advocate, Betsy Halford.

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“I was going through so many hard times and questioning myself,” she said. “I remember their prayers for me to know God’s love. It was awesome to see how my perspective changed to see **He is with me.**”

She came back weekly to shop for baby supplies with the “baby bucks” she earned by taking parenting classes. She earned diapers, burp cloths, onesies, books, and a breast pump.

“It was everything I needed,” she said. “I’m a single mom with no job or support from the dad. I’ve had to put school and work on hold. **This is allowing me to be a mom first** and care for my daughter.”

Nicole also experienced the essence of the Thrive family by attending our client celebration parties for Mother’s Day and Christmas.

“I would describe the events as just an outpouring of love and encouragement from the Thrive community,” she said. “It’s awesome to share stories with the other moms there in similar circumstances, see the little ones growing up, and see the brighter side of our situations during the holidays.”

Nicole needed community as a stay-at-home mom. Her advocate gave her an Embrace Grace box full of spiritual encouragement and an invitation to a weekly support group for single pregnant women and new moms at **Trinity Bible Church.**

“This is exactly what I needed,” Nicole said. “I am learning to trust God more. I’m learning my daughter was His blessing to me, and our lives are not a mistake. I’m learning to be a daughter of God in order to be a better mother for Kyle. A year ago, I needed so much support. Now, with God’s help, I have this community, and I can give back to these girls in my Embrace Grace group who haven’t had their babies yet.”

She is looking forward to the future.

“If you support Thrive, thank you for your generous hearts,” she said. “Thrive is pretty much amazing. As I reflect on what God has done for me, I am so thankful for the generous and loving people He has placed into my life. 🌿”

You’re part of the team.



Embrace Grace group at Trinity Bible Church

Success stories like Nicole’s are only possible with YOU, our Vinekeepers:

Volunteers assist with client parties, office work, and more.

Advocates are volunteer mentors who meet with clients one-on-one.

Church partners such as Trinity Bible Church step in to support moms.

Collaborative ministries such as Embrace Grace extend our services.

Become part of the story: [Vinekeepers.org](https://www.vinekeepers.org)

New York abortion law is on your doorstep

New York is far, but ripples of the state's new law allowing late-term abortions have hit our doorstep. A client who was 27 weeks along in her pregnancy met with Earlene Jones, Thrive's Director of Client Services. Since abortion is only legal in Texas through 21 weeks, this client's family offered to pay for her to travel to New York for a late-term termination. Jones shared God's hope with her, and she chose life. Jones connected her with a Thrive partner, the **EQUIP Ministry at Park Cities Presbyterian Church**, to help her with rent and a job search. We are so thankful God has a personal touch that is bigger than any political movement.

Love Letters to you!

A quick note from a client to Thrive Nurse Gina Gunn: "I thank God for sending me to Thrive. I had no one else. The confidentiality, prayers, and support mean so much and is one of the reasons I feel like I'll be okay. I will definitely contact you if I need someone to talk to. Thank you so much for everything."

Mother's Day: Host a baby bottle drive

Churches like yours are stepping up to support Thrive. On Sanctity of Human Life Sunday—Jan. 20—**18 churches across Dallas** invited Thrive staff, clients, and volunteers to spread the word about Thrive. Volunteers handed out



more than 1,000 baby bottles for supporters to fill with funds for Thrive, and former clients shared their testimonies. Brian Culp at the Heights

Baptist church said the baby bottle he took home spurred sweet conversations with his elementary daughters about supporting moms and tithing. You can fill a virtual baby bottle at ThriveWomen'sClinic.com/donate and choose "Baby Bottle Drive."

Mother's Day is another great time for your church or small group to host a baby bottle drive or feature a client speaker!

Learn more at Vinekeepers.org or email jsmith@thrivewomensclinic.com

Your support is on the big screen

All four of our clinics were updated this February with 32-inch screens in the sonogram rooms to display life larger than ever!

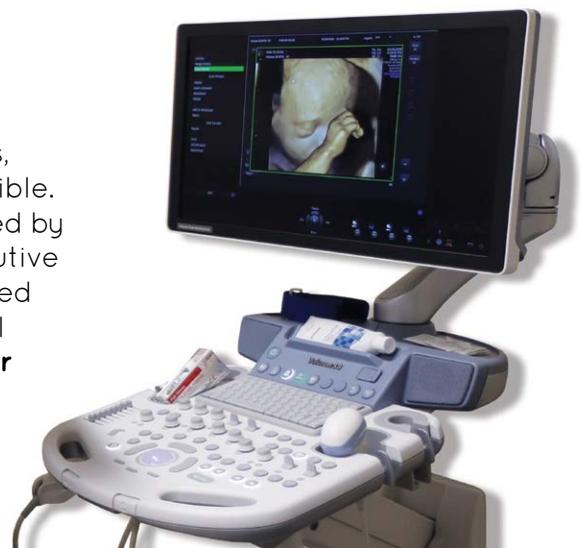
Would you like to come and see? Schedule a tour at scamp@thrivewomensclinic.com.



Boxes of love bless clients

Clients who choose life at Thrive are launching into parenthood equipped with a box full of baby blankets, wipes, journals, small toys, and a children's Bible. These 50 blessing boxes were donated by Vinekeeper **Blaire Jones**. Thrive Executive Director Mary Jayne Fogerty presented

a blessing box to this family before they headed back to school at Texas A&M. **Does your family or small group want to bless our clients? Find ideas at www.vinekeepers.org.**



GOLF FORE LIFE



Join us at
Golf Fore Life!

May 6

Hackberry Country Club
10:30 a.m. check-in

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Meet your "family"

This client chose life after her first appointment at Thrive and brought her boyfriend back to our clinic for a sonogram. She wanted him to meet the Thrive staff that had "become like family" to her. They told Meredith Hall, Clinic Services Director (right), they are planning a wedding this spring.



Mark your calendar!

March 28

Irving Clinic Grand Opening Celebration

April 4

Festa della Donna ladies' brunch

May 6

Golf Fore Life

July 13 & 27

Volunteer training sessions (Must attend 2)

October 3

Celebration Dinner at the Frontiers of Flight Museum

Learn more at Vinekeepers.org/events



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Vinekeepers are the supporters of Thrive Women's Clinic, which has four locations in Dallas County that provide services at no cost for women and their partners experiencing unplanned pregnancy. Our non-profit outreach ministry extends Christ-like compassion that values the family and empowers them to choose life.

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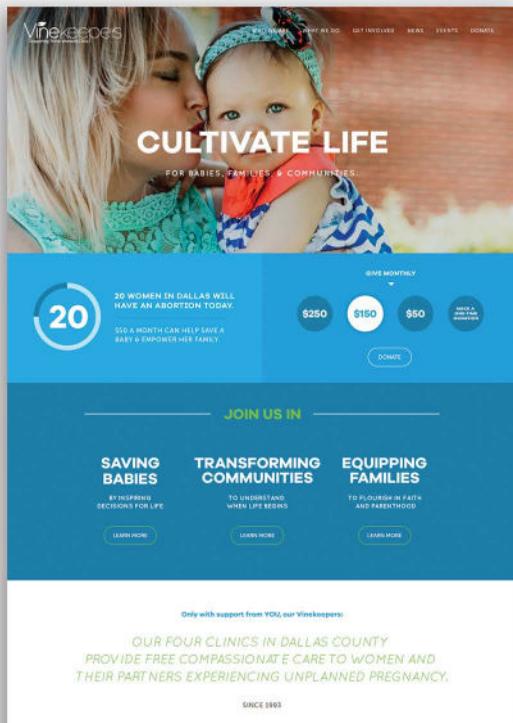
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