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VINEKEEPERS
SUPPORTING THRIVE WOMEN'S CLINIC

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Vinekeepers Family,

As I type the words, "Christmastime is here", I recall the song from Peanuts and Charlie Brown by the same name. The lyrics include:

"Christmas time is here
We'll be drawing near
Oh, that we could always see
Such spirit through the year
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Such spirit through the year..."

I am one of those people who can listen to Christmas music year-round. It buoys my spirit to hear almost any song – with the exception of "So This Is Christmas" by John Lennon. The emotional effects of a Christmas tune are undeniable as studies show they have a calming effect on the brain, helping us relax and feel love and joy during this hectic time of year.

In his book, "The Right Brain Way", Dr. Charles Kenny states, "The subconscious mind feels rather than thinks...it is a storehouse of emotion and the center of human emotion. People act on the basis of their feelings. They take action because they feel a certain way."

Feelings are the greatest motivator of each Thrive client considering abortion. She feels scared, overwhelmed, confused, alone. She feels there is no way out, no way she can care for a child. Or possibly another child.

In the small window of time we have with her, we share the hope and love of Christ that leads her to an

understanding of when life begins as well as her feeling the connection with the life in her womb and feeling that carrying a child, placing for adoption, or parenting, is something SHE CAN DO.

A recent client who was committed to abort her pregnancy made the choice for life as her feelings of despair changed to feelings of hope and confidence because of her encounters here at Thrive. Through our social worker she felt hope when she learned there are resources available to help her family - and rental assistance was secured. She felt a bond and connected with the life she saw in a sonogram image, and she felt the love and provision of God in her life stating, "I know God does not want me to fail. He's got me." A miraculous turn around.

God is our ever-present help, yet we feel that presence certain times more than others.

Through Thrive, you provide women and men the confidential space to calm their hearts and connect with their Creator. In the words of Thrive client, Arriana, "Thrive showed me who I am and what I can do." Your help and support are providing still more miracles this Christmastime as women feel and experience a renewed hope to choose abundant life.

Merry Christmas to you and yours!



Lisa Freeman

Lisa Freeman
Executive Director
Thrive Women's Clinic



Calendar of Events

Nov. 23: Cookies with Santa

Jan. 19, 2025: Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Apr. 8, 2025: Festa della Donna

June 2, 2025: Golf Fore Life

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Vinekeepers.org/events



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Vinekeepers are the supporters of Thrive Women's Clinic, which has three locations and a mobile unit in Dallas County that provide services at no cost for women and their partners experiencing unplanned pregnancy. Our nonprofit ministry extends Christlike love in a compassionate manner that values the family and empowers women and their partners to choose life.

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Jan-Sep
2024
Statistics

New client visits:
1,060

Babies saved:
124

New believers:
51





He's got the whole world in His hands:

Updates from Chile and Cuba



Thrive Men

On Thursday, June 13th, the Thrive Men's team hosted the 3rd Annual Father's Day event at Top Golf. Five clients attended with their wives/girlfriends and children. Everyone enjoyed an evening of food, golf, prayer, and fellowship. Each client also received a Father's Day gift from Thrive. "I was definitely looking forward to this event and the opportunity to be around other fathers. I needed something like this." - Michael, Thrive client 🍷



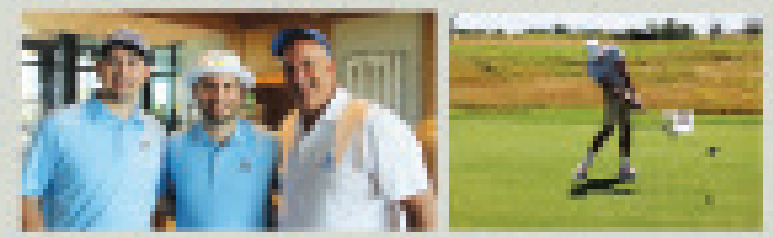
INTERSTATE BATTERIES

GOLF FOR LIFE

Tournament



Our 13th Annual Golf For Life tournament returned to the Omni PGA Frisco Resort. Golfers and sponsors were excited to be back at this exclusive PGA venue to help us raise more than \$160,530, netting \$76,500 for Thrive. This year's winners were the Scott Wilding, Doug Jordan, Lane Fleming and Corrett Tevissonal teams. We're happy to announce that our 2025 tournament will be returning to Omni PGA Frisco on June 2nd! 🏌️‍♂️



Thrive is honored to share a global reach, partnering with pregnancy help organizations in Uganda, Chile and Cuba. This year we received visits from some of the folks representing these organizations. They shared updates from their ministries and their struggle to reach and educate women who are seeking abortions. We heard compelling stories of their ministries and how God is providing around the world and took time to pray for each other. Thrive provided pregnancy tests and other supplies to be shared with workers in Chile and Cuba. We are currently working to transport much-needed medical equipment into Cuba to further aid in the global issue of abortion and supporting women with unplanned pregnancies. 🍷



Celebration Dinner Oh What A Night

Guests gathered at the Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel on October 3 for our Annual Celebration Dinner. VIP Guests had the opportunity to enjoy a private reception prior to our program for a photo with our featured speaker, Trey Cowdy. Mr. Cowdy enjoyed an illustrious career as a federal prosecutor, 7th Circuit Solicitor and later as a US Congressional Representative from his home state of South Carolina. He shared how everyone leaves a legacy, even if they don't intend to do so. "Life is a beautiful, blank canvas. What legacy will you leave?" Many called Cowdy "captivating" and "mesmerizing". We heard from Thrive supporters, received ministry updates and shared client stories. Over 100 items were donated to our Silent Auction contributing to the night's success. Many guests enjoyed browsing and participating with 567 total number of bids for the evening and \$36,540 raised. 🌟

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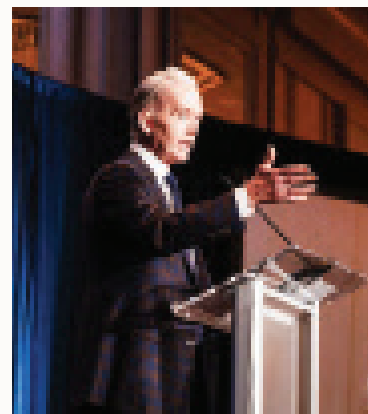
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'We saw that it was real'

Couple chooses life for their baby after experiencing Thrive's encouragement and support.

In the late winter of 2023, Arriana walked into a Planned Parenthood with the simple goal of refilling her birth control, however, she walked out with news that would change her forever. Arriana had recently finished college and was working through some personal financial struggles when she learned, she was pregnant. Unprepared to become a parent, she quickly sought information on abortions. Planned Parenthood provided a list of clinics in her area that could confirm her pregnancy before taking her next steps. Based on convenience of location, Arriana scheduled an



appointment at Thrive Women's Clinic. She was warmly greeted by our staff and nurses and offered a sonogram that confirmed a healthy heartbeat and a tiny baby. "We saw that it was real," Arriana said. Scared about her next steps, she met with a Client Advocate who talked through her options, offered support and encouragement. Arriana left feeling reassured and requested that her boyfriend Zhy'on (father of the baby) join their talk next time. At their next meeting, Zhy'on had the opportunity to meet with Arri, our Men's Ministry Coordinator, and

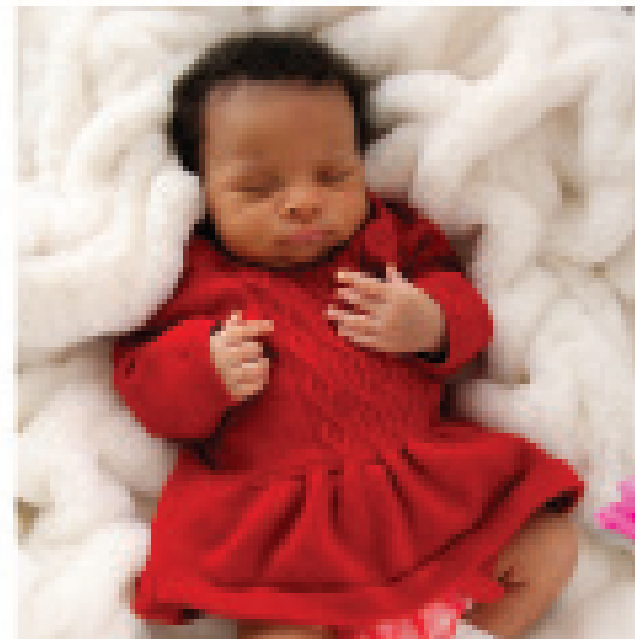


hear from a male perspective on parenthood, family support and was given a safe place to talk. "At first it was so stressful for us, so we just needed someone to talk to and get some advice..." Zhy'on said. After viewing a booklet with photos of various fetal stages and meeting with Julie, our Resource Specialist, it was clear that

they wanted to choose life for their baby.

As the weeks progressed, Arriana and Zhy'on dove into the support available to them. Through Earn While You Learn, our parenting mentorship and education program, they were able to shop the baby store for baby essentials, toiletries and clothes. This was especially exciting when they learned that they were having a baby girl. Feeling the love and support of Thrive, Arriana and Zhy'on had access to various resources and continued their journey into parenthood with confidence.

Arriana and Zhy'on generously allowed us to follow along in their story, taking photos and videos along the way. We watched them grow from a young dating couple into parents and continue to receive updates on how we can support them through our baby store, resources, and prayers. Baby Za'Kira was welcomed into the world on October 6th, happy and healthy. Please continue to pray for this family!



To watch a video of Arriana and Zhy'on sharing about their journey, scan the code with your mobile device. If you would like to make a difference as a client advocate or trained mentor, please reach out to Kontessa Kiel at kkiel@thrivewomensclinic.com.

A HEALING impact

Jess came to Thrive with a plan—get the pregnancy confirmation, go home, and take the abortion pills she had already ordered online. She was determined.

But after talking with her Thrive nurse, Gina, something shifted. Gina gently reminded her, “If you change your mind, we can help you with the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR).” Jess didn’t think she’d need it, but she left with that in the back of her mind.

Days later, in a panic, Jess called Gina. She had taken the first abortion pill and immediately regretted it. Gina calmly said, “Come in right now. We can help.” Jess showed up, in tears, concerned about the action she had taken to terminate her pregnancy. Gina walked her through the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) process, giving her a second chance to save her pregnancy, and starting the process immediately.

But Jess’s story wasn’t just about the physical reversal. She was battling depression after losing a loved one and didn’t feel capable of caring for a child. Through Thrive, she found counseling and began to heal emotionally. By her next appointment, Jess shared that she had started therapy, was feeling stronger, and knew she wanted to parent her baby. With Thrive’s help, Jess’s pregnancy is now progressing, and she’s expecting a healthy baby boy in early 2025.

Thrive Supporter Highlight: Kappi Helms



I have been supporting Thrive for about two years, after a dear friend of mine, Paige Mayhew, invited me to the Festa della Donna luncheon. After that, my husband and I attended the Thrive Celebration Dinners in 2023 and 2024.

Supporting organizations that believe in the sanctity of human life is one of the most important parts of our family’s giving perspective. My amazing mother, Kae Wise, modeled the importance of giving and she championed organizations that supported women and the unborn. Our society thrives when human life, in all stages, is valued. Thrive’s support of women in each stage of their pregnancy and their continued investment in the lives of their clients assures me that they are as passionate about the value of all human life as my family. Thank you, Kappi and Steve, for your passionate support and your heart for Thrive!

New Faces



Isabel Gravez

Isabel is our newest team member, joining Thrive in September. She is a graduate from the University of Iowa. She loves to spend her free time playing card games with friends, or running, and she is recently engaged! Congrats!

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing.”

John 15:5



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Arriana, Zhy'on

& baby Za'Kira

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