

Celebration of Life Banquet 2015

"Thank you" to all who were able to attend this year's Celebration of Life banquet on April 23rd. This year, over 1,200 friends and supporters gathered to hear from our clients, our Executive Director Tom Shevlot and a phenomenal speech delivered by Lt. Col. Oliver North.



Lt. Col. Oliver L. North



Pete Heck

Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Pete Heck, who has a radio program on WIBC, in addition to being a teacher. He kept the evening on time and did a wonderful job in keeping the program rolling smoothly.

This year's banquet was successful in a number of different ways. We had over

200 individuals who were first time attenders of a Life Centers banquet and much of the production cost was gifted in-kind by Deb and Michael Roccaforte through their company Forte.



Additionally, this was the most financially successful banquet than we have had in over a decade, due to the generous donations received that evening. This not only will strengthen our balance sheet, which is a very important element to charity rating firms such as Charity Navigator, but these funds will help us broaden our service levels to reach even more women and families who are in need of the services we provide.

Work is already underway for next year's banquet. If you were unable to make this year's banquet, you can go to www.LifeCenters.com to see pictures and watch the two videos that were shown.



Life Centers Executive Director Tom Shevlot and Lt. Col. Oliver L. North

Life Centers Executive Director Tom Shevlot

A challenge was set and needs were answered!



Courtney Jones singing God Bless America (top right)



Lt. Col. Oliver L. North signing books (right)



Center Spotlight



Lucy Urban

Since it opened in early 2006, the Northeast Center has been a busy beacon of hope and compassion.

Lucy Urban has been on staff for 10 years and serves as the Northeast center director.

On Friday June 12th, several men from East 91st Christian Church and Northview volunteered their time and joined Life Centers' Executive Director, Tom Shevlot, in landscaping the Northeast Center. The project included creating new mulch beds and planting new plants. Thank you to all who participated in beautifying one of our locations!

2015 Northeast Center Stats

			
384 distinct clients	160 support services	15 spiritual decisions	7 babies saved



Northeast Center
7968 Pendleton Pike,
Indianapolis, IN 46226



Before



After



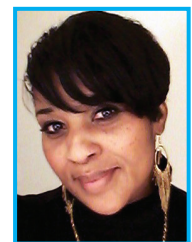
Board Member Spotlight

When you meet Life Centers board member Sally Thompson, you are struck by two things: her passion and her joy. Sally has served on the Life Centers board for over three years and is a tireless advocate for life.

In 2003, Sally participated in Life Centers' post-abortion ministry called GRACE (God's Real Acceptance, Compassion, and Encouragement). Through the bible study that was part of GRACE, God set Sally free from the guilt, shame, secrecy and depression caused by an abortion she had several years earlier. Wanting to help others facing pregnancy decisions and consequences of abortion, she began volunteering and eventually accepted a position as Director of the West Center of Life Centers.

Over the three years she served as the director of the busy center, Sally noticed that many of the abortion-minded young women who were coming through the doors were identifying themselves as Christians and attending church. As God placed a growing burden on her heart for these women, she began to speak to local pastors and provide them with training

and resources on speaking to their congregation about life issues. This provided the foundation for Urban Life Matters, an organization that Sally created to bring awareness, facilitate healing, and bring back the value of life from abortions into the urban communities across the nation.



Sally Thompson

Sally also served as the first Urban Outreach Director of Indiana Right to Life to take the truth about the impact of abortion on the urban community to pastors and community leaders throughout Indiana.

Today, besides serving as President of Urban Life Matters, Sally is still active in ministry. She continues to help facilitate the GRACE ministry at Life Centers, serves on the Life Centers' Board of Directors, speaks on abortion at churches across the country, has testified in legislative sessions regarding life issues in Indiana and Ohio, appeared on national TV broadcasts and much more.

Sally lives in Indianapolis with her husband Benjamin Thompson, a minister and worship leader at local churches.

Ministry Partner



*I lift up my eyes to
the hills. From where
does my help come?
My help comes from
the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2

When you hear the term “human trafficking”, you may think of it taking place in a foreign, impoverished country. But it is also a problem here in the United States and in Indiana for that matter. Vulnerable youth are often targeted by traffickers who attempt to exploit them by playing the role of the absentee parent or boyfriend. Once pulled into this world, the victim feels stuck due to fear, shame, confusion, stigma, and lack of resources.

In the course of our ministry, Life Centers has come across possible cases of human trafficking and is proud to partner with Ascent 121 to help these victims. Ascent 121 aims to break the cycle of victims

returning to their exploiters by restoring hope and helping each individual to embrace her inherent worth and value. Their programs are designed to counter the dynamics and culture of sexual slavery so that victims may experience empowerment, restored sense of self, and ultimate freedom.

Working with Lutheran Child & Family Services of Kentucky and Indiana and Community Hospital, and in coordination with the Department of Child Services, Ascent 121 developed the Impact Program. Impact is an eleven-bed unit that offers specialized evaluation and treatment for runaways that have a history of prostitution or exploitation. This includes a comprehensive psychological evaluation, residency, intensive therapy, and coordinated case management.

In addition to caring for victims, Ascent 121 offers human trafficking an awareness to local organizations, ministries and government employees in the juvenile justice system.

**For more information about Ascent 121,
please visit ascent121.org.**

Continuing updates in 2015

In 2014, Grace Church in Noblesville blessed Life Centers by funding the complete overhaul of both our donor and client websites. They look spectacular! Our clients are now able to make appointments directly from www.PregnancyChoicesIndy.com which is a vast improvement.

In our continuing effort to draw more women to our centers, we are turning our focus to their exterior appearance. Currently, none of our pregnancy centers are branded in any consistent manner. In fact, we still have one center branded as “Crisis Pregnancy Center”, a name we have not used since 2008.

We submitted another grant application to Grace to help replace our signage to one consistent theme, color and name. Our prayers were answered yet again, and we were awarded 80% of the total cost to redo the exterior signage for our centers. We have selected a vendor and anticipate work to begin shortly. Our hope is that we will complete at least our five Marion County centers by the end of 2015.

We were hopeful to begin relocation of our Hendricks County center to Plainfield beginning in early June but were met with very disappointing news that the landlord of the location we had targeted, chose not to lease to us. In his words, it was because of our “intended use”. However, we know our God is powerful and will open another door for us to continue His work in a more robust way in Hendricks County.

On behalf of the staff and the hundreds of volunteers we have, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for believing in us and in this important ministry that is changing hearts and saving children from abortion right here in our community.

Tom Shevlot
Executive Director



Life Centers' goal is to
save babies from abortion and
transform the **lives** of their mothers.

July Ministry Update



Ministry Stats: January – May 2015

So far in 2015, we have seen **2,773** different women in our centers. Often they had multiple visits, and our total number of free services are over **9,201**. These services include pregnancy tests, peer counseling, helpline calls, maternity support services, post-abortion counseling and **137** ultrasound exams. **77** women that told us they were strongly considering an abortion, decided to give life to their child. Also this year, **83** women and men chose to respond to our counseling by giving their lives to Christ.



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