



Life NETWORK

One Life
AT A TIME

LIFE NETWORK'S 38TH GALA AND SILENT AUCTION

Valuing Life in This City for 38 Years

Dear Friends,

At times, we all feel the heaviness of living in a culture that doesn't value every human life.

Taxpayer funding of our nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood is rising. The availability of mail-order abortion makes those deadly pills easier than ever to get. Locally, we lost 21 of our teenagers to death by suicide during our pandemic-plagued 2020. Meanwhile, more women are seeking abortion options online in our area than ever.

We're convinced that this brokenness makes the compassion and care we provide more vital than ever. That's why our theme for 2021 is One Life at a Time. With your support, we're valuing the lives of moms, dads, students and babies one life at a time. Lives like ...

... Daniel, a student at one of our Who Can Relate suicide prevention trainings, who texted several friends afterward to let them know they are needed, loved and valued. One texted back saying, "I was just about to do something." We then connected that student to help.

... Samantha and Andrew, one of the first couples we served at our new center in Fountain Valley. Originally, they were set on abortion. But as they spoke with our team, they learned of all our support for new parents. Then, when the couple saw the strong heartbeat of their 6-week-old baby via ultrasound, through tears they chose life for their little one.

... fifteen-year-old Ava, who visited our Westside center. She couldn't imagine facing pregnancy as a high school sophomore. She received good news when her pregnancy test was negative, but then even better news when Ava became a follower of Jesus Christ!

It's easy to become disheartened by our culture. Instead, join us in being more committed than ever to make a difference one life at a time in southern Colorado. With you by our side, we will save more babies ... support more students and parents ... and see more lives transformed in the year ahead!

Changing lives together,



A blue ink handwritten signature of Rich Bennett.

Rich Bennett
President / CEO

*Names changed

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Life Network 2020 Annual Report

FINANCIALS

Assets

Current Assets	\$1,553,263
Non-current Assets	\$1,287,755
Total Assets	\$2,841,018

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$151,279
Notes Payable	\$658,591
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$810,870</u>
Net Assets	\$2,030,148
Total Liabilities and Assets	\$2,841,018

Revenue

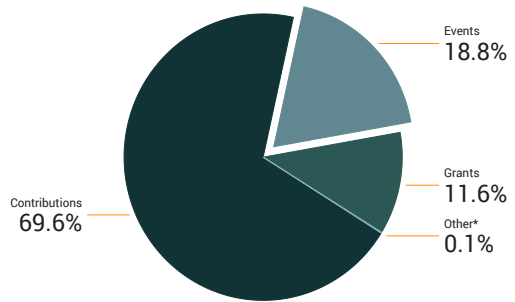
Contributions	\$2,226,156	69.6%
Grants	\$369,663	11.6%
Events	\$599,853	18.8%
Other *	\$3,281	0.1%
Total	\$3,198,953	100%

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

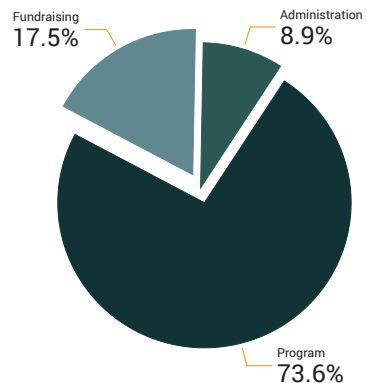
Expenses

Programs	\$1,680,325	73.6%
Administration	\$202,566	8.9%
Fundraising	\$399,144	17.5%
Total	\$2,282,035	100%

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Source: 2020 Form 990

In 2020, volunteers donated approximately 13,155 hours of time, valued at approximately \$197,325. In addition, 594 hours of professional services valued at \$41,580 were contributed.



To ensure accountability to donors like you, Life Network is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and is audited annually. Thank you for your trust and generosity.

PREVENTION

6,490 *students reached in over 20 schools*

YOU ARE NEEDED, LOVED + VALUED

Education for a Lifetime leads the "Prevention" arm of our mission by educating local students on healthy relationships and mental health.

The **Pursue** presentation teaches sexual risk avoidance and how to set healthy boundaries that reflect each student's value. Topics discussed include STDs, teen pregnancy, and the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Who Can Relate challenges students to consider who needs them, who loves them and where they find their value, reducing the stigma surrounding conversations on mental health and suicide. As students reflect on their value, their risk of suicide decreases and their opportunity for an optimal health outcome increases. **About two-thirds of all students reached by Education for a Lifetime in the last year received this additional training.**

Education for a Lifetime also works with the Colorado Springs faith community to promote youth mental health through Parent Talks at churches and Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings.

"I feel a lot more confident to handle a situation when it comes to making the right life choices."

"Thank you for coming to my class, now I feel like I can be well-informed and a good decision maker. I think what I took away was that it is important to have boundaries in any type of relationship that you are in."



INTERVENTION

278

Babies saved!

- 1,159 clients reached
- 786 ultrasounds
- 89% chose life after viewing an ultrasound

The Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers meet women and men facing unplanned pregnancies in their time of need. Through providing **free** medical services in conjunction with compassionate, nonjudgmental options counseling and the promise of future support, we empower our clients to make life-affirming choices for their family.

We want to ensure every one of the nearly 1,200 pregnancy clients we see annually knows that they have tremendous value. As one shared with us recently following her appointment: *"I'm very impressed with how comfortable I was when I was at the Pregnancy Center. The staff were so pleasant and uplifting that it helped me pick up my own spirits and encouraged me that I CAN do it! Thank you so much for all the support and care! I would recommend to any pregnant woman in any situation, especially if you're alone!"*

This year, thanks to the support of generous donors like you, we opened our third pregnancy center location in Fountain Valley in June. In addition to this new center, our other two locations continue to serve hundreds of Colorado Springs families: one on Galley Road across from the Citadel Mall and one on the Westside of the city on Centennial, just a short distance from Planned Parenthood.

Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers offer

- **Pregnancy Testing**
- **Ultrasounds**
- **STD Testing & Treatment**
- **Pregnancy Options Education**
- **Community and Medical Referrals**
- **Emergency Material Needs**



TRANSFORMATION

1,948 *appointments with
moms and dads*

Our complementary parenting program for women and men enables moms and dads to confidently enter parenthood knowing that they have people walking beside them for support, encouragement and resources. Moms and dads participating in the parenting program are paired with a coach for one-on-one mentorship and education. Program curriculum covers topics such as pregnancy, infant care, nutrition and childbirth. As they participate, clients earn credits – called “baby bucks” – to be used toward much-need items in the Baby Boutique, such as diapers, wipes, clothes or bigger items like a car seat or crib. Parents can participate in these programs until their child turns two.



61 Decisions for Christ

In our client appointments in the pregnancy center and other supporting programs, we have the opportunity to share the hope of Christ. **In a typical week, we see at least one client dedicate their life to Christ at our centers!**

TRANSFORMATION

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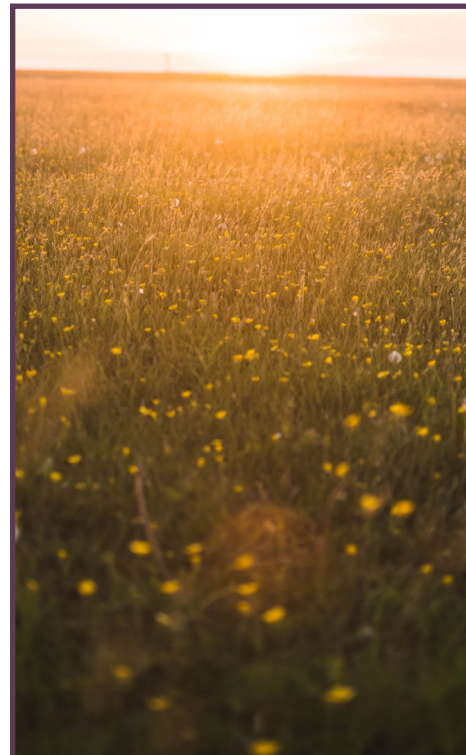
*individuals received healing
through post-abortion recovery*

Bridges of Hope is our program for women and men who are processing and grieving past abortions. Through a nine-week healing and support class or three-day weekend retreat, participants discuss Biblical principles as tools for healing, addressing topics including grief, anger, guilt, depression and forgiveness.

Our partnerships with Mayfield Counseling and Colorado Christian University's Community Counseling Center have also enabled us to provide professional mental health care to our clients within the safe space of our centers.

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**clients served through
professional counseling**





Client Stories

"Is it possible to get an abortion at 7 months pregnant?"

This unusual text came in on a Saturday in June. Lauren* didn't know she was pregnant until a few days prior when she felt the baby kick. She confided that she also struggled with an addiction to heroin. With her other two children living with relatives, she didn't see a way to raise a baby, especially one that might have complications due to drug use. She believed that an abortion at 7 months into her pregnancy was her only option.


Lauren agreed to come to our center for a pregnancy test. Our staff and volunteers prayed fervently, pleading for a changed heart. In the appointment, Lauren's client advocate was able to educate her on adoption, and the gift a child can be to another family. As Lauren left, she scheduled an ultrasound and hugged her client advocate goodbye. Prayers that she would come back were lifted high.

When the day for her ultrasound appointment arrived and she didn't show up, it felt like a punch in the gut. Later that day, this text message came through. *"Hi, I'm so sorry I forgot to cancel my ultrasound for today. I did get an OBGYN and had an ultrasound yesterday. The baby is a little girl. I'm looking for an adoptive family next."*

It was nothing short of a miracle. She even shared in her text that she'd started the process of detoxing, knowing the value of protecting the life inside her. Her next words made the victory that much sweeter.

"I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and non-judgmental attitude towards me. I can imagine it gets hard doing what you do each day. I'm so grateful for you and people like you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you."

Lauren*



Carly* and her husband Ian* arrived at our pregnancy center sullen and fearful. As both of them were in the military with several years of service left, they felt like now was not a good time for a baby. When asked how she felt about all her options, Carly said she had decided that abortion was the only choice for this pregnancy. She had made an appointment for the abortion already.

Determined to provide compassionate support no matter what, pregnancy center staff provided the couple with information on their options. The team prayed the couple would return for an ultrasound.

Carly and Ian did come back to the pregnancy center the following week for their ultrasound. The couple had softened their hearts toward this baby, and suddenly with the promise of support, parenting didn't seem quite so scary anymore.

Though both were quiet throughout the ultrasound, it was clear that meeting their baby was a profound experience for them. Carly and Ian became more animated following the ultrasound, taking a baby blanket and speaking of plans for the arrival of their child! **The prayers for this couple had been answered.**

*Carly
& Ian**



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