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SPRING 2021

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Letter from the **Executive Director**

YOU upheld us through this pandemic!

We have a new theme for 2021 at Thrive – **Anchored in Hope**. It is our focus of the year as our staff serves on the frontlines because we know God is good all the time. It's true isn't it? It is true even with a COVID-19 year when businesses closed, many worked from home, churches moved to online

At year end, YOU gave generously to enable Thrive to finish well so we began 2021 **in a good position**. Thank you!

Throughout the year many of our volunteers bravely continued to serve—in our offices or remotely—mentoring and educating new moms and dads.

We completed the process of becoming a paperless clinic, which was no easy feat! All our client files and most of our education programs are now fully electronic. Progress...even in a pandemic!

You can read our full 2020 annual report in this magazine, but know 2021 is starting strong with a new online outreach approach with Vitae. **This first quarter of 2021 has brought us 43% more abortion-minded clients than the first quarter of 2020.**

Aren't we all ready to move into the future? This month, our board and key staff are thoughtfully and prayerfully focused on a new 3-year strategic plan for 2021–2023. It will unfold in the months to come.

Thank you for your heart of passion for the unborn and their vulnerable parents. Thank you for standing strong with us and giving generously with prayer support and from your pocketbooks. You are true heroes saving and equipping the next generation. 🌱



Mary Jayne with clients De'Vante, Netta, and De'Vante Junior

gatherings, and friends and families only gathered virtually. Some friends and family became ill or even died, but **God is still God and He is still good.**

His hand of blessing has been upon Thrive and we see it in multiple ways. In 2020, we were able to hold 3 of 5 events, and minister to clients face to face. Though we operated at 75% of our normal hours, **210** babies were saved from abortion and another **430** whom we deem as at risk were protected. Yes, babies continued to be saved!

Mary Jayne Fogerty

Executive Director, Thrive Women's Clinic

Jan-Mar
2021
Statistics

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New client
visits:
1,289

Babies
saved:
55

New
believers:
25



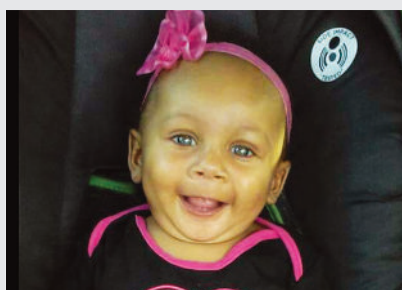
Calendar of Events

May 8 and 22: Volunteer training 9am-1pm
June 15: Golf Fore Life Tournament
Oct. 5: Celebration & Fundraising Dinner
Dec. 4: Cookies with Santa client party
Jan. 16, 2022: Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

vinekeepers.org/events

Meet Abigail

Tiffany chose LIFE and sent us a quick photo of little Abigail. "I want everyone at Thrive to know that you are making a big impact!"



We're hiring!

Do you want to join our team, or do you know someone who can fill these roles?

Nurses (part time and full time)
Nurse Educator for OhKnow.org
Administrative Assistant for West Dallas Site
Controller (part time)
Church Development Officer (part time)

Learn more at vinekeepers.org/jobs



GET EQUIPPED FOR LIFE

You hear: It's not a real person yet.

Your answer: Your **ENTIRE DNA**, miles of it, was determined at **THE VERY MOMENT** the sperm met the egg. **THAT MOMENT** defined your eye color, hair color, gender, physical stature, and even your tendency to be a morning person or a thrill seeker. While unseen on a sonogram, all genetic aspects of your appearance and personality were intact—and unique from **any other human** that ever lived. Does that make you a person?



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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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THRIVE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

210

BABIES SAVED
when their moms changed
their minds to choose life

430

**BABIES
PROTECTED**
when "at-risk"
parents
chose life

2,896

**abortion calls
answered**
(8% increase)

1,303

**sonograms
displayed**
life

1,431

**new clients
came and heard
the Gospel**

37

**gave their
lives to
Christ**

704

**Parenting
classes
and
mentoring
sessions (23% increase)**

4,794

face-face meetings with clients

2020 Highlights

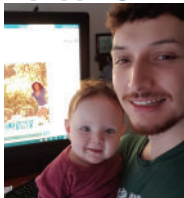


Thriving through COVID-19 -

The pandemic
closed clinics
for six weeks,

but you ensured our services never
stopped. In that time, staff served
800 clients on the phone or
through telehealth appointments,
including **206 women considering
abortion**. Many chose life!

Equipping more families -



New online
curriculum called
BrightCourse
provided **23%
more parenting
classes** and mentor
sessions this year.

Zoom brotherhood - Virtual
sessions and meetups proved
popular with new and expectant
fathers through the pandemic. The
men's ministry held **145% more
fatherhood equipping** sessions this
year, thanks to your support.

New sonogram machines - Preborn
life is more vivid than ever on



much **faster physician reviews and
photo sharing**.

two new
sonogram
machines,
funded by
Focus on the
Family and
the McCamey
family.
Wireless
technology
provides



Christmas in cars - Volunteers like
you transformed our annual Cookies
with Santa Christmas party into a
drive-through experience with
holiday cheer, treats, and diapers for
a record **76 client families**.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Thrive Women's Clinic provides all services at no cost and accepts no government money. This is only possible with the generosity of our Vinekeepers, our supporters. We strive to be good stewards with transparency, integrity, and impact.

2020 By the numbers*

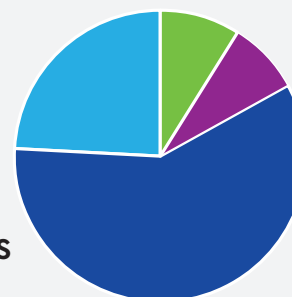
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INCOME:
\$2,019,202

EXPENSES:
\$1,807,880

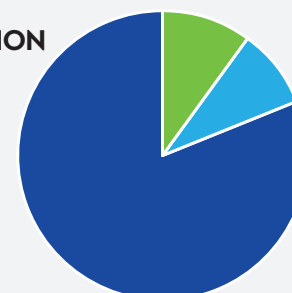
How Thrive is funded

- 9% CHURCHES
- 8% BUSINESSES
- 59% INDIVIDUALS
- 24% FOUNDATIONS



How Thrive uses your generosity

- 10% ADMINISTRATION
- 9% FUNDRAISING
- 81% PROGRAMS



Netta and De'Vante were considering abortion in February, but chose LIFE after their first appointment at Thrive. The pandemic brought fear, job loss and much uncertainty. But thanks to your support, they stayed strong in their decision to parent. This baby is 2020 redeemed!



*Unaudited numbers

Watch their video here.



02-2021



How is the pandemic framing our future?

We asked three key staff on the frontlines to explain how YOUR support of ongoing innovation is taking us to the next level.

Virtual mentoring proves popular

Kontessa Kiel
Director of Client Services



The pandemic has made us change a lot of things for the better! We transitioned our Earn While You Learn program to virtual classes called Brightcourse. We send a link so clients can take parenting classes on their phones or computers, and then their advocate can mentor with them over the phone. We started that with COVID-19 and will probably continue it. **Our advocates have said our clients really enjoy the phone calls and seem to open up more than they did in the office visits.** That transition has also opened appointment slots in our physical offices for us to see more abortion-minded clients, and to see them quickly.

We also went paperless this year! Those iPads save us so much time with our client intake and processing so we have more time to spend visiting with them.

Masks won't stop our smiles

Meredith Hall
Director of Clinic Services



We are working hard to protect our pregnant women, who are at higher risk for COVID-19. We are wearing masks, but all of **our nurses are wearing pins to show clients our smiling faces.** We've also had to prevent clients from bringing guests, which can be hard because we want fathers to be affected by what we do. So, in a change of policy, **we are allowing fathers to Facetime** into the sonogram room so they can be a part of that moment and it makes a difference. We will continue to revisit these policies as things evolve.

Our new sonogram machines are amazing! The latest technology lets us show a client her baby as early as 5 or 6 weeks. It's their first bonding moment!

I had a client the other day who couldn't afford an abortion. She told me Planned Parenthood is helping her fund her abortion. We are facing new challenges in this era, which shows how important it is for us to continue offering these free services.

Public schools go online. So do we!

Monica Sais
OhKnow Program Director



COVID-19 hit and teachers in schools everywhere were scrambling. **Thrive decided to make all of our education available virtually.** What does that mean? You get a nurse live on a Zoom or Google Meet teaching fetal development or sexual risk avoidance. We've been teaching this way this entire school year and have taught 2,400 students.

It is very tough to teach online. Students are not as engaged. **We have worked hard to find ways to get the kids to respond.** One thing that brought the most attention was a microscope video we found showing a light that sparks at the moment a sperm meets and egg. They are amazed and it definitely ignites conversation. After Spring Break, some schools invited us back for face-to-face education, and we are ready! 🌱

Your work in Uganda: Africa clinic update

Did you know?

Your support of Thrive Women's Clinic helps the Latter Glory Clinic outside of Kampala, Uganda to provide counseling, abortion alternatives, and other medical services.

You helped fund:

- 2020: a baby delivery table and salaries for the director and assistant director
- 2021: medical supplies needed to deliver babies

What's new:

Zania came to Latter Glory Clinic in 2019 single and seeking an abortion. Clinic Director Cathy Birungi shared the gospel, told her they would help care for the baby through delivery, and brought her into their vocational training and discipleship program. A mission team from the U.S. prayed over Zania and her home. She is now a seamstress, following the

Lord, and married to the father of her baby. What a story of God's redemption!

– Kirstin McCool, Thrive volunteer and Executive Director of GO Overflow Ministries 🌱



Man Cave: No girls allowed

Did you know?

Men play an important role in a woman's decision to choose life, which is why Thrive has a team of dedicated men to minister to these expectant dads. Through counseling, mentorships, and online courses, they cover relevant issues, such as parenting, abortion, adoption, relationships and marriage, sexual integrity, the Christian faith, finances, interview/career skills, and more. In 2020, our men's program had 145% more mentoring sessions.

What's new:

As part of an Eagle Scout project, sophomore Jacob Vermeulen gathered some friends to remodel our men's counseling room into a man cave where future fathers can feel at home. "I am thrilled to see a long-time dream become a reality at Thrive. This room will enable us to better connect and serve men in crisis pregnancies, while more clearly communicating to these men, 'We see you. We care about you. We are here for you.'" –Wade Souza, Thrive Men's Ministry Coordinator 🌱



LIFE in your churches

When Thrive Women's Clinic opened a fourth clinic in Irving two years ago, leadership prayed for local churches to come alongside the ministry.

MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church answered the call. As official ministry partners, the church is joining Thrive in its mission to combat abortion in its very own community.

"The church is called to uphold the sanctity of life, care for those in need, and share the Gospel," said Bob Bolander, a pastor at MacArthur Boulevard Baptist. "We, as the church, aren't equipped to meet all those needs, but supporting a ministry like Thrive allows us to be engaged in this issue. Thrive is the boots on the ground working with those who are struggling and leading them to make choices for life."



“It is an overwhelming joy to partner with churches because they are the **LOCAL heartbeat of LIFE**. It's where people go when they need help. Working together, we can combat abortion and dispense hope right here in Irving.” —Mary Jayne Fogerty, Thrive Executive Director



How does MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church engage Thrive and the life issue?

- Discussing abortion and the sanctity of life from the pulpit.
- Filling baby bottles with funds for Thrive once a year. This year, members gave about \$5,000.
- Matching baby bottle donations with church mission funds.
- Hosting an open house at our clinic so church members can tour, understand the needs, and explore involvement opportunities.
- Educating church youth about the LIFE issue with Thrive's OhKnow presentation.

In turn, Thrive provides a place where the church can send people facing unplanned pregnancy.

"We call these partners Vinekeeper churches because they truly keep us grounded in the True Vine—Christ—and nourish our ministry so we may cultivate LIFE," said Mary Jayne Fogerty, Thrive's Executive Director.

How can your church partner with Thrive? Let's talk about it! [Vinekeepers.org/church-partner](https://vinekeepers.org/church-partner) 🌱



NOTE: Photos from MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church before the COVID-19 pandemic.

A big **THANKS** to our Sanctity of Human Life Sunday churches

Local churches helped us celebrate **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in January & February** by raising funds and sharing God's heart for the unborn. Nine churches held baby bottle campaigns and raised close to \$19,000 for the life-saving work at Thrive Women's Clinic, which is remarkable considering COVID-19's affect on in-person church attendance.

THANKS to these partners who celebrated with us!

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 Plymouth Park Baptist Church
 Redeemer Bible Church
 Reunion Church
 Scofield Memorial Church
 Trinity Fellowship Church



Dr. Mayra Thompson shares the pressures she faces as a prolife ObGyn

As a doctor of obstetrics and gynecology for 37 years, I have a first-hand view of the impact of abortion on women's health. From the very beginning, I've had to take a stance that impacted my career.

I graduated from medical school in 1980, a few years after Roe V. Wade legalized abortion in the U.S. Throughout my college years, young men and women were immediately divided. As a Christian, my view on the subject was clear. There was no choice but pro-life. My studies in basic biology and embryology in medicine further enhanced and confirmed my belief that the miracle of life begins at conception.

My first serious challenge to my beliefs came at the time of choosing a residency position for training. I was courted by a well-respected program. To my dismay, I was expected to perform abortions in both the first and second trimesters. That means I would be performing abortions up to 26 weeks after conception. The hospital had a ward just for the second trimester terminations. There was no question in my mind that the program was not for me. But walking away would be a big sacrifice. As a Hispanic female, they courted me with a generous salary. As an immigrant who grew up in a blue-collar family, people would say I was crazy to turn this down. But I couldn't do it. I explained to the program why I could not participate. I was told that my stance would never allow me to be truly successful

in this field.

I am happy to tell you, that has not been the case. I have, however, been challenged and attacked for my views. The argument presented is that if we are against abortion, we are against women. In fact, the opposite is actually the case. I am definitely pro woman, in her entirety. Throughout my career, I have seen the effects of abortion on those women who have had one. The regret and inability to forget that action has often led to depression and unhappiness. Although the "benefits" are always publicized, the problems associated with surgical and medical terminations are downplayed by abortion advocates to the detriment of women.

I have been asked many times if I am afraid of outwardly stating my belief. I have been afraid, however, my personal conviction AND my medical training have both taught me that I must speak the truth. It took courage for me to testify in Austin to add medical regulations to abortion clinics in 2017 under House Bill 2. We need your prayers so that we do not cower.

For the past 11 years, my husband and I have financially supported Thrive because those of us in the health profession need a strong pro-life voice in our culture. We need Thrive to speak truth to women who may not be hearing that voice from their own OBGYNs. I know Thrive is making a difference on the frontlines. Will you join me in supporting Thrive Women's Clinic? 🌱

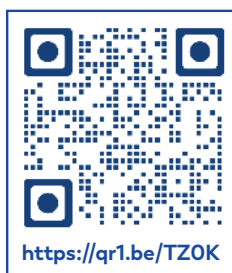


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Your support **in bloom** at Festa

Thanks for joining us at the Dallas Arboretum on April 1 for our annual womens' brunch! Watch the full program here, or skip chapters to watch the highlights:

- **Sheila Walsh's story of her own pregnancy**
- **A pro-life doctor's testimony**
- **A client family who chose life at Thrive**
- **A ministry update**



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A special gift gives Jenny LIFE



After supporting Thrive Women's Clinic regularly for years, **Ed and Regina Griego** wanted to send extra funds specifically for special Christmas gifts to bless clients who chose life.

Jenny* was in need of some Christmas cheer. She came to

Thrive and told Nurse Vivian Summey all the reasons why she wanted an abortion: She was planning to go to dental school. She didn't know which boyfriend might be the father. Her last pregnancy ended in a tragic miscarriage. However, she believed in God.

"That gave me hope," Summey said. "Her sonogram that day was inconclusive, so we had to invite her to another appointment. I was frustrated, but I know God sometimes keeps them coming back to give them more time to change their minds."

At the next appointment, Summey could measure the baby and decipher the father. Jenny changed her mind and chose life. Summey gifted her a Christmas basket with baby items, funded by Ed and Regina.

"She was like a completely different person with the peace in her spirit," Summey said.

Jenny came back to thank the staff. "Everybody was so kind to me through this whole thing," Jenny said, "I'm truly blessed and so happy to have this baby." 🌱

**Name changed to protect privacy*



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Team sponsorships begin at \$5,000.

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- A truly uniquely designed golf course
- A professional caddie for each foursome
- Appetizers and a catered lunch
- White-glove service with attendants to facilitate your arrival
- A steak dinner from 44 Farms



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