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### The Sarah Collins Baby Blessings Closet: A Ministry of Love

Each week, families from across Northeast Florida visit one of our three Sarah Collins Baby Blessings Closets. There, they are warmly welcomed by the smiling faces of Women's Help Center Volunteer Angels, who provide assistance to mothers, fathers, and children. Some of the items distributed include diapers, wipes, formula, shoes, and other essential baby items.

"The pro-abortion faction often criticizes those of us who are pro-life, claiming that we are only pro-birth. Nothing is further from the truth," said Nancy Basham, Women's Help Center Executive Director. "We walk alongside families with children from pre-birth to 4-5 years of age, sometimes longer. Our Volunteer Angels go beyond merely providing supplies; they also offer kindness, compassion, and spiritual strength to these women and families. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated volunteers at each of our Women's Help Center locations."

If you would like to become a Baby Blessings Closet Angel Volunteer, or would like to donate supplies to support families in need, call the center nearest you: Jacksonville Southside: 904-398-5143, Jacksonville Westside: 904-503-2964; Callahan: 904-628-0365.



*Pictured here are Julie, Jane, and Margaret from the WHC Southside Blessings Closet located at Prince of Peace Catholic Church.*

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## Keep Florida PRO-LIFE

soon hear oral arguments on this amendment. If the amendment does end up on the ballot

If there was ever a time for people to understand the reality of abortion, it is now. Our 2024 Gala for Life on Thursday, May 23, will address all these issues and more. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Ingrid Skop as our keynote speaker at the Gala.

Florida is at a tipping point. What happens in our state over the next few months will determine whether we are a state that continues to defend and protect unborn children and their mothers, or one that uses women as pawns in a political game and murders unborn babies for profit.

Despite over 60 percent of Floridians supporting a heartbeat law that restricts abortion once a fetal heart rate is detected, the group behind Florida's pro-abortion amendment recently announced that they have collected enough signatures to ensure the amendment is included on our state's November ballot.

Whether the amendment actually makes it onto the ballot has yet to be determined. Florida State Attorney Ashley Moody submitted the amendment for state judicial review, arguing that the ballot is misleading to voters. Our state Supreme Court justices will

and receives at least 60 percent voter approval, abortion will be codified into our state constitution, making Florida one of the most radical pro-abortion states in the nation.

**The rate of ER visits following a chemical abortion increased 507% from 2002-2015, according to Charlotte Lozier Institute**

While a ruling against the amendment would be a key victory for life, the scourge of abortion will remain because of the abortion pill. Also known as a chemical abortion, the abortion pill is now the most commonly used method of abortion in the United States. The risks associated with the abortion pill for women are significant, yet they often remain under-discussed, leading to misconceptions that it is an easier and safer method.

A practicing board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist for over 30 years, Dr. Skop has seen firsthand what the abortion pill does to women physically, emotionally, and spiritually. She has testified at hearings on abortion before the U.S. House Oversight & Reform Committee, and serves as Vice President of Medical Affairs for the Charlotte Lozier Institute. Dr. Skop currently serves as medical director for Any Woman Can pregnancy resource center in San Antonio, where she previously served as board chairman. She also serves on the medical advisory board of Save the Storks. Dr. Skop has published peer-reviewed articles focusing on abortion safety, chemical abortion and maternal mortality, and has testified at state and federal legislatures. She will shine the light on what really happens to women

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**Dr. Ingrid Skop**  
**2024 Gala Keynote**

and babies during abortions.

Gala tickets are \$150 per person and may be purchased on our website at [www.whcjax.com](http://www.whcjax.com), or by calling our offices at 904.398.5143. Gala sponsorship information is on the insert included with this newsletter.

The ongoing war on life continues, and Florida remains a target of those who wish to destroy all that is good and pure. We continue to fight and will not stop until all life is protected, from conception through natural death.

The miracles we see at our centers every day sustain us, and help us fight harder for the most vulnerable of God's children. Thank you for supporting our ministry of life. Thank you for making miracles happen.

~Nancy Basham, Executive Director



### Mission Statement

Women's Help Center is pro-life and pro-family. We empower women facing unexpected pregnancies with the help, hope, and skills they need to **CHOOSE LIFE** for their unborn children through parenting or adoption.



## Client Story *Liliana*

Liliana, her heart heavy with disbelief, stared at the positive result of the home pregnancy test. She took several more tests, desperate for a different outcome, but the truth remained: she was pregnant. Her life was already filled with challenges: recent surgeries had left her confined to a wheelchair, and her prescribed pain medication now posed a dilemma. Could she have a baby while navigating her recovery and constant pain?

Doctors told her early on that she could not have children, but she had delivered four. She tragically lost one child to SIDS and another to miscarriage. Her two surviving children were happy and healthy, but caring for them had become difficult due to her injuries. While she and her boyfriend had discussed the possibility of someday having children, they were both devastated over this pregnancy. The timing was wrong, and they both worried about possible physical pain and emotional stress on Liliana if they kept the baby. What if it was too much for her?

Liliana's Women's Help Center advocate spoke with her about having faith over fear. Living life tethered to negative "what ifs" was a path of perpetual anxiety. But "what if" this pregnancy became a catalyst for Liliana's resilience? What if, instead of despair, it ignited a fire within her to heal and walk again?

Liliana agreed to think and talk things over with her boyfriend before making a decision about the pregnancy. During her second visit, Liliana shared that she realized she would not be able to recover from the emotional damage an abortion would cause. Liliana also said that, deep down, her boyfriend wanted this baby since it was his first child. Yet she remained fearful. Hearing her baby's heartbeat during her second ultrasound calmed her fears and brought tears of joy to her eyes. She promised to return for another visit and ultrasound before making a final decision about whether to have her baby.

It's often said that the third time is the charm, which was true for Liliana. Proudly walking into her appointment with the help of a cane, Liliana shared on her third visit that her recovery was going better than expected. She felt stronger and happier than she had in a long time. She and her boyfriend had decided to keep the baby, and had already told her children and his mother about the pregnancy.

Liliana and her boyfriend were delighted to see their child's developing body on the ultrasound during that third visit, and commented on how much their baby had grown in just a few days. They watched in awe while their baby kicked and seemed to wave at them. They were having a baby!

Instead of mourning the loss of her child through abortion, Liliana rejoiced at the prospect of an exciting future with her children and soon-to-be husband. Liliana finally understood that the gift of life is a gift from God.

## Your Support Saves Lives!

*"LORD, God of our ancestors, are you not God in heaven, and do you not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? In your hand is power and might, and no one can withstand you." 2 Corinthians 20:6*

Women's Help Center provides REAL choices to abortion-vulnerable women who come to us not just from Northeast Florida but from all over the Southeastern United States. Most of the women who walk through our doors have already made up their minds to abort. We see through the fear and anger they carry because of their unplanned pregnancy. We acknowledge their pain and confusion and help them navigate what, for many of them, is a truly terrifying time in their lives.

Most importantly, we acknowledge the infinite worth of every woman who comes to us, knowing that we cannot help a woman understand that her precious preborn child is created in God's image and likeness unless she realizes she was also created in His image. Only then will she come to love her baby and herself and open up to the possibility of LIFE. We are humbled to be here for women during the darkest moments of their lives when they feel trapped to the point where they believe their only way out is through abortion. We walk beside them and hold them up should they stumble.

You help us do this.

Last year, your support of our ministry helped more than 1,800 abortion-vulnerable women CHOOSE LIFE for their preborn babies through parenting or adoption. These women were scared, alone, often victims of abuse, and felt that aborting their child was the only way out of a desperate situation. Many of these women had already scheduled abortion appointments when they came to us, mistakenly assuming we were an abortion clinic due to our proximity to Jacksonville's abortionists.

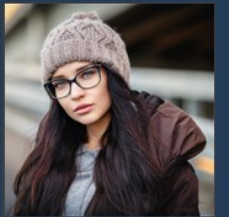
Your support also ensured that nearly 900 families received diapers, formula, clothes, and other vital supplies to care for their infants and young children.

We enter 2024 knowing that there is still much work to be done. We also have the assurance that nothing is impossible for God!

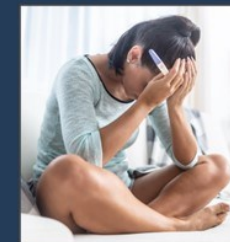
Thank you for all you do for life. You are a blessing!

### Women's Help Center 2023 Client Impact

3,763  
Client Contacts



2,897  
Abortion Vulnerable



2,124  
Positive Tests



2,058  
Ultrasounds

**1,806 CHOSE LIFE!**



Our free and confidential services include pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, abortion pill reversal, peer counseling, and material assistance.