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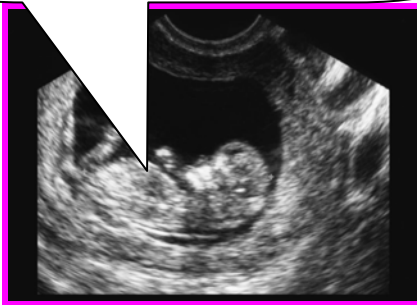
## 1st Way Pregnancy Support Center Newsletter

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The *1st Way* to a mother's heart is to see her baby's heartbeat!



Dear Friend,

Have you ever talked to your friends about *1st Way*, and wished they could see our ministry firsthand? (Or have **you** ever come down to see our "little pink house on the corner"?)

We invite you to call us and bring a friend to come to central Phoenix to visit. If you are unable, please know that on your behalf and all those who sponsor our work, we are committed to see more and more women who are pregnant or think they may be and especially those who are in crisis. We offer HOPE, TRUTH and SUPPORT to all those women and their babies who are in despair.

We are dedicated to the women we serve!  
"This is the ministry which God in His mercy has given us and nothing can daunt us. We have set our faces against all shameful secret practices; we use no clever tricks, no dishonest manipulation of the Word of God. We speak the plain truth and so commend ourselves to every person's conscience in the sight of God..."

2 Corinthians 4:1,2,5 (JBP)

For the sake of the women who are pregnant and working we have opened 11 extra hours per week. We are now open two evenings and extended hours on Monday from 4-6pm to 10-6pm. We also extended Tuesdays from 10-2pm to 10-6pm. We have a volunteer doctor who will work Saturdays. We therefore perform ultrasounds six days per week now.

The summer was spent training

new staff and

volunteers. We soon will launch our "Whole Parents Program", a 12-Step

Program for women who are single

parents

whose lives are "out of control".

They are generally living a promiscuous lifestyle and may be experiencing another pregnancy which they have decided to carry to term. They simply do not know how to stop the out of control behavior which has become a pattern. We will offer this program once a week and women will receive "*1st Way Bucks*," a voucher to "purchase" practical goods like baby diapers and clothing, as incentive for attendance. We will provide breakout sessions afterwards to introduce them to the Gospel, parenting education, practical living skills and prenatal information.



Last year at this time we provided ultrasound scans to between six and ten women per month, eight hours per week. These were women who were abortion vulnerable and 90% decided to carry their baby to term. We now offer ultrasound scans 28 hours per week including Saturdays beginning September 8th. We performed 34 ultrasounds in June and 23 ultrasounds in July.

This year we will see more than 350 abortion minded women and teens. Based on our current statistics, 315 or so will carry their baby to term. This is a very big increase in the number of women we have historically seen.

We need your prayers, as always. But more than anything, we want you to know that at *1st Way*, the women who see us trust us, and know that we care about them. We will not be 'daunted' then by our task; it is faith, strength and an experience of love that our volunteers offer these women that makes the difference.

So, please know that this important work is ongoing and we welcome you and your friends to come here and see the place where God's miracles take place, EVERY DAY!!

Blessings,  
Kay Allen  
Executive Director

*"Why should we not put our Trust in a loving God; for Him ALL things are possible."*



**IDEA: HAVE A  
BABY SHOWER FOR 1ST WAY!  
CALL FOR DETAILS 602-261-  
7522**

**Thank You to the following  
groups for their generosity:**

♦ **Parishes who helped in our  
summer drive for baby supplies, St.  
Clare of Assisi, Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help, St. Francis Xavier,  
Holy Cross, parishioners from St.  
Simon and Jude and St. Bridgett's.**  
♦ **Perryville Prison Sewing  
Ministry, Deacon Chuck and Sandy  
Shaw sponsors.**

***Through Our Doors***

The first day that we extended our hours, a sidewalk counselor from an abortion clinic around the corner from *1st Way* brought in an abortion client who had left the clinic in despair deciding against her abortion. We counseled her and gave her an ultrasound scan. After overwhelming panic, dejection and desperation, she finally asked us, "Can you help me find a doctor?" These are the sweetest words we can hear a woman say here at the center. With only a little compassion and love, a woman's heart was changed and her soul saved **along with her baby.**

***A bouquet to our faithful donors  
in JULY!***



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**And:**

**Those who gave to *1st Way* in honor  
of Peter and Cynthia Lemieux's  
Anniversary:**

- ★ **Skotak Company Inc.**
- ★ **Grace Soderberg**
- ★ **Robert Bullock**



**SAVE THE DATE!**



***1st Way's 35TH  
Anniversary &  
Annual Fundraising  
Banquet:***

**Sat. October 27th at  
the Wyndham Inn  
Phoenix, 50 E.**

**Adams. You can  
help in three ways:**

1. Please pray for  
the success of our

banquet,

2. Consider underwriting  
some of the cost of the  
evening,

3. Consider serving as a  
Table Captain, who invites  
others to share in our work  
at the event. Call Debbie  
Accomazzo at (602) 261-  
7522 for more information.

***1st Way of Maricopa County, Inc. is  
a non-profit organization that  
operates a pregnancy support center.***

The Mission of **1st Way** is to provide education and assistance to any woman or teen who is pregnant or thinks she may be. This is accomplished through the free, loving, and non-judgmental provision of information, counseling, and practical services.

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large.

*May God help us follow the  
law of love and so become the  
"aroma of life."*