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DAYS FOR LIFE

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WHY GIVE
TO EMBRACE?

HELPING FAMILIES FIND LIFE SINCE 1985...

May we “**mask**” you a question? We’re all being affected by what’s happening in the world today. But imagine going through all these job, school, and life changes while discovering you’re pregnant with no support system. In the midst of this pandemic, life decisions are still being made every day and women are struggling with their fears of raising a child even more than before.

This is where you come in. As the body of Christ, you were made for such a time as this. To be light in the darkness, leading people to a certain God in uncertain times. Embrace envisions Wichita to one day be known as a community that has repented of its association with abortion and has been redeemed by God’s grace; offering life and a community for its families to thrive. Whether you’re a long-time supporter of the ministry or new to its existence, there’s something to be learned and an opportunity for you in these pages.

As you read, ask God how He would have you give this year. COVID kept us from meeting in person, but the needs haven’t stopped. Are you able to match your gift from last year’s Celebration event? Has He blessed you with more to give? Do you now have time in your schedule to volunteer? Over the next 7 days, celebrate life with us through these pages and discover how you can use your gifts to help encourage and equip families here in Wichita to choose life.



For more client stories & videos see
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DAY 1: GIVING HOPE

Pregnancy testing: where it all began 35 years ago. Despite the pandemic, we've still served over 400 women this year with a higher percentage being abortion-minded and notably more moms interested in the choice of adoption!

It's during a pregnancy test that many moms and dads hear the hope of the gospel for the first time, as well as receiving vital emotional support. **600+ men and women heard the gospel in 2019!**
24 have made decisions to follow Jesus in 2020!



"It's a blessing to have non-profit organizations like Embrace in Wichita. I was lucky to find them on Google when I found out I was pregnant. Everyone is very helpful and extremely supportive! Thank you Embrace and God bless everyone who makes this place possible."

-Katy, mother of Santiago

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DAY 2: SEEING LIFE—SAVING LIFE

Seeing life on the screen has a huge impact on a pregnancy decision. Up until that point, it's just a positive pregnancy test, but the sonogram makes it real.

85% of women choose life after seeing their baby and hearing the heartbeat.



In the last 10 years, your gifts have provided over 4,000 women and

men the opportunity to see their unborn child at Embrace for the first time! “Brianna” is one of those moms. She was already a mom to four when she found out she was pregnant. Feeling pressure from the father to abort, she took the Plan B pill but it didn’t work. As a Christian, she felt conflicted about how to proceed, wanting to keep the baby but not wanting to do it alone. **“I felt like God was trying to tell me this baby was special.”** The volunteer encouraged her to bring the father to the sonogram and they scheduled an appointment for later that same day. Together at the sonogram, both parents saw their 12-week-old baby for the first time and chose life! When staff followed up the next day, Brianna said “I slept better last night than I have in a long time. Thank you Embrace!”



DAY 3: SAVING A MARRIAGE

Thanks to your generous support, Embrace was able to add a Marriage and Family Therapist to the staff in 2003. Pregnancy, parenting, and relationships are full of opportunities for personal growth. Having a licensed staff member ready to guide clients through difficult life experiences with godly counsel is invaluable. Joe & Brooke are just one of the many couples to find healing in their relationship at Embrace.

"Without Embrace, I just know that we would not be married, we would not be in the place that we are. We definitely would not have this little one on the way." Joe and Brooke were separated before coming to Embrace for marriage counseling. At the end of their rope, this was the last resort to salvaging their relationship before calling it quits. Week after week, they kept showing up. One night after counseling, Joe accepted Christ and is now becoming the spiritual leader of the home! **"We're both implementing God in our lives now. It's not just her."** Their kids notice a difference in their behavior towards each other now and have happily welcomed the newest addition to the family, born in July.

STATS:

20-29

Largest age group of clients



99%

Client satisfaction rate

\$83,000

Given in material support to clients last year

24

A teal square icon with a white cross inside, representing a church or religious symbol.

New believers in 2020!



100

Local churches that support the ministry



1538

Total volunteer hours donated this year

1746

Unique clients served in 2019



47

Current Volunteers

DAY 4: RESTORING HEALTH

Did you know, Embrace is the only STD clinic in Wichita that shares the gospel? And we're able to offer it at no cost to the client! Because the opportunity is so great, another testing day has been added to the schedule, now offering testing every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

So far this year in the STD clinic, over 300 men and women have been challenged with the truth of God's design for intimacy.



"Aniyah" is just one of those clients. She visited Embrace two years ago for an STD test. This time, Aniyah started her visit with a pregnancy test. During that time she shared remorse about past decisions she'd made that led her to need STD testing again, and she was ready for a new way of living. The volunteer presented the gospel and the hope of starting over as a new creation in Christ and she accepted! With a negative pregnancy test, she continued her visit in the STD clinic where the truth she heard was reinforced and she received the physical care needed for her situation. Since then, she's been able to further her discipleship through counseling, all within the walls of Embrace!



DAY 5: EQUIPPING PARENTS

It's simply not enough to encourage someone to choose life; as the church, we've been called to share of our resources as well. Through weekly parenting classes, clients learn relevant instruction that equips them to pursue the full and abundant life God has in store for them. Upon completing the class, clients earn essential baby items that support their growing family and offsets financial costs.

Since 30% of Embrace clients are Hispanic, these classes and all pregnancy services are offered

in Spanish as well! The impact of your giving goes beyond the material and is revealed in the home through stronger marriages, healthier relationships, and more confident parents. This is the day-to-day work of changing the world one family at a time: breaking cycles of abuse, deceit, and anger. Volunteer teachers are the messengers. Your donations make it all possible. **"The education is priceless. It helps you to understand yourself and your child."**

-Cassandra, mother of Gracie

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DAY 6: RESCUING LIFE

From the moment a woman takes the first abortion pill, she has about 72 hours to change her mind and try to save her baby. A woman seeking to change her decision can reach out to the national Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) hotline and will be connected with a local medical provider who starts the process. **Embrace is one of 500 medical professionals nationwide trained to administer the APR protocol.** Since starting the service in 2018, Embrace has rescued three unborn lives through the APR process. Nationally, more than 1,000 lives have been saved through the network!

“Hannah” is just one of those moms. When she learned about the pregnancy, she was separated from the father and felt alone. Abortion seemed like the only option and she took the first pill. It wasn’t until a family member referred her to the APR hotline that she realized there was still hope. **“You have no idea how relieved I was to find out there was something I could do and that there was still hope for my baby.”** After connecting with Embrace, Hannah immediately began progesterone treatment. Several weeks and sonograms later, her unborn baby was measuring on track. Today, Hannah is the proud mother of a beautiful, healthy baby girl!

DAY 7: TEACHING LIFE SKILLS

Four years ago, a full-time licensed social worker joined the staff, thanks to a state-funded grant called the Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative (PMI). Its purpose is to provide services to pregnant women, enabling them to carry their pregnancies to term. **Last year, 122 women received monthly mentoring, helping them achieve God's best for their lives.**



These meetings help moms develop a personal goal plan by addressing social relationships, living situations, family, finances, work, education,

and health and safety. For Jennifer, that support helped prepare her emotionally and mentally knowing the day-to-day needs were taken care of.

"Stacy went above and beyond. She got me my state insurance, she helped me get on WIC, she helped me through every little piece of it, encouraged me to quit smoking and to get healthier. Without Embrace, I would not have been anywhere near ready."-Jennifer, mother of Echo

IMPACT A LIFE WITH YOUR GIFT TODAY!

This year has disrupted everything except the need for hope. Fear is the dominant currency of the day, but unfortunately, that's nothing new for our clients. Learning you're pregnant unexpectedly is scary. It's amidst these fears that Embrace steps in. Your support of the ministry provides HOPE in situations that would otherwise seem hopeless.

More than a dollar amount, giving to Embrace is the hands and feet of Jesus in action. Your gift offers support and encouragement to a mother and father as they make decisions for the future of an unborn life. Every dollar you donate makes an impact now and for eternity!

Three Ways To Give:

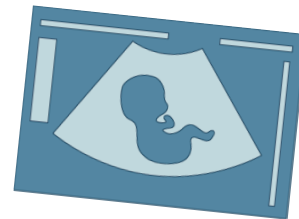
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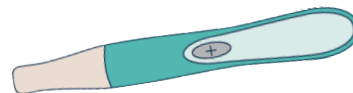
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7 WAYS TO PRAY

Join us this week and throughout the year in prayer for the ministry.

Day 1: Pray that those facing a pregnancy decision would come to Embrace and hear words of life.

Baby Mateo



A man with a beard, wearing a blue t-shirt, is holding a baby wrapped in a floral blanket. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Day 2

Day 2: Pray that life would clearly be seen at the sonogram and that hearts would be softened to choose life.



Day 3: Pray that clients would follow God's design for the family and trust Him with marriage.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue t-shirt, is holding a baby. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Day 4

Day 4: Pray that clients would follow God's design for relationships and trust Him with abstaining from sex until marriage.



Day 5: Pray for relationships to develop between teachers and students, making way for discipleship opportunities.



Day 6: Pray for timely intervention of the APR services and that those unborn lives would be saved.



Day 7: Pray that clients would see God is for them and fully trust Him with their life choices.

**“Thank you
for giving
me hope
and a
future!”**

-Baby Kairo



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