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The Time is Now



*"For everything there is a season, a time
for every activity under heaven."*

- ECCLESIASTES 3:1

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LifeNETWORK

Life Network Valuing Life. Transforming Lives.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. ~ Psalm 90:12

Dear Friends,

How often do you pause to appreciate the brevity of life? One day you look at your children across the dinner table and wonder at how quickly they have grown into teenagers or young adults. You notice your parents slowing down a bit. Or, you find yourself celebrating anniversaries at home or at work and can't believe how fast ten years became twenty. The days pass quickly!

There are times in life when God brings to the surface opportunities to make a difference – to invest in something that changes a life and can impact someone's eternity. Where will you devote your days, your talents and finances? **When you invest in Life Network, you invest in life!** You are offering a teenager a chance at a healthy future. You are pointing the brokenhearted towards hope and restoration. You give moms and dads truth and options that guide them towards life and the chance to celebrate a first birthday of their little one.

As a supporter of Life Network, you are saving lives and giving babies a future.

As my one year anniversary as President of Life Network approaches, I look back in awe of the stories I have seen God writing through those who walk through our doors. It's been a privilege to be on the frontlines, to see client's faces and meet the little ones I used to know only through stories or prayer requests before being in the building every day. I have truly witnessed the effectiveness of *preventing* unhealthy decisions, the impact of *intervening* on behalf of the unborn, and the *transforming* power of the Gospel as lives have been changed and saved daily.

As each of us consider the days the Lord has given us, I ask, what will you do with yours? Will you stand for life in our community? It is my hope that you will choose a partnership with Life Network. We are able to do what we do because of you. Please join me on the frontlines to testify to what the Lord is doing here each day. I know He has many more stories to write in the days ahead. Let's make a difference!

In Christ,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Bennett".

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Life Network 2016 Annual Report

Financials

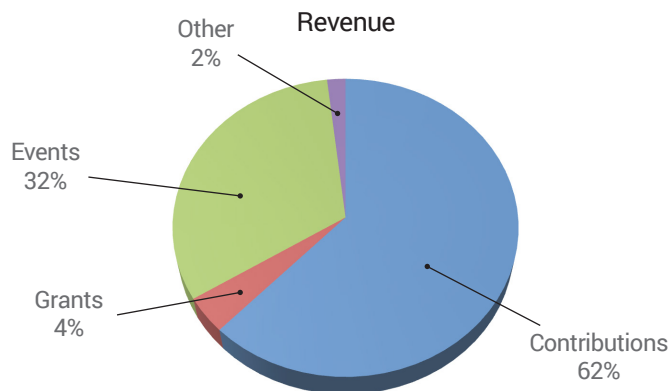
Assets

Current Assets	\$389,062
Property Net	\$980,149
Total Assets	\$1,369,211

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$97,462
Notes Payable	\$794,123
Total Liabilities	\$891,585
Net Assests	\$477,626

Total Liabilities and Assets \$1,369,211



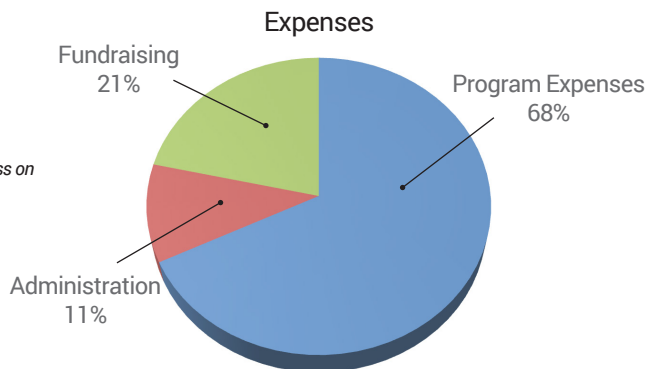
Revenue

Contributions	\$883,578	62%
Grants	\$56,000	4%
Events	\$454,991	32%
Other *	\$26,020	2%
Total	\$1,420,589	100%

**(Includes Program Fees, Donated Services, Investment income, Loss on sale of assets)*

Expenses

Program Expenses	\$1,016,646	68%
Administration	\$159,453	11%
Fundraising	\$322,507	21%
Total	\$1,498,606	100%



In 2016, volunteers donated approximately 10,100 hours of time, valued at approximately \$151,000. In addition, 261 hours of professional services valued at \$18,302 were contributed as reflected in our detailed financial statements.



SINCE SEPTEMBER OF 2016 LIFE NETWORK WAS HONORED TO...



- Provide pregnancy tests, options counseling, ultrasounds, education, referrals and emergency material supplies for **8,495 clients**.

- Performed **486 ultrasounds** for those making decisions about their pregnancies; of those, 255 clients were abortion-vulnerable. After seeing their little one on our ultrasound, **89% of those considering abortion made a decision for life for their babies**. We celebrate **203 babies** whose moms and dads chose life instead of abortion!



- We rejoice that **52 clients made commitments to Jesus Christ!** In addition, Life Network staff and volunteers had 2,323 spiritual conversations with clients.



- **12 - 17 clients**, mostly new Believers, participate in our Thursday night Bible study each month.

Ministry Statistics

- Help prepare, equip and empower clients to become healthy moms and dads to their little ones through **241 mentoring visits** each month.



- **418 clients** received STD testing, treatment and education through our medical outreach.

- **290 clients participated in 56 classes** covering topics related to childbirth, infant care, relationships, finances and parenting.

- Present the importance of character development, avoiding sexual activity until marriage and living a healthy lifestyle to **8,055 students in 35 schools** in El Paso County and surrounding areas. Presented parent talks to **578 parents from 10 churches and organizations.**



- Facilitate **5 groups** for individuals who have experienced an abortion; memorials were held honoring the lives of **26 babies.**

Prevention

Valuable people make valuable choices is the message “Education for a Lifetime” (EFL) has delivered since 1987. Trained volunteers, local physicians and Life Network staff present this hope-filled, biblically based message to nearly 6,000 high school students each year. Presenting primarily in public schools, we teach: decision making, risk avoidance, goal setting and character education.

Through a curriculum called ‘Pursue’, this high energy, interactive program covers: living a life by design, healthy relationships, developing wisdom through critical thinking, seeing value in yourself, showing courage to stand up for yourself and others, and committing to a strong foundation for your future. Students shared the following after hearing the presentation:

- “You helped me **realize my value** and that **I deserve to be loved correctly**. You absolutely **changed my life** and I am changed for the better.”

- “... I had no clue how serious the consequences of having sex were. I used to think that if you used a condom you would be fine. I used to think pregnancy was the worst thing that could come from sex. Now I definitely know I’m wrong. **Now I am determined to not have sex until marriage**. Thank you for taking the time to teach me.”



- “I really appreciate you taking the time to come to my class, without this program to help guide me through life, I may have made a mistake that effects my whole future. I learned that **I have the power and control to make my own decisions** and know what is both ethically and morally good for me. I am going to remain un-sexually active until I’m married so I can set myself up for success. **THANK YOU!**”

In addition to Pursue, we offer parent talks through churches and community organizations to prepare and educate parents. Ultimately, we want teens to realize that making healthy choices will enable them to stay in school, attain a quality education and have the ability to focus on their life goals and dreams.

Intervention

The Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center and LifeSteps provide life-affirming support from the moment of a positive pregnancy test until a client's child is two. All services at the pregnancy center are free of charge including, options counsel, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and STD testing.

LifeSteps offers parenting education, mentoring and practical support – such as baby items, clothing, diapers and food. Both programs are supported by faithful volunteers and Life Network staff. All of the baby supplies are donated by generous ministry supporters.

At 18, Michelle's* life spiraled out of control. Though raised in a Christian home, she chose friends in high school who led her down a path towards drugs, partying and dropping out of school. Her parents asked her to leave – and Michelle found herself working fast food and homeless. Michelle came to the pregnancy center for a pregnancy test with plans to schedule an abortion if her test was positive. At the pregnancy center, instead of feeling overwhelmed by her pregnancy news, she remembers feeling overwhelmed by the love and care of the volunteers and staff who met with her. She shares: "For the first time, in a long time, I felt that people actually cared about me. It made me feel not so alone, and like I could make a hard decision - like keeping my baby." Michelle had an ultrasound and the image of her baby made her choose life and cancel her abortion. The pregnancy center helped her find medical care and connected her with LifeSteps where she took classes, completed lessons and earned everything she needed for her baby.



With the help of her LifeSteps coach, Michelle sought a fresh start, walking away from her past and rediscovering the Jesus she knew as a little girl. Family relationships were restored and she moved back home. Today, Michelle thinks back on those days of despair, sharing: "Life Network helped me choose life. When I gave birth to my son ... that gave my life a purpose. Today I just want to help encourage girls in tough situations who feel like there is no hope and no way out, because I know there is a way."

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Intervention

Men play crucial roles in the face of an unexpected pregnancy. The impact of fatherlessness is far-reaching as children without dads are more likely to be poor, become involved in drug and alcohol abuse, drop out of school, commit crimes and repeat the cycle of fatherlessness. From the early days of pregnancy, Life Network offers resources and support for men regarding how to be God-honoring fathers while also learning to support their partner. Over 75 men participate in the fatherhood outreach, meeting monthly with their mentor coaches.

Their positive pregnancy test meant everything would change - plans for college, plans to travel and the perceptions of those who had known them forever. Jeremy struggled with the choices they had made. He had known his girlfriend since childhood; their friendship developed into a relationship in high school – but both planned to go onto separate colleges and pursue the plans the Lord had for them. Though they were pro-life, she wrestled with abortion, knowing it could all be over and nobody would know. He reminded her of what they believed about life and their baby growing within.*



The counsel and support they received at Life Network affirmed their decision to choose life as they were reminded that though their circumstances were a crisis, their baby was a gift. Jeremy began attending the Life Network fatherhood program. His coach encouraged him, prepared him and listened. They had long talks about what it means to support his partner, the skills needed to be a great father, and his coach encouraged him to never give up on his dreams to be in ministry.

They got married - and a few months later they celebrated the birth of their baby boy. Jeremy is pursuing Bible college and working to support his young family. He shares: "The fatherhood program was what I needed during a stressful time. My coach made me feel accepted and not judged ... it was tailored to what I wanted to learn and was a great time of fellowship and growth."

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Transformation

While abortion in our country is declining, at least 1 in 4 women will have an abortion by the age of 45. Bridges of Hope offers a nine week group that addresses issues related to abortion and the opportunity to experience God's love and healing from the past ... helping individuals find forgiveness and honoring the lives of the children they have lost.

For 33 years, she carried the shame and regret of her abortion. "My life was changed by one email!" Jennifer* shared. She was a young Christian and successful in her career. However, she was married to an abusive man. When she discovered she was pregnant, she was terrified to bring a baby into her abusive situation. She felt abortion was the only choice. Her physician referred her to a clinic, and she still clearly remembers that November day... wishing there was a different way but knowing there were no other options. She left the clinic empty and filled with the regret of one of the biggest mistakes of her life. She knew immediately she needed help – but there was no help to be found. She sought counsel from pastors and talked with others – but nothing offered relief.



As the years passed, Jennifer divorced and remarried. She had two more children – but never forgot her first. Decades later, Jennifer read an email from Family Talk about a woman who chose life instead of abortion in the midst of difficult circumstances. She followed up with this email and, with their help, was ultimately directed to Bridges of Hope.

Bridges of Hope was life-changing for Jennifer. For the first time ever, she felt free. She shares: "My whole world changed. My heart is not heavy. It's not hard to see babies anymore. I was so broken and now I am healed. I cannot believe how God is using my story." Jennifer is now in the process of being trained as a facilitator and looks forward to helping others find the same hope and healing.

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Please pray for Life Network throughout 2018

Sunday: Pray for the men, women, students and families who will walk through our doors this week. Pray we can be a source of hope, encouragement, and education. Pray for opportunities to point them towards a relationship with Christ.

Monday: Pray for our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers – that through them each client will see a glimpse of God's love. Pray none would grow weary as they serve each day.

Tuesday: Pray for our Education for a Lifetime outreach as they present the message of sexual integrity and character development in our schools. Pray the message would make an impact on the students and teachers in each classroom. Pray for our presenters sharing this life-changing message.

Wednesday: Pray for our Bridges of Hope outreach as it points those who have had abortions towards healing and forgiveness.

Thursday: Pray for our Men's Services department as they serve and support men participating in our pregnancy center and new fathers participating in LifeSteps.

Friday: Pray for marketing/social media efforts and outreach events such as the Walk for Life (June 2, 2018) and the Gala (October 2018). Pray for those who faithfully support Life Network. Pray for God to provide for the needs of Life Network each day.

Saturday: Pray for the children whose parents are served by Life Network. We rejoice that their moms and dads chose life and joyfully anticipate the plan God has for them.



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