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FIRST CHOICE

WOMEN'S MEDICAL CENTER

New Satellite Center

First Choice is expanding!

Despite last year's difficult circumstances, God has remained faithful and provided generously for the needs of this ministry through our supporters! As a result, we are now following God's lead in expanding First Choice to better reach women who are vulnerable to abortion in our community.

We are blessed that our current facilities are spacious and owned outright, however, the location has its challenges. Our building is not visible to the traffic of a main road and not accessible to many of the low-income parts of our city. We have prayerfully discussed how to approach these obstacles and be strategic in moving forward.

So, we are ecstatic about our decision to open a second location in 2021! Our new center will be located at 2019 Normandie Drive, behind Baptist South and right off Narrow Lane Road. This new location is highly visible to foot traffic and vehicles driving by, and a public bus stop is located across the street. The facilities are available through a partnership with Baptist South, making the cost very reasonable for us.

Please join us in prayer as we pursue this new venture! We have seen door after door open before us, and we know God has and will continue to pave the way. Our goal is to open in May – stay connected with us for more information to come on an open house event!

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Meet Taron Jordan!

With the change in season comes our new fathers first coordinator. Meet Taron! A native of the River Region, Taron currently lives in Millbrook with his wife and young daughter. He graduated from Liberty University in 2016 with a master's degree in Christian ministries.

We are excited about Taron continuing the growth of our outreach ministry to dads, as we know it is essential to educate and equip fathers to be engaged and effective in their role in the lives of their children. "Fatherhood is a glorious privilege to relay God's love and perspective through a father-child relationship," Taron explains. "It is so important to comprehend the value, love, and the awe-inspiring grace surrounding fatherhood. I'm so happy to point people to Christ, who reconciles all things!"



Newest Additions

We love when clients share pictures of their little ones! Below are just a few of our newest additions to the First Choice family. To view them all, please check out the “2021 Baby Blessings” photo album on our Facebook page @ Support First Choice Montgomery.



Gabriella



Isaiah



Deiontae



Amaria



Karter



Kennedy

“My frame was not hidden from you when I was made...”

PSALM 139:15



Sanctity of Human Life Month

We cannot say thank you enough to the following churches who partnered with us for Sanctity of Human Life during the month of January. Numerous churches showed a First Choice video, invited staff members to share, and/or filled baby bottles with coins, cash, and checks to support our ministry. The response was simply overwhelming, and we walked into the beginning of 2021 with encouraged hearts by the faithfulness of our local church partnerships!

- **Calvary Baptist Church**
- **Dalraida Baptist Church**
- **Eastmont Baptist Church**
- **Evangel Church Montgomery**
- **First Assembly of God Montgomery**
- **Grace Presbyterian Church**
- **Hope Hull United Methodist Church**
- **Lakeview Baptist Church**
- **Southlawn Baptist Church**
- **Taylor Road Baptist Church**
- **Thorington Road Baptist Church**

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Girl Power

A big shoutout to the women of **Beta Sigma Philo** and the young ladies of the **Beta Sigma Rhoer Club** in Montgomery! The group was a pleasant surprise on Monday, January 18, as they carried numerous baskets of baby supplies into our front lobby. The sorority and club partnered together to collect and donate items for their community service project, Project Cradle Care. We are grateful for these organizations as they strive to empower the female youth in our community!

“Cram the Crib”

In recognition of Sanctity of Human Life, **Thorington Road Baptist Church** held a “Cram the Crib” drive to collect baby items to help meet the needs of our clients. What a neat visual to encourage the participation of church members! The drive was a success, and our on-site baby store, First Things, has been filled for the moms and dads needing assistance in obtaining items required for taking care of their little ones.

Demolition Crew

Don't you love seeing the next generation step up to serve in a big way? The 9th-12th grade boys from **Taylor Road Baptist Church** completed demolition work on Saturday, February 13, to help prepare our new satellite center for renovation. The service project was part of the Amplify DNow (Disciple Now) Weekend held by several local churches in Montgomery. Also, a special thank you to Mark Spurlin for pressure washing in preparation for the project!

Men of Grace

A group of men from **Grace Presbyterian Church** were at it bright and early on Friday, March 12, pulling weeds, raking pine straw, and trimming bushes! We depend on volunteers to keep up the landscape around our center, and this group was up to the task. Thank you to the servant-hearted men who gave of their time and energy to making the outside of First Choice ready for spring!



Please let us know how your church would like to get involved through a service project! Contact Jenna Bryant at jenna@firstchoicewmc.com.

VOLUNTEERING: Serving Behind the Scenes

Every year, the staff of First Choice agrees on three prayer requests to focus on. One of our focus points this year is praying for volunteers, and God has answered in abundance! We currently have 21 volunteers serving in the capacity of receptionists, client advocates, store organizers, and father mentors. We value our volunteers tremendously as they serve selflessly in aiding the staff with day-to-day tasks and through showing compassion to our clients. A wonderful representative of the people serving behind the scenes at First Choice is our 2020 Volunteer of the Year, Raschelle Feller.

Raschelle has been one of our faithful volunteer receptionists for the past two years. Our staff observes, "She is one of the most humble and kind people who truly has a heart to serve. Raschelle has been through a lot of hard challenges in her life, but you would never know. She always gives glory to God and brags on His faithfulness." Raschelle helps us answer phone calls, schedule appointments, and check in clients. With any task we ask her to do, she is quick to get it done with a smile!



Interested in serving as a volunteer at First Choice? We would love to have you as part of the team! Please contact Jenna Bryant at jenna@firstchoicewmc.com.

Abstinence & Healthy Relationships Training



On Thursday, February 25, First Choice held an in-service training on effectively engaging our clients on the topics of abstinence and healthy relationships. The training, led by Executive Director Bethany Garth, was open to staff members and volunteers as the content spoke to the very culture of our ministry in promoting abstinence. Thank you to Grace Presbyterian Church for hosting!



New Satellite Center

We are so excited to see the new satellite center coming together, but we need the help of our supporters! Please contact Bethany at bethany@firstchoicewmc.com if you can donate the following items in used, working condition:

- full-sized refrigerator
- microwave
- middle or large-sized dining table with chairs



153 Babies

The number of lives saved after abortion-minded women chose LIFE following a visit to First Choice in 2020!

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CLIENT STATS

January through March 1

- Total Client Visits: 733
- Pregnancy Tests Provided: 168
- Ultrasounds Provided: 116
- Virtual Parenting Class Visits: 377
- First Things (on-site store) visits..... 43
- Fathers First (men): 11

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We put our most up-to-date info on our Instagram account and Facebook pages...  : @support_firstchoice  : Support First Choice Montgomery

Memorials & Honorariums

October 20, 2020 to March 9, 2021

MEMORIAL

Bobbie Ames

Beth & John Ames & Family
Kathy & Bernie Arant
J. William & Jackie Morrison
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John & Beth Ames and Family
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Susie Beard

Millard Frazier Berry

Russell Lackey

Bobby & Carol Beth Bunch

Valerie Stacey

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Brennan Family
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Grace Hill Family
Sue Lamkin
Delores Miller
Pike Road Civics Club
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Patricia Wilson

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Harry & Caroline Nelson

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Eddie & Kathy Eckermann

Rose Epperson

Larry & Jennifer Epperson

Hannah Ford

Kathy Kay

Willie Horne

Norma Kay

Loette Lee

Cindy Alsabrook

Margaret Padgett Luquire

John & Ann Albritton

Sonny & Tina McInnis

Larry & Charlotte Jones

Cathy Morgan

Leon Morgan

Frank Myers

Russell Lackey

Thomas Ellis Norwood, IV

Diana W. Norwood

Marjorie V. "Peggy" Ostenson

John & Ann Albritton

Jim Purcell

Fred & Lucy Johnson

Mickey Russell

Neal & Gwen Westbrook

Ray Safrit

Kathy Kay

Eunice Scott

Larry & Jennifer Epperson

Wilmer Medford Scott

Jim & Deborah Lee

Elizabeth Cecile Smith

Kyle & Judy Kyser

Taylor (Tad) Smith

Nell Rountree
Tim Smith

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Lee Yourman

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Neal & Mary Hughes

Ian Jeong

Shin & Alycia Jeong

Caroline Johnson

Glen & Genia Brawley

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Gary & Tori Luck

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John & Britton Laughlin

Gay & Bubba Phillips

Mike & Lorna Schrier

Betty Roebuck

Jean Beverly

Ray Scott

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Pastor Bill & Carroll Thompson

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Harmony Rae Williams

Kathy Kay

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mr. & Mrs. John Albritton, Jr.

Travis, Laura and Duncan Bear

Ed & Janice Cathey

Donny & Ceil Ann Cooper

Trent & Shae Harrell

Bill & Barbara Kent

Andy & Blake Kizlauskas

Robert Lee

Lois Martin

Lee & Ginger Matthews

Robert & Jackie McCall

Joyce Mills

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