

POSITIVE OPTIONS

LOVING PEOPLE TO LIFE



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Dear Friends,

At Positive Options, we begin each year in a posture of praying, listening, and stepping into the good works God is laying before us. Often, this starts from a position of weakness and self-doubt. Jesus' disciples felt the same way when He asked them to feed the multitude with just five fish and two loaves of bread. And yet, when we listen well and obediently walk in the Master's footsteps, we are amazed at how God takes our seemingly small talents and uses them to bless others in exponential ways.

This posture of obedience is leading us to go deeper in our transformational work as we help restore lost hope by teaching, telling and showing people the beauty and possibility of life. Our ministry theme for 2024 is **"Rooted: going deeper and growing stronger"** as found in Colossians 2:6-7.

Just as the apostle Paul encouraged the church in Colossai to be firmly rooted in the word of God and built upon a solid foundation to establish their faith, we are digging deeper with our clients, churches, students and community by providing emotional, spiritual and practical support to those who are hurting.

Our mission remains unchanged from when we first opened our doors 50 years ago to love people to life before, during and after a pregnancy decision. We thank God for messengers like you who help carry and share the hope of Jesus Christ to future generations.

In His Grip,

Garry Markulwer

Executive Director



MISSION

To love people to life before, during and after a pregnancy decision

VISION

To build a vibrant community where every life is valued, loved, protected and transformed because of the gospel of Jesus Christ

CORE VALUES

God's Word, the Bible, is the Foundation of our Core Values

WE WAIT ON GOD

We wait on God and the power of His Word because we are confident of who He is and what He is able to do. We wait on Him with confident expectation and trust Him to act, lead, respond, direct, and provide.

Psalm 62:1,5: "For God alone my soul waits in silence...my hope is from him."

WE CHAMPION LOVE

We champion love by loving God and loving people as He loves them. Not one person, circumstance, sin, or story will find the end of His love expressed through us. We choose to be imitators of Christ and His great love for us; for His love unleashes life!

Ephesians 5:1-2: "You are the children that God dearly loves. So be just like him. Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us and gave himself for us..."

WE EXTEND GRACE

We extend grace because we are recipients of unlimited grace. Leading others to the free and redemptive grace of God is our greatest privilege.

Romans 3:23: "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came through Christ Jesus."

WE DEMONSTRATE TRUTH

We demonstrate the Truth who is Christ Jesus. We live in a culture that clings to "my truth" rather than The Truth. We will be living demonstrations of His unchanging Truth regarding life, love, marriage, family, and sexuality, as given to us in the Word of God.

3 John 1:3-4: "Some believers came to me and told me that you are faithful to the truth.... I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are living by the truth."

WE VALUE EVERY LIFE

We value every life from conception to natural death; those with great ability to those with limits on their abilities. God has created each in His own image and has a plan for them. We care for every life; mother, father, child (both born and unborn) because of their great value to God and to us.

Genesis 1:26: "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness.'"

WE RESPECT CHOICE

We respect choice because God gives us the freedom to choose. We trust His work in the lives of others as they are presented with important life choices. We provide godly guidance and will always point them to God's best plan for their life.

Jer. 29:11-12: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future...when you seek me...I will be found by you and bring you back from captivity."

WE FOSTER WHOLENESS

We foster wholeness because God has intricately woven us together. He intends for every aspect of our being; physical, relational, spiritual, intellectual, and emotional, to be healthy and free to live the abundant life He has promised.

Proverbs 4:23 "And above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

WE CULTIVATE COMMUNITY

We cultivate community by caring for our neighbors as God has instructed. It is important for us to engage with men, women, families, schools, churches, and other organizations to ensure a thriving community.

1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

MEDICAL SERVICES



905

INDIVIDUAL
CLIENTS
SEEN

428

PREGNANCY
TESTS
GIVEN

262

ULTRASOUNDS

262

CHOSE
LIFE

FREE SERVICES OFFERED:

- Walk-in pregnancy testing by medical professionals
- Ultrasounds by a certified sonographer
- Pregnancy options advocacy and mentoring
- A compassionate listening ear

MEDICAL SERVICES include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, limited prenatal consultation, and medical referrals in each of our centers.

In 2023, over 78% of clients with a positive pregnancy test chose life; Over 92* of the 165 clients of those considering abortion chose to carry.

*Number varies as not all clients report back to Positive Options

“ At 19, Olivia’s life took an unexpected turn during a routine visit to urgent care. The nurse’s unexpected words, “You’re pregnant,” left her disoriented, overwhelmed by concerns about her disrupted plans, her friends’ judgments, and how her church would react. Sharing the news with her parents, she braced for difficulty but found their overwhelming love and support, reinforcing her faith. Even the church elders responded with compassion.

A life-changing moment came during her first ultrasound at Positive Options, where Olivia was awestruck by the image of her baby. Mary Beth and the entire team warmly embraced her, making her feel at home.

As a young mother, she discovered inner strength and a deep love for her baby, Asher, juggling motherhood and pursuing her dreams.

In this unexpected journey, Olivia found hope, resilience, and the power of love, strengthening her faith in her community and herself. ”



FAMILY SUPPORT

2384

TOTAL
CLASSES
PROVIDED

575

PREGNANCY
CLASSES

1131

PARENTING
SUPPORT
CLASSES

188

EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES
FOR MEN

FREE SERVICES OFFERED:

- Online and in-person pregnancy and parenting education
- In-person mentoring/coaching sessions
- One-on-one conversations
- Spanish speaking services and classes (Holland Center)

FAMILY SUPPORT offers an online and in-person curriculum that provides pregnancy education and parenting classes to parents, educating both mom and dad to become the best parents they can be. Topics include: Pregnancy and Birth, Parenting, Coparenting, Life Skills, Fatherhood, Bible studies and so much more!

“ Laura had lost all hope. Her first pregnancy was unexpected, but she welcomed the idea of motherhood. Those hopes were shattered by a miscarriage. She thought she would never get pregnant again. When she came to Positive Options for a second potential pregnancy, those fears began to melt. She could barely believe the good news! Even the positive test and confirming words from her advocate couldn’t convince her. She went home with several store-bought tests in hand to convince herself it was true! **Hope was reborn!**

When she shared the news with Elijah, he jumped on board immediately. They found emotional, spiritual and practical support from the Positive Options team to help them get started in parenting. One hope fulfilled fueled even more hope for the future. **Their son inspired them to believe in a better future, more children and a happy life together. ”**



PROJECT BESTLIFE



FATHERHOOD SERVICES

15

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS SERVED

1204

NUMBER OF STUDENTS REACHED

7766

NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS WITH PARTICIPANTS

95%

POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS FEEDBACKS

532

MALE VISITS

107

FATHERS AT PREGNANCY TESTING

121

FATHERS AT ULTRASOUND

214

EDUCATION CLASSES ATTENDED BY FATHERS

FREE SERVICES OFFERED:

- Sexual health classes for 4-8th grade
- Curriculum information: www.projectbestlifeservices.org

PROJECT BESTLIFE (PBL) is our proactive youth education program. We educate upper elementary and middle school students on the changes that come with puberty, and equip students with needed knowledge and skills to implement informed decisions about their relational and sexual health in order to help them live their best lives. This year has been an exciting year of growth. We revised our HEALTHY MIND, HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY ME fourth and fifth grade curricula. For the first time, we've made PBL curricula available for licensing by outside organizations. In addition, PBL added three more schools to our schedule and one more educator to better serve the growing number of schools and students we serve. God has immensely blessed this program.

“My perspective of things has changed. I used to joke around about drugs, pornography and STDs, but now I know I won't. I will help others reach their goals and heal.” - *Students*

“While sometimes uncomfortable for students, the confidence of delivery and “real talk” has helped them learn and understand valuable life lessons!” - *Classroom Teacher*

“I have decided to wait until marriage because of what I learned in Project Best Life.” - *Student*

“My boundaries will be set before I date.” - *Student*

“It will lead me to a better relational, emotional, and Spiritual life. I have learned about abstinence and it is IMPORTANT!” - *Student*

“One of the best presentations I have attended in recent years! Outstanding!”
- *Substitute Teacher & Police Officer (Ret.)*



FREE SERVICES OFFERED:

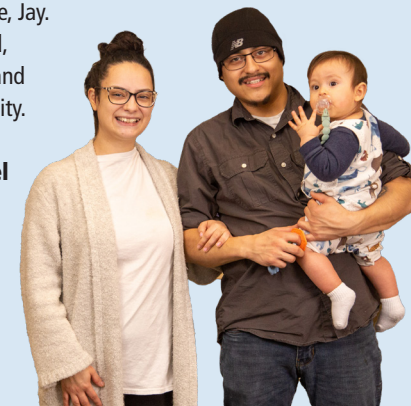
- Practical parenting education to care for their child
- Empowering fathers for greater influence on their family
- Mentorship opportunities that lead to deeper relationships
- Fatherhood education curricula such as: Fathering in 15, Doctor Dad, the Father Effect, and Embrace Legacy

FATHERHOOD SERVICES provide men with information and education about pregnancy options. We guide men into prenatal, parent education and offer support as they take on the role of father. We can help provide the support they need to be the kind of dad that they're meant to be.

“When Jamie first heard the news that he was going to be a father, he was in total shock! It took a couple of days for him to wrap his mind around it. As time went by, reality sunk in and the impossible started to appear possible. Jamie explained how time was essential in his journey - time and the positive influence of his advocate, Jay. Through the encouragement and guidance Jay provided, Jamie realized he could share his fear and uncertainty and work through the puzzles of life without losing his dignity. Men need a place to process life, just as women do.

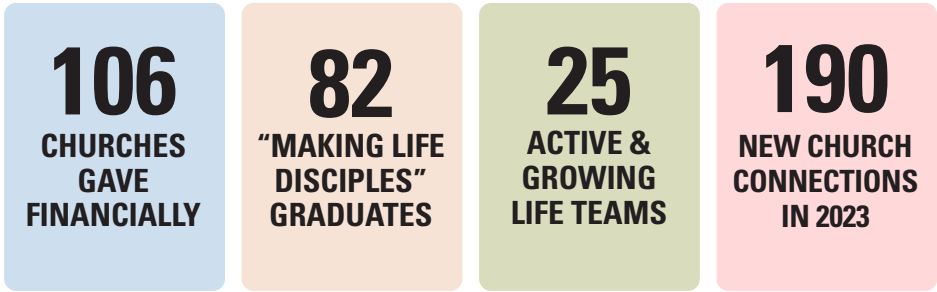
The Bible says wars are won through the counsel of many. (Proverbs 24:6-7)

It was a powerful experience for Jamie. Jay helped him realize there is no shame in sharing trouble with others. That man-to-man opportunity is rare and vitally important in life. Jay stood with Jamie as he embarked into fatherhood.”





JOSHUA CENTER



FREE SERVICES OFFERED:

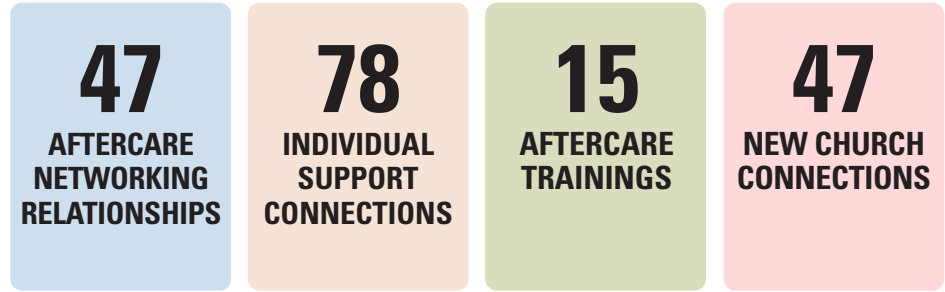
- Fatherhood Initiatives
- Abortion Aftercare
- Life Workshops & Trainings
- Speaking Engagements
- Community Networks
- Discipleship Connections
- Community Campaigns
- "Talk with your Teen" monthly blog

Since 2016, Positive Options has served the local Church with training and equipping for life discipleship, known as Community Life. Beginning in 2024, the Community Life team is launching under a new name: The Joshua Center for Cultural Discipleship. The **JOSHUA CENTER** exists to mobilize the body of Christ to embody the Gospel as we build a culture of abundant life for families in West Michigan. This new name represents the growth of our work in the Church and our commitment to continue serving the body of Christ. (www.joshua-center.org)

“Why are they not coming to us?” This is the deep stirring question of every pastor and minister. It was the same question that stirred Pastor Thad to action when he started his pursuit to learn how to become active and effective in bringing hope to those navigating an unplanned pregnancy in his church and community. Information and inspiration were found in the Making Life Disciples program offered by Positive Option’s Joshua Center. The content helped Pastor Thad develop a plan to meet his goal: “To make a safe place for people.” Thad says his biggest take away from the videos and training was that both men and women are making difficult pregnancy decisions. In order to serve both, we need to gain understanding and new frames and approaches that create open, safe spaces for these hard conversations. Not only do we help people **“make life affirming decisions, but we ultimately want to draw them closer to Christ.”** If this is your heart, then please consider a training or workshop offered by The Joshua Center. We seek to mobilize the body of Christ to live out the Gospel as we build a culture of pro-abundant LIFE for families in West Michigan. ”



ABORTION AFTERCARE



FREE SERVICES OFFERED:

- In-person small group Bible study
- Online support group studies
- Healing retreats and reading resources
- Friendship support and mentoring
- Pregnancy and Abortion Conversation website: www.youarenotalone.care

ABORTION AFTERCARE program offers compassionate support and practical help for individuals and families navigating the complex emotions and decisions surrounding pregnancy loss. We provide a safe, confidential, and nonjudgmental space for healing. We offer one-on-one mentoring sessions, educational resources, and a wide range of support groups and workshops.

“ In her pre-Christian years, Mara, like many, made choices that led to regret and baggage. The path she walked brought disappointments and trauma, ultimately leaving her alone and pregnant. She didn’t know what to do. She went to Planned Parenthood, where she was given no counseling but instead told, “We can take care of your problem.” She felt that there was no other option so she had an abortion. Fast forward to today, Mara, now married with a child, found herself haunted by shame, leading to a painful divorce. In her sorrow, she encountered Jesus, who called her to “come home” to God. Opening her Bible and returning to church, her love for Christ grew, and God healed her heart. Restored and given a new chapter, Mara met Mark, and their marriage thrives on God’s grace. For over six years, they’ve shared their story of redemption in their church community. Mara takes the message everywhere: **God is able to save and heal to the uttermost, even into the darkest, crushed corners of our soul. (Heb 7:25)** ”



MATERIAL RESOURCES



514

MATERIAL
SERVICE
VISITS

433

CANS OF
FORMULA

42K+

DIAPERS

82

LAYETTES
GIVEN TO
NEW MOMS

FREE SERVICES OFFERED:

- Diapers, formula and baby supplies
- Infant and children's clothing up to size 2
- Maternity clothing
- Layettes for new moms

When clients participate in our educational classes, they earn points to spend in our Baby Boutique providing them with much needed **MATERIAL RESOURCES**. Our clients not only get good information equipping them to be the best parents they can be, but they also earn much needed items for their children. Because of generous donors, our "stores" are well-stocked with clothing, blankets, diapers, toys and so much more!

“ When Yesenia became pregnant with her first child at 16, she turned to Positive Options for guidance and support. Living at home with her mother, she had to tell her about the pregnancy. Feeling the weight of fear and uncertainty heavily on her, she revealed the news of her pregnancy. Thankfully, her mother navigated the storm of emotions well and remained a source of comfort and help. Instead of judgment, Seneida, Yesenia's mother, offered unwavering support and reminded her that she was not alone. Yesenia returned to Positive Options for her second pregnancy and took classes to learn about pregnancy and parenting. After the birth of her youngest son, Yesenia noticed her older son stepping up to provide a caring male role-model for his little brother. Yesenia reflected on her journey. **“With the support of Positive Options and my mother, I became a better parent.”** She remains grateful for her mother's love and assistance throughout this challenging but transformative experience. ”



VOLUNTEERS

60+

VOLUNTEERS

6494

DONATED
HOURS

\$132K+

VALUE OF
DONATED
HOURS

100

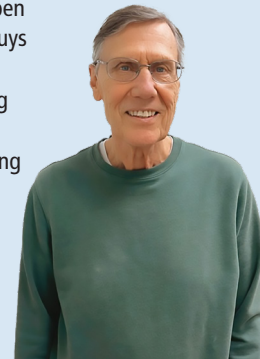
AVERAGE
ANNUAL
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Opportunities vary by location. Client advocates meet with our clients for assisting with medical appointments (pregnancy test appointment and/or ultrasound appointments) or for pregnancy/parenting classes.
- Other opportunities include, receptionist, data entry, maintenance, cleaning, landscaping/lawn maintenance, office tasks, and much more.

“ Over the course of 2023 we focused on the story of Esther and the wonder of the phrase, Created - for such a time as this. The most important person in Esther's life - wasn't the king - but the man who shaped her faith, Mordecai. **Everyone should be so blessed to have a voice of wisdom and courage to guide them.** Our male advocates wear those shoes each week as they speak into the lives of young men, spurring them on in God's plan for fatherhood. One of those great, humble heroes is Pete. A meek and gentle man of faith, Pete wouldn't volunteer to be the man of honor in this article, but few heroes look for the spotlight. They have a different objective. They choose to BE the light, shining into the lives of others. Pete joined the Positive Options team almost nine years ago. He brought decades of experience as a social worker, husband and father. What a gift to our team. Every guy is greeted with a warm, open heart and deep well of a soul. Pete does an exceptional job of meeting guys where they are and helping them take one or more steps closer to being a peaceful, prepared dad. There have been a few occasions when a young couple coming to the center brings a small herd of children with them. Pete rises to the occasion and sits with the dad and mini-tribe, entertaining the troops, to allow mom to receive uninterrupted care.

Thank you, Pete, and all our great volunteers, for choosing to serve the next generation, bringing your experience and compassion to those who need it most. We honor you and thank God for you! ”



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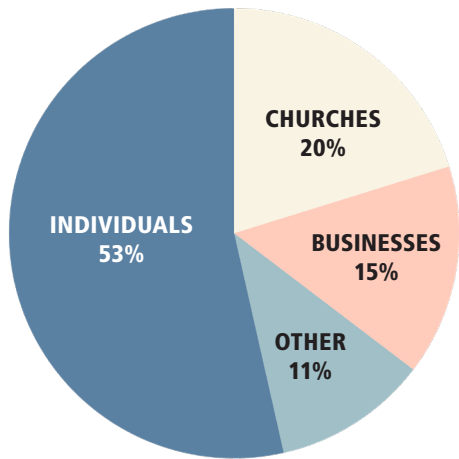


2023 REVENUE

REVENUE

\$1,795,000

INCOME SOURCES



REVENUE & IN-KIND GIFTS
\$1,800,000

\$119K
IN-KIND
GOODS

\$130K
IN-KIND
SERVICES

\$1.55M
CASH

2023 INCOME

ASSETS
\$2,676,211

LIABILITY
\$61,484

EQUITY
\$2,614,727

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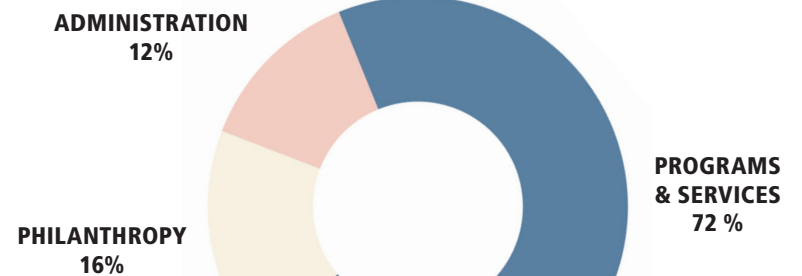


2023 EXPENSES

EXPENSES

\$1,532,950

EXPENSES



2024 BUDGET
\$1,665,764



STATISTICS IN THE USA



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APPROXIMATELY

45%

of teens viewed porn to learn about sex.



The biggest increase in sexting occurred among 9-12 years old.

88%

of unmarried Christians age 18-29 have had sex.

* National campaign to prevent teen and unplanned pregnancy.

MORE THAN

90%

of children age 8-16 have viewed porn.

Every second **28,258** people view porn online.



61%

of women named the father of baby as the most influential in their decision to terminate a pregnancy.



70%

of women who have had abortions state they are Christian.

* Lifeway 2015

51%

of men whose partners chose abortion were attending church.



95%

of men did not discuss the abortion decision with anyone at church.

78%

of clients with a positive pregnancy test chose life

* Average per year at Positive Options

OVER **5 out of 10** pregnancies in Michigan are unplanned.

* for women ages 15-44

76%

say that the church had no influence on their abortion decision.

54%

of post-abortive women say the church is not prepared to discuss pregnancy options.



WHAT DOES POSITIVE OPTIONS NOT DO?



ABORTION

Positive Options provides pregnancy confirmation and pregnancy options counsel to men and women considering a pregnancy decision. We **DO NOT** perform or refer for abortions, facilitate adoptions, or provide full prenatal care. We **DO** provide early pregnancy services, referrals to adoption agencies, parenting support programs, and abortion aftercare.

Positive Options is here as the first step in any pregnancy journey. Our professionally trained staff is ready to provide compassionate, knowledgeable care that supports our clients as they process their options and make an informed decision.

We believe that, for abortion to be a choice, other choices need to feel possible. We help our clients identify factors and barriers influencing their pregnancy decision and empower them with support and solutions, so that abortion feels like one choice, and not their only choice.

BIRTH CONTROL

Positive Options **DOES NOT** provide emergency or regular contraceptives. In local schools and in our centers, Positive Options encourages abstinence, in alignment with both our statement of faith and with public health recommendations for sexual risk avoidance (SRA).¹ We recommend our married clients speak with their healthcare provider and pastoral leader about family planning options.

¹abweascend.org/resource/sexual-risk-avoidance-education-what-you-need-to-know/



ABORTIONS IN A POST-ROE MICHIGAN

Following the overturn of Roe v. Wade in June of 2022 and the subsequent passage of Proposal 3 in November, a pressing question has emerged: **“WHAT NOW?”** For decades, under Roe, abortion was legal in Michigan¹ until viability, typically around 24 weeks gestation. However, the 2022 Proposal 3 amended the Michigan constitution, enshrining abortion as a protected right. Presently, abortion remains legal in Michigan until ‘viability,’ defined as the stage of pregnancy when a fetus has developed enough to survive outside the uterus with medical assistance, as outlined in the ‘Reproductive Health Act’ (RHA). While this potentially allows for late-term abortions, it’s important to note that abortion providers in Michigan are currently adhering to the same guidelines as before the overturn of Roe v. Wade.²

**MORE THAN
30,120
ABORTIONS
IN 2022²**

¹abortionfinder.org/abortion-guides-by-state/abortion-in-michigan

²Abortions Occurring in Michigan, vitalstats.michigan.gov/osr/abortion/Tab_A.asp



MYTHS VS. FACTS

MYTHS
FACTS



Positive Options doesn't care about helping families once their children are born.



Positive Options is committed to providing ongoing support to help build healthy, happy families and breaking cycles of poverty, dysfunction, and abuse. This includes parenting classes, mentoring and discipleship, material services, and referrals to other resources. In 2023 we distributed over 400 cans of formula and over 4200 diapers for free to help needs in our local communities



Positive Options only helps women who decide to continue their pregnancy.



Positive Options is here to serve and support men and women no matter what they decide for their pregnancy. While we hope for a life-affirming outcome, we care deeply for those wounded by an abortion decision, and provide abortion aftercare to men and women who desire healing from a past abortion.



MYTHS VS. FACTS

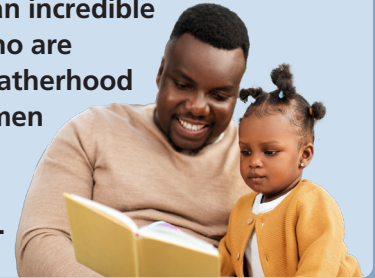
MYTHS
FACTS



Positive Options is only for women.



At Positive Options, we are passionate about empowering men to lead, support, and protect their families. We encourage fathers to come to every appointment, and have an incredible team of male coaches who are eager to meet with our fatherhood clients. We believe that men have an important voice and vital part to play in building healthy families.



Positive Options is only for women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.



Many of our clients already plan to continue their pregnancy, but come to us as a first-step in their pregnancy journey. They may be a first-time parent with lots of questions, new to the area, or have some resource needs. We help our clients to confirm their pregnancy, get started with prenatal care, connect with other area resources, and prepare for parenthood.

MYTHS VS. FACTS

MYTHS
VS. FACTS



Positive Options client services have a hidden cost.



All of Positive Options services - in our centers, area schools, and local churches - are at no cost to our clients. We never bill insurance or charge for an appointment. When uninsured, we help our clients to obtain medical coverage for the rest of their prenatal care. We do not receive any government assistance. All of our services and programs are funded by the generous support of our community.



Positive Options is judgmental and manipulates women to continue their pregnancy.



At Positive Options, one of our core values is to respect choice. Sometimes people wonder, "What does that mean? Aren't you pro-life?" We are, and we hope to give each of our clients the best opportunity to make a life-affirming choice. However, when abortion is chosen, we are committed to extending the forgiveness, hope, and healing that is available in Jesus. 99% of our clients surveyed reported a positive experience and said they would recommend us to a friend.



AT-HOME ABORTIONS

More than half of abortions are now performed through the abortion pill instead of a surgical procedure.¹ The abortion pill is a two-step regimen that includes the drugs mifepristone and misoprostol. In 2021, the FDA approved the prescription of the abortion pill via telehealth.² However, until recently, mifepristone could only be prescribed by certain doctors, clinics, and mail-order pharmacies. That changed in 2023, when the FDA loosened restrictions, allowing essentially any pharmacy to dispense the medication.³ This change, coupled with telehealth services and new mail-order options, dramatically expands abortion availability.

The FDA has approved the abortion pill regimen through 10 weeks of pregnancy;⁴ however, many providers are prescribing through 13 weeks.⁵ At any stage of pregnancy, the abortion pill carries a medical risk. This risk is increased with each week of pregnancy, or when women do not have an in-person consult and ultrasound prior to taking the medications.⁶

Abortion Pill Reversal is an option for women who experience regret after taking the first step of mifepristone, but before taking the second step of misoprostol.⁷ At Positive Options, we are committed to serving women who are considering, or have already had, an abortion. For both safety and certainty, it is important to have an ultrasound prior to making an abortion decision. We always recommend women first see us for an appointment, and not to take the abortion pill via an online provider.

IN 2022,
54%
OF ABORTIONS
IN THE UNITED
STATES WERE
**MEDICATION
ABORTION**¹



¹gutmacher.org/article/2022/02/medication-abortion-now-accounts-more-half-all-us-abortions.

²nytimes.com/2021/12/16/health/abortion-pills-fda.html

³nytimes.com/2023/01/03/health/abortion-pill-cvs-walgreens-pharmacies.html

⁴pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32804884/

⁵abortionfinder.org/abortion-types/pill

⁶aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CO-9-Mifepristone-Restrictions-1.pdf

⁷abortionpillreversal.com

HISTORY



1973

Birthright became **Lakeshore Pregnancy Center Inc.**, as an affiliate of CareNet.

Birthright center opened doors in Holland to help those facing unplanned pregnancy.

1991



Desert Rose, an abstinence-based drama team, began as a school project.

1996

Grand Haven center added.



2004



- Allendale center opened near the GVSU campus.

- Lakeshore Pregnancy Center introduced a new logo.

- Added a center in Allegan.
- Holland center was relocated to a new building.
- Desert Rose became the A-Team, now known as **Project BestLife**.

2006



Hired registered and licensed nurses, medical staff and sonographers that are available for each center.

2008

Program for men was introduced responding to the growing need of involving the father in pregnancy.

2012



HISTORY

2014



- Medical services for clients was branded to **Positive Options**.
- Education services including sexual and relational health, prenatal, pregnancy, and parenting, was introduced.

BestLife Community exists to equip members at local churches.

2016



- Online **Bright Course** parenting & pregnancy education classes.

2020

2022



- Lakeshore Pregnancy Center and Positive Options became **one** brand known as Positive Options.
- Introduced the **Circle of Care**. Positive Options provides five different services.
- **Abortion Aftercare** was added to our medical services responding to the growing need for healing past abortions.

Celebrating 50 years of service in our community and loving people to life.

2023



2024

Launched **Joshua Center**.



We want to honor those who made donations in memory of loved ones or to honor those whom we love most. We want to create a place where family and friends can be honored and remembered. The following people have made gifts to Positive Options in memory of or in honor of their friends or loved ones.

IN HONOR OF:

JACKIE BURGGRAFF

Donation made by Mark Burggraaff

CURT & SHARON BOSCH

Donation made by Melissa Windermuller

MARILYN SULLIVAN CUDAHY

Donation made by Eugene Sullivan

ROBERT AND GLORIA CURTIS

Donation by Christina Curtis

OUR CHILDREN: CLAIRE AND TITUS, GIFTS FROM GOD

Donation by Anjuli Johnson

JUDSON LINTEMUTH

Donation by Schwab Charitable | Ethan & Lilly Lintemuth

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Donation by Tonino Michienzi | Nate Topie

DIANE VELTEMA Donation by Sherri Wabeke

NERD CHAPEL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Donation by Christy McCulfor

CHET SMITH Donation by Jim Davis

GALE & ERIC JOHNSON Donation by Linda Carman

ESTHER OVERBEEK Donation by Tammy Russcher

TOM & BONNIE JONES Donation by David Hedberg

TWO BIRTHMOMS THAT CHOSE LIFE

Donation by Sue Shoemaker

DR. JOE DECOOK Donation by Jean Urban

JIM WIERSMA Donation by Community Foundation Holland/Zeeland Area | James Wiersma

MARCUS EMANUEL CALVILLO

Donation by Amanda Calvillo | St Luke University Parish

GARRY MARKVLUWER

Donation by Bruce Johnson | Jim Sprague

SANDY KAST Donation by Patricia Buehler

MARY LAMOURIE Donation by Jeanne Marie LaMourie

MARY ROZENBOOM Donation by Cheryl Schaub

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"I'll be taking the hand of those who don't know the way, who can't see where they are going. I will be a personal guide to them, sticking with them, not leaving them for a moment." - Isaiah 42:16 MSG

Your involvement is **crucial**. Let's make the **greatest impact** we have ever experienced! **Together** we will build a vibrant community where every life is valued, loved, protected and transformed because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2024 EVENT



MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER
MARCH 21, 2024



WALK4LIFE
JUNE 22, 2024



GOLF MARATHON
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

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- Take a tour of our facilities
- Invite a speaker to your church
- Bring "Making Life Disciples" to your church
- Check out our website: www.lovingpeople2life.com



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