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THE VINE

Celebrating
40 YEARS
of
LIFE



VINEKEEPERS
SUPPORTING THRIVE WOMEN'S CLINIC

Learn ways to cultivate LIFE for babies, families, and our community.

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Vinekeepers Family,

It's a year of gratitude and celebration for **40 years of ministry** at Thrive!

Any milestone anniversary tends to prompt reflection. In a marriage, you may think on the good times as well as significant challenges faced and overcome. Some anniversaries are difficult reminders of hardships we all face such as the passing of those we love so dearly.

In the past 50 years, the prolife movement has experienced victories and setbacks, most notably dating back to the landmark Supreme Court Roe v Wade decision in 1973 when abortion was instantly legalized in all 50 states. One of the first notable prolife victories after the Court's decision was the Hyde Amendment in 1976 that banned government funding for abortions.

The 1980s brought the most outspoken prolife president, Ronald Reagan, into the White House creating a greater opportunity for more prolife organizations across the country, including the first pregnancy centers. In **1983**, thanks to the vision of local youth pastor, **Jim McKee**, **Thrive Women's Clinic began as a Dallas pregnancy center known as Sav-A-Life**. In its first year, Sav-A-Life served 150 clients. Today, Thrive serves over **2,000 clients** each year.

In John Maxwell's book, *Everyone Communicates, Few Connect*, he shares a powerful message from President Abraham Lincoln:

Lincoln was known during the Civil War to attend a church not far from the White House.

One Wednesday evening as Lincoln and a companion walked back to the White House after the sermon, the president's companion asked, "What did you think of tonight's sermon?" to which Lincoln responded, "Well,

it was brilliantly conceived, biblical, relevant, and well presented."

"So, it was a great sermon?" said his companion. "No," Lincoln replied. "It failed. It failed because Dr. Gurley did not ask us to do something great."

After the Roe decision, God placed on the hearts of many men and women to respond to the travesty of abortion with a call to do something great. Not something flashy, over-the-top or attention-seeking, but rather the hard work of connecting one-on-one with women and families experiencing unplanned pregnancies to share the love of Christ so they may choose life for their unborn babies.

Through your prayers, dedication and financial support, Thrive Women's Clinic has been a part of this long obedience in the same direction to **save lives and lead others to Christ for 40 YEARS**. Because of you, over **5,500 babies** – many now grown adults – have life and over **2,900 have new life in Christ**.

Thank you for responding to God's urging to do something great.



Lisa Freeman

Lisa Freeman

Executive Director
Thrive Women's Clinic

**Jan-Apr
2023
Statistics**

Client
visits:
739

Babies
saved:
47

New
believers:
42



Calendar of Events

OCT. 8: Celebration Dinner

JUN. 10, AUG. 12, OCT. 14: Volunteer Training

DEC. 9: Cookies with Santa

SEP. 21: North Texas Giving Day

See more at Vinekeepers.org/events



WE'RE HIRING!

Would you or someone you know be interested in joining our team?

- Licensed Nurses

JOIN OUR TEAM:

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THRIVE FAMILIES ON MOTHER'S DAY



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

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

 **OUR FIRST PREGNANCY CENTER** launched in 1983 as the only pro-life option in Dallas. Our first clinic was called Sav-A-Life and later became the Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center. Now, under our new name, three donor-supported clinics across Dallas County empower women and their partners to choose life."

"I LOVED him so much...and still do. He's got a mind of his own. His brothers have grown to be very successful, and he wants to be that...I'm his friend and his mom...I have grown a lot."
-A 2007 Thrive client

"I love the mother-to-mother empowerment and how kind everyone there was."
-2023 Thrive client



1993 Staff



Baby store dedication



Jim McKee

1983

Jim McKee (founder) serves as Executive Director. 150 clients seen first year.

1988

Helped launch pregnancy resource centers in Plano, Duncanville, and Carrollton.

1997

Under the direction of **Darlene Norberg** our name is changed to *Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center (DPRC)*.

1998

DPRC becomes the sixth center in the nation to open a full-time Medical Clinic. **Dr. Steven Harris** has been the Medical Director since 2000.

2010

Kay Morton, Director of Clinic Services, began teaching fetal development classes in private DISD schools to educate students in science and health classes.

2012

Served 2,507 unique clients and facilitated 5,487 client visits and initiated conversations with local leaders to begin a new non-profit entity, **BraveLove**.

2013

Under the direction of **Mary Jayne Fogerty** DPRC enters the year with three pregnancy clinics, 20 staff, 100 volunteers, and a budget of \$1,306,000.



Former
Executive
Director,
Mary Jayne
Fogerty, 2021



2000 Staff



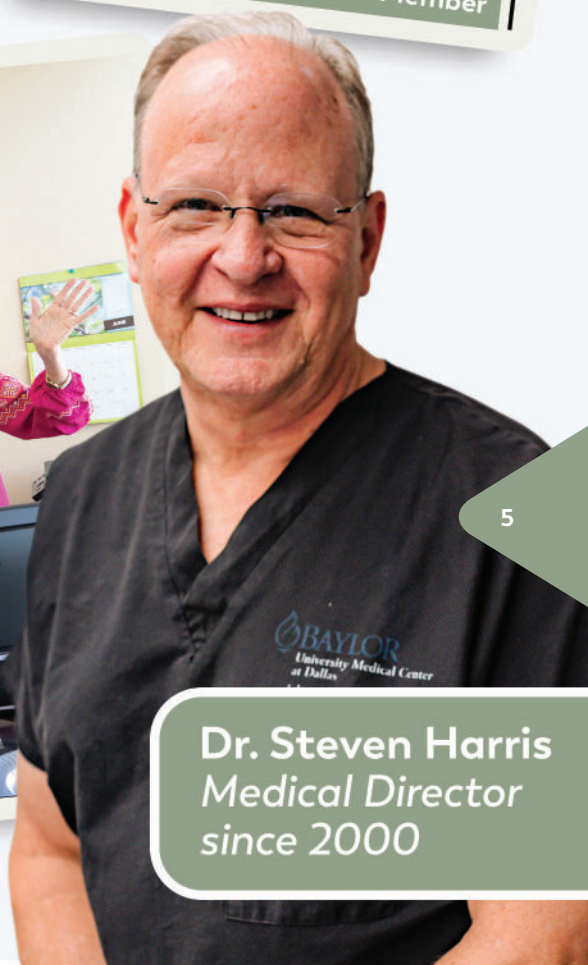
Lisa Freeman, Executive Director
& Mark Thurman, Board Member



Baby store



2022 Dobbs decision celebration



Dr. Steven Harris
Medical Director
since 2000

2001

DPRC expands, adding a satellite clinic on Greenville Avenue where **Lisa Roberts** serves as the nurse supervisor for 11 years.

2005

With the support of Mercy Street Ministries, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, and West Dallas Community Church, DPRC opens the West Dallas Satellite center where **Earlene Jones** serves as Site Director. **Mary Jayne Fogerty** becomes Executive Director.

2007

DPRC institutes the **Earn While You Learn** program to move clients forward through education and mentoring through pregnancy and beyond. Closets are transformed into mini-stores for clients to shop in with earned coupons.

2008

DPRC 25th Anniversary.

2016

A new record of 335 babies were saved this year.

2018

Our men's program reached more fathers. One-on-one mentoring sessions increased 55%.

2020

The pandemic closed clinics for six weeks. Staff served 800 clients on the phone or through telehealth appointments, including 206 women considering abortion. Many chose life! 1,431 new clients were seen.

2021

Mary Jayne retires after 17 years. **Lisa Freeman** brings rich experience as a former pregnancy center director, as the new Executive Director and fundraiser.

2023

Thrive Women's Clinic celebrates 40 years of life-saving ministry.

THRIVE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

195

BABIES
SAVED



2,279
New clients
seen

1,113
Earn While
You Learn visits



658
Abortion
vulnerable
up 19%

3,891
Total
Abortion
Calls

143
New believers

2022 By the numbers

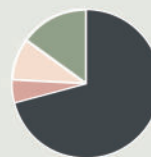
BUDGET:
\$2,308,000*

INCOME:
\$2,346,021*

EXPENSES:
\$2,174,063

How Thrive is funded

- 71% INDIVIDUALS
- 5% BUSINESSES
- 9% CHURCHES
- 15% FOUNDATIONS



How Thrive uses your generosity

- 82% PROGRAMS
- 10% FUNDRAISING
- 8% ADMINISTRATION



Ministry Highlights

Festa 2023: Forever Changed by Decisions We Make

Our guests gathered at Northwood Country Club and enjoyed our speaker, Allie Beth Stuckey (right). We added 41 new Thrive donors and received responses from 12 women interested in joining Thrive as volunteers or taking tours of the clinic. Our attendance matched our 2022 attendance, and there was new energy with our new location, mimosas and fun raffle prizes. Our guests were inspired by the personal story of Abby (below, right), a Thrive client who chose life for her baby boy, on the cover. 🌱

Allie Beth Stuckey

- Host of the podcast, *Relatable*.
- Author of *You're Not Enough (and that's okay): Escaping the Toxic Culture of Self-Love*.



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Special Thanks to our Festa Sponsors

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Thrive Men

Better Together Event, February 2023

Couples from Thrive were invited to celebrate Valentines Day with a special evening out. Thrive Staff Arri Evans and Sarah Rooker hosted the event, shared a lovely meal, games and an inspiring message from God's Word.



WHAT'S *new?*

Thrive is going mobile

When mobile pregnancy centers meet women where they are, lives are saved. This pregnancy center on wheels will provide pregnancy tests, sonograms, guidance, and resources to women in need, just as our three current Thrive locations provide. And all at no charge to our clients! We are excited to deliver our services and provide hope to women in areas where they live and work.



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Education expansion

We are excited to expand our successful Earn While You Learn program to include medical child development assessments, in-clinic group classes, and Bible studies as well as couples-focused events. Our online coursework continues resulting with a great year in 2022 with over **1,113 sessions** attended by our clients that also resulted in the taking advantage of our baby store at all locations to receive over 2,000 clothing items, packs of diapers, wipes, strollers and more. We estimate these items are **worth over \$15,000** and Thrive is able to provide them free of charge because of **friends like you!**



Our new Resource Specialist, Julie Smith, MSW, establishes relationships with community partners to help our clients meet unique challenges that can often be barriers to choosing life for their unborn babies. Julie offers ongoing care to help navigate community support services to build stable, healthy families.



These services include Medicaid application support, housing, food and financial resource referral assistance. Having this level of support will directly help many of our clients break through the barriers that prevent them from choosing life. Since launching in February, over 100 clients have registered for help with Julie.



WHAT'S new? (Continued)



Abortion pill reversal

In 2022—following the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, elective abortion became illegal in Texas (only being permitted if medically necessary to preserve the life of the mother). Chemical abortions now make up more than half of all the abortions committed in the U.S. and that number continues to grow with many Texas women obtaining pills from other states and countries. *"The methodology is simple: the abortion pill blocks the production of the natural*

hormone progesterone, which is necessary to support the blood supply to the baby in the uterus. That blood gives the baby the oxygen and nutrition it needs to grow. By inhibiting the production of progesterone, RU486 essentially starves and suffocates the baby. But by giving patients progesterone, doctors can often undo the effects of the abortion pill, and keep oxygen and nutrients flowing to the baby, saving its life." - Florida, Dr. William Lile

Statistics show over 4,000 lives have been saved through abortion pill reversal, known as APR. Thrive is bringing awareness to our abortion-determined clients about this process to offer a last chance to reverse a medical abortion that is no longer desired.

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NEW FACES



McCLAIN

is our new communications specialist and an answer to many prayers.



GRACE

is our newest FT Nurse and has been a huge blessing to have on the team.



MARIEL

in Client Services, has done a wonderful job sharing the gospel with clients and leading her team.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

We recently said goodbye to our Director of Stewardship, Vicki Keifer, after 3 years on staff. She was a diligent worker who brought creativity, order and a cheerful heart to Thrive. Her care for others and love for the ministry are greatly missed, but we spur her on as she moves on to her next assignment.



Mary Jayne's Mother's Day Party

Mary Jayne's Mother's Day Party is a beautiful gathering of clients and their families for a time of fellowship and fun. This year, **a record breaking 100 moms** attended the event – 361 people, including their families. We are especially thankful to **Park Cities Baptist Church and Pastor Jeff Warren** for all their help and support to make this event happen. Meals were provided for everyone, a professional photographer took portraits of each family, and

raffle prizes were given away throughout the event. Children were happy to play Bingo at their tables and guess Disney songs to win prizes for mom. There was also a station set up for children with coloring pages, flowerpots to decorate, and frames to personalize and take home. At the dismissal of the party, one last game was played to claim the centerpieces at each table. Mothers were handed a gift bag as they left in celebration of Mother's Day. 🌸



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It was a record day for
client participation with
*361 in total
attendance!*

100
moms

214
children

47 accompanying
adults





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THE UNITED STATES



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