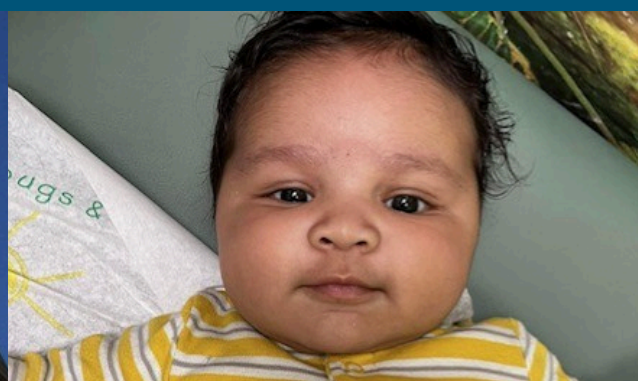




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Total estimated materials and services valued at \$6,018,995 to the state of Arkansas, serving 19,501 women, men, and youth.

**45,870 Total Client Sessions, both in-person and virtually
97.4% Client Satisfaction, nationally**

\$2,851,980 IN MEDICAL SERVICES



- 9,023 free pregnancy tests
- 9,077 free ultrasounds performed by registered nurses/medical sonographers
- 4,011 total STD/STI tests performed by registered nurses (1,968 patients tested - 96.2% female, 3.8% male)
- 8 out of every 10 pregnancy center locations in the U.S. are medical

\$2,347,680 IN EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

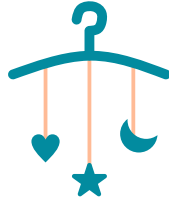
- 14,688 free consultations with new clients (92.4% female, 7.1% male, 0.5% unknown)
- 4,813 students attended free sexual risk avoidance education presentations
- 10,567 clients received free parenting education (87.3% female, 12.6% male, 0.1% unknown)
- 210 clients received free after-abortion support & recovery (98.6% female, 1.4% male)



\$ 819,335 IN MATERIAL ITEMS



9,902
total material
service clients



15,977 free packs of diapers
12,776 free packs of baby wipes
65,493 free new & used baby clothing outfits
869 free new car seats
350 free new & used strollers
651 free new cribs
5,109 free containers of formula

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301 total paid staff, 31% of whom were licensed medical professionals
644 total volunteers, 15% of whom were licensed medical professionals

Finding Hope in Arkansas

Valerie grew up with a single mother who struggled with drug addiction, an experience that led her in and out of the foster care system. She dropped out of school in 10th grade and soon met a man on Facebook. He was a violent felon who was abusive and took her to many parties. In just a short time, Valerie found herself pregnant. Scared and unsure about parenting, she was pressured by the baby's father to have an abortion.



Valerie on Princess and Baby Shower Day with Options on Main client services coordinator and Embrace Grace liaison Sebrina Coleman. Valerie's son Kai's photo appears at the top of page 1 of the report.

With no transportation in a difficult city, very limited support, and no parents who could walk her through these challenges, abortion felt like the only choice. Despite these concerns, Valerie found Options on Main, a life-affirming pregnancy center where she received a pregnancy test and ultrasound to confirm her pregnancy. There, she gave her heart to Jesus and chose life for her baby. "Although I felt as if I couldn't do it and I felt like I was alone, that was only the state of mind I was in - I was never alone," Valerie shared. "Jesus was always right there by my side waiting for me to let him in, waiting for me to let him help me."

At Options, Valerie attended parenting and prenatal classes, Embrace Grace (a joint program with a local church), and a Princess Day and Baby Shower. Princess Days are an opportunity for mothers who have completed parenting classes through the center to have professional maternity photos taken as a gift to commemorate their pregnancy and shower them with love. The center hosts the events, and the partnering church and community volunteers provide for everything: hair, makeup, shower items, and the professional photographs. These programs helped Valerie learn that "although my child wasn't planned in my eyes, the Lord knew before me that Kai would be placed in my womb."

Valerie recently earned her GED and is now enrolled in nursing school. She is active in church and Bible Study and says she has "never encountered a love so great as the love of Jesus."

"I am so glad that I chose to have my baby! Kai was meant to be here. I can't imagine a life without him. I love him so much."

NOTES:

- This report is a collaborative project between Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) and Care Net. We are grateful to Heartbeat International and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates for their contributions towards data collection from their affiliated U.S. pregnancy centers.
- Value of services is based upon materials and services provided by 45 pregnancy centers in the state of Arkansas in calendar year 2022. At least 8 of the centers received state or federal funding in 2022.
- 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. 15-16, of the 2022 CLI national pregnancy center report, "Hope for A New Generation" (<https://lozierinstitute.org/pcr/>), except for the following state-specific labor costs.
- The Arkansas mean hourly wages referenced are as follows: Social Workers in local/state government is \$29.30 per hour - BLS OES code 21-1029, Registered Nurses is \$35.05 per hour - OES code 29-1141, and Diagnostic Medical Sonographers is \$35.50 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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