



Pregnancy CHOICES

Where Minnesota Is Now LEADING THE NATION



MN House Photography file photo

On May 22, the last day of Minnesota's 2023 legislative session, both the Senate and House passed a newly revised health omnibus bill. Governor Walz signed it into law within a short time.

This bill repealed a law that provided lifesaving care for infants born alive from abortion – a law that saved the lives of five babies born in 2021.

In addition, the new law repealed the Positive Alternatives to Abortion Grant program that provided

alternatives to abortion for pregnant women in need. **The result for Pregnancy Choices is a \$181,000 funding loss, effective July 1, 2023.**

This funding loss will have an immediate and profound effect on the women and men served at Pregnancy Choices and the wrap around care we provide that is needed to move families from surviving to thriving.

In just five months the landscape of abortion in Minnesota has dramatically changed.

Minnesota Now Leads The Nation In Abortion Access & Acceptability

And yet, there is hope. **Now, more than ever, we lean on YOU, our Partners in the Mission, as we move forward and continue this work.**

\$181,000

Funding Loss

25%

Of Our Budget

Effective

July 1, 2023

We choose to be Partners in the Mission with Pregnancy Choices because it's a critical part of respect for life. Their wonderful life coaching program for mothers and fathers gives the support needed to bring a child through pregnancy to birth. We've seen this individualized support be the key to a successful outcome.

~Jim & Julie Gasper, Partners in the Mission

Partners *in the* MISSION

Giving Monthly

Ongoing, monthly giving will help us close our funding gap. **Your ongoing support provides sustainability and ensures we are here EVERY DAY** to support women and men at a decision point in their pregnancy.

To begin monthly giving use this QR code or contact Becky at 612-812-9110 or development@mypregnancychoices.com



Thank YOU!

Why We All Still Need The Village

LYNESHA CARON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When I heard the African proverb, **"It takes a village to raise a child"** last week, it resonated more deeply with me than ever before. Life's stresses and hardships and the deep sense of loneliness and isolation so many are experiencing shine light on the importance of community. We were never meant to *do life* by ourselves. We need each other.

Imagine adding an unexpected pregnancy to the mix. We witness the hunger and need for community daily, as women and men share their life stories at Pregnancy Choices. A village is sorely needed.

We step into this gap, offering presence, support, and love. We share a part of each client's pregnancy journey and become an essential part of their village as they do of ours. Because we come together, life can be shared, and we are ALL better for it.

YOU, our Partners in the Mission, are a vital part of our village. Thank you for stepping into this gap with us.

We Celebrate, We Honor, We Remember

We are grateful for the generosity that our *Partners in the Mission* share to celebrate, honor, and remember these lives and their impact in the world.

Anne Ames, Evelyn Jensen, Patricia Mudoy, Ted Northwick, Doug & Ann Yetzer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wine & Cheese at the Center. Come for conversation and a tour. Learn how you're making an impact! July 12, 5:30–7:30pm

Gala Gatherings

Sept 24, 25, & 28 and Oct 2 & 5

To register for these upcoming events call Becky at 612-812-9110 or email development@mypregnancychoices.com

A COMMUNITY IS BORN



Life Coach, Julie Johnson with Amara's baby

A Celebration of MOTHERHOOD

Amara* immigrated on her own. It was challenging without a support network and very lonely. She was three months pregnant when she first came to Pregnancy Choices. Her isolation made her question her decision to have her baby. It wasn't that she didn't want the baby – she just didn't know how she could do it by herself.

Amara began life coaching and, in May, joined 54 other women at our Celebration of Motherhood luncheon. She and her beautiful eight-week-old daughter were soon invited to celebrate Mother's Day with another family – they became part of a village!

No one is meant to *do life* alone. Because of you, our clients do not have to walk this part of their journey on their own. **Because of YOU, they have a place where they belong.**

We Support LIVES

Community Partners Provide Resources

YOU Make it all possible

I keep reaching out to you because you are the only one who is listening – the only one who seems to care.

~Jordan, Fatherhood Client

Grillin' for Good Fathers

Jordan* is one of 142 men who came to Pregnancy Choices in 2022 and he is doing everything in his power to be a good father. Unfortunately, his is not a unique story. The men we serve tell us time and time again that they lack the support they need.

Over 50 men came to our June *Grillin' for Good Fathers* event to intentionally focus on fatherhood, celebrate the recent graduates of our Good Father Program, and join in community and connection. Men of all ages came together with the shared goal of becoming stronger fathers.

*Names changed to protect privacy.

Our Village Grows

Our community partners have never been more important to our mission to support our clients. The resources they provide make the difference between surviving and thriving. **Together** we are ALL better.

Because of our community partners:

- A client's car radiator was replaced and paid for before her vehicle could be impounded.
- A client moving out of a shelter received home furnishings for her new apartment.
- A family sleeping on the floor now has beds.
- A gap in rent was covered when a client cared for her daughter in the hospital.

