



## NEW JERSEY

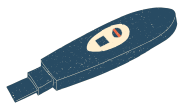
helping communities flourish

In **2019**, pregnancy centers provided services & materials valued at nearly

# \$3 million

in the state of New Jersey serving **35,138** women, men, youth, & families.

### \$1,758,746 IN MEDICAL SERVICES



9,341 free pregnancy tests



5,614 free ultrasounds performed by registered nurses/medical sonographers

756 total STD/STI tests performed by registered nurses (755 patients tested - 90% female, 10% male)

8 out of every 10 pregnancy center locations in the U.S. are medical

### \$934,124 IN FAMILY SERVICES

11,525 free consultations with new clients

23,612 students attended free sexual risk avoidance presentations

1,681 clients received free parenting education (91% female, 9% male)

788 clients received free after-abortion support & recovery (99% female, 1% male)



## \$291,865 IN MATERIAL ITEMS



56,439

total free baby items given to families in need



6,985 free packs of diapers

6,555 free packs of baby wipes

42,656 free new & used baby clothing outfits

114 free new car seats

130 free new & used strollers

## MADE POSSIBLE BY

133 total staff, 29% of whom were licensed medical professionals

533 total volunteers, 10% of whom were licensed medical professionals



## Finding Hope in New Jersey



Diana is an actual client and is pictured here with her son Matthew

"I remember vividly the day I found out I was pregnant. I was a 20-year-old college student trying to get into a difficult speech pathology program. I had just ended a long-term relationship and was still healing from my father's passing. I felt very alone. Abortion seemed like my only option. There was no way this baby was going to undo all my hard work to pursue a career. I also couldn't imagine facing my mom and this child's father. I just wanted this to go away.

My sister recommended I go to Lighthouse. I was skeptical but she insisted. I walked into the pregnancy center, terrified and in tears, not knowing that I was about to meet amazing people who would change my life completely. The center manager supported me and introduced me to Embrace Grace - a program for pregnant single women. Through Embrace Grace and Lighthouse counseling sessions, I made lasting friendships. My faith in God grew, and I chose life for my son Matthew.

Matthew was born healthy and strong - and strong-willed. I often wondered why, but got my answer when I returned to school. I didn't get into the speech pathology program, but God had better plans. I obtained a master's in special education with an emphasis of Applied Behavior Analysis. Today I work with behavioral special needs children. God perfectly planned my pregnancy to make me a better person - professionally, personally, and spiritually - to serve a greater purpose. He brought me closer to Him and gave me a beautiful child who inspires me to do better every day. I'm forever thankful to Lighthouse for making this journey possible."

### DATA NOTES:

- This report is a collaborative project between Care Net and the Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI).
- Value of services is based upon materials and services provided by 32 pregnancy centers in the state of New Jersey. At least one of these centers submitting data received state or federal funding in 2019.
- Total savings are calculated based on cost estimates of services, classes and baby items provided to clients. The sources for the cost estimates and valuation of items and services can be found in the Methodology section, pgs 12-14, of the 2020 CLI national pregnancy center report, "Pregnancy Centers Stand the Test of Time" ([www.lozierinstitute.org/pcr2020](http://www.lozierinstitute.org/pcr2020)), except for the following state specific labor costs.
- The New Jersey mean hourly wages referenced are as follows for: Social Workers in local/state government is \$34.34 per hour - BLS OES code 21-1029, Registered Nurses is \$40.52 per hour - OES code 29-1141, and Diagnostic Medical Sonographers is \$37.89 per hour - OES code 29-2032.
- The estimated savings does not include housing and other monetary assistance provided to some clients. We advocate for our clients by networking with hundreds of county, state and non-profit social service organizations around the country. We cannot quantify the value of emotional support given to the women we help through phone calls and caring volunteers.
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