

True Life Choice



Equipping individuals to make informed, life affirming choices regarding unplanned pregnancies as we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Winter 2011

Mission Fulfilled One Client's Story



Branisha Love and her double blessing

Branisha Love came into TLC Women's Center early in 2011 distraught over the realization that she was pregnant again so soon after the birth of her first son. With the help of TLC she was just getting back on her feet: her infant son was doing well, she was participating in the Earn While You Learn program, and she had even been able to resume her job at Disney part-time. Everything seemed to be going so well. And now this...

"I was devastated about what my family and friends and co-workers would say about my having another child so close to the first. I thought that because only God, my TLC counselor, and I knew about the pregnancy, I could have a quick abortion and no one else would have to know. But as I talked with my counselor, Corrie, my conscience wouldn't let me forget that what I was carrying was my child.

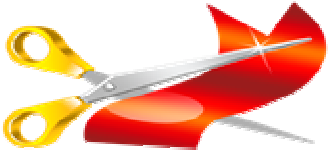
Corrie reminded me that God does not make mistakes, that God knew what he was doing in giving me this child, and that this child would be a blessing."

Make that blessings! It wasn't long before Branisha found that she had been given not one blessing, but two—twins Jamiya and Jazion. With the loving support of her mother and TLC, and some assistance from the children's father, Branisha has been able to care for her twins and her firstborn son, Gerell. She looks forward to the day when she will be able to return to work at Disney. Corrie continues to be her mentor and friend, always pointing her toward the truth that is found in Scripture. Branisha is placing her trust in God's provision for the little ones He has given her.

Branisha's story is just one among thousands of stories of women with unplanned pregnancies in Orlando. But her story ends in life and hope because True Life Choice exists by the grace of God and the commitment of each and every ministry partner, whether volunteer, staff member, or donor.

To God be the glory!

Your support means more lives changed by the truth of the Gospel and more babies given the chance to fulfill their God-given purpose.



Grand Opening Choices Women's Clinic



The fruit of the labor and generosity of many people was revealed on Friday, October 21st as True Life Choice celebrated the Grand Opening of Choices Women's Clinic. We were honored to have US Representative Daniel Webster (FL-08) officiate.

After sharing some of the pro-life issues facing Congress and his personal views on the subject, Representative Webster performed the ribbon-cutting. Bishop Louis Campese then dedicated the clinic to God's service and prayed for His blessing. Executive Director Gail Picard led a tour of the recently remodeled facility. Guests then enjoyed a reception with Mr. Webster.

We are intensely grateful for each of our ministry partners whose generous donations have made adding the ultrasound and the services of Nurse Manager Sheryl Hodil a reality. We are equally grateful to Dr. Nicole Gagliano for making the courageous and generous decision to accept the position of Medical Director, a legal requirement for a medical clinic.

By His grace and power, God has called each of us and established this clinic. We look with anticipation to see His work fulfilled here in changed lives and hearts made whole.

With God All Things Really Are Possible

My name is Dr. Nicole Gagliano Buddendorf. In 1996, five months before I graduated from medical school, I was accepted to Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, one of the most prestigious pediatric residency programs in the country. Three weeks later I discovered I was pregnant. Alone and distraught about my future, too ashamed to talk with family or friends, I looked in the phone book for a crisis pregnancy center where I hoped to find someone who would listen and help me decide what to do next. It seemed impossible for me to carry a healthy baby to term **and** work sixty or more hours a week with little sleep and no husband or family around to help. I thought I would have to choose my career or my child.



Dr. Gagliano

I thank God for the Christian volunteer who answered the phone and counseled me. Diane prayed for me and reassured me that God was big enough to help me, that He could make right what I thought was such a mess. Because of Diane and her colleagues who prayed for me and loved me, I recommitted my life to the Lord and began trying to live in obedience to His Word. I joined a church in Houston and, thanks to the help and support of my church family there, I not only completed my Pediatric Internship, I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. Soon after the birth, I reconciled with his father. We have been married over twelve years and now have three wonderful sons. I completed my Residency at Arnold Palmer Hospital and have practiced General Pediatrics in Orlando for about twelve years. I am currently a partner with Physician Associates of Florida and opened my own solo practice in Longwood in August of 2011.

My story is living proof that *with God* all things really are possible. The counselors at Choices Women's

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Clinic have the opportunity every day to show women the truth of that statement in their own lives. It is our responsibility as Christians to share the truth of the Gospel, the only solution for the problems of these hurting women. I am privileged to offer my services as Medical Director, and I am thrilled to be a part of the lifesaving ministry of True Life Choice.

2011 Banquet Report



The 2011 TLC Banquet was a delightful and inspiring evening thanks to the mellow music of Fernando Fonseca, the warmth and wit of Steve Brown, and most especially the inspiring message from Star Parker. But the best part of the evening was the presence of so many of our ministry partners. As Gail Picard, Executive Director said, "We are all part of the ministry of TLC.. It takes each of us to fulfill our mission."

By the Grace of God and the generosity of our donors, True Life Choice was blessed with donations of more than **\$75,000!** This means that we will be able to more effectively target abortion-minded women and through the use of the ultrasound, more vividly show them the reality of the life they carry within them. It means that we will be able to share the Gospel and the love of Christ with more women and witness God's work in lives changed and freedom experienced.



Star's metaphor is an apt one: Crisis Pregnancy Centers *are* the Underground Railroad of our time. In the name of Christ, we are pulling out one woman at a time and showing her the pathway to freedom, freedom from captivity to the lies of our flesh and of the world. Abortion is the greatest moral evil of our time, and we are in this pitched battle together. We work toward that day when legalized abortion, like slavery, will be but a dark and distant stain upon our history.

"Crisis Pregnancy Centers are the Underground Railroad of our times, pulling young women to freedom one person at a time."

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Looking Ahead

January 22, 2012 - Sanctity of Life Sunday

Encourage your Pastor and congregation to participate.

Email mlewis@tlcwomenscenter.org for materials & suggestions.

March 24, 2012 - Walk for Life

Save the date! Start praying now about your church's participation.



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Gail's Prayer & Praise Report

Praise!

Our first ultrasound resulted in a changed mind and so far, all but one have changed their minds about abortion after seeing the ultrasound.

- The Grand Opening of Choices Women's Clinic.
- TLC named one of the top Care Net centers recognized as "mission critical" successful in reaching abortion minded or vulnerable clients—over 48%.
- Our Banquet was a HUGE success! Over \$75,000 in pledges and gifts.

Pray!

- For more volunteers.
- For nurses as volunteers
- For male client advocates
- That God uses Choices Women's Clinic to reach more abortion minded clients

Staff

Executive Director: Gail Picard
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