

### VOLUME 41 | NO 1 | SPRING 2025



# Looking Back and Moving Forward

Each year, we see God moving in our ministry, and we love sharing these reports with you! 2024 was our first year with our third location now open in downtown Wetumpka, and we're grateful to be more effectively reaching a broader area with our services. We had a record number of clients in 2024, and out of women who came in our center who were considering abortion or who were undecided about their pregnancy, 164 of them left First Choice saying they would choose life for their babies. That is 164 lives saved—praise the Lord! Even in a state where abortion is illegal, we continue to see more and more women in our center who are still considering abortion.

As we look ahead for 2025, we are excited to be on the front end of implementing a multi-year strategic plan for First Choice. We are committed to continuing to seek God's direction and joining Him where He is at work through our ministry. Our first step in that plan has been to make our fatherhood coordinator a full-time position rather than part-time. In 2024, we had more than 400 fathers walk through the front door of First Choice! Part of our abundant-life vision is engaging our dads in such a way that, as moms choose life, the children have the chance to grow up in a healthy family. God is moving in our fatherhood ministry—and we know that having full-time staff to support our dads is making an eternal impact.

None of this would be possible without your support—thank you for being a part of what God is doing in and through the ministry of First Choice!

# Volunteer Spotlight: Pam Newman

At First Choice, volunteers are vital to sustaining our daily operations. We are truly grateful for each individual and what they bring to the ministry. This spring, it is our privilege to shine a light on volunteer and board member, Pam Newman!

Why did you choose to get involved with First Choice?

Twenty-six years ago, my husband and I adopted our daughter, Sarah. It was a Sav-A-Life pregnancy center in Alabama that helped her birth mother through the adoption. We have been blessed because of God's work through ministries like First Choice.

# How do you serve as both a volunteer and as a board member?

Our board is charged with the responsibility of casting vision and fundraising for the ministry. This is only done by seeking God's direction and wisdom through prayer. Volunteering one day a week is my favorite work. It brings me great joy! I absolutely love greeting clients, loving on babies, scheduling appointments and any other task I can do to serve our clients and staff.

# What is your favorite part about volunteering?

That's easy – helping clients shop in the baby boutique. We need more volunteers to help our moms and dads!

# How do you see God using this ministry?

God's work through First Choice has exploded in our community. We have expanded to three locations, added full-time staff to meet with fathers and now have a school program director providing education on sexual risk avoidance to students in our middle schools.

How has God used First Choice to shape you as you grow in discipleship to Jesus?



A I love sharing how Jesus fills me with joy while sharing His love with everyone I see at First Choice. I have become bolder in my witness. "Whatever you do, work with all your heart as working for the Lord, not men." (Colossians 3:23)

# 2025 Prayer Focus Areas



Pray for our fatherhood ministry as it grows specifically, that as we reach dads, lives would be transformed, leading to families that are transformed, and ultimately, our city being transformed by the power of the Gospel.



Pray for every staff member and volunteer who serves at First Choice – specifically, that they would have divine protection from the enemy, finding joy and a renewed sense of calling and purpose.



Pray that women seeking an abortion in Montgomery and Elmore County would find us before finding online providers and that God would make us like a beacon, shining into the darkness to reach them.



Pray that God would provide "abundantly more" in financial resources to support the growth and expansion of the work of First Choice.

The second annual Low Country Boil benefiting First Choice – Elmore County was a smashing success! We stood in amazement as nearly 300 guests poured into Eclectic Warehouse to celebrate all God has done through our center in Elmore County. In addition, we more than doubled last year's total amount raised in gifts, pledges and sponsorships! Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special shoutout to our generous sponsors for supporting our event.



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### Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Update



We are thankful for the continued opportunities for First Choice to be in our local schools teaching sexual risk avoidance. In February, Khandi Wagner, our school program director, was in front of 285 eighth graders, teaching about healthy relationships, communication, and the risks of sexual activity outside of marriage. We continue to see God open doors for this type of education, and we are grateful for your support that makes it possible!

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### YEAR-TO-DATE IMPACT

Pregnancy tests: 264

Dads in the Center: **119** 

Moms' education visits: **216** 

Women considering abortion who have chosen life after coming to First Choice **27** 

#### YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS

Income: \$140,323

Expense: **\$130,730** 

2025 Budget: **\$1,010,080** 



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