

First Care Women's Clinic

For a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

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From the Director

LORI PARKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What the past few months have taught me is to be resilient. I grab my mask and hand sanitizer without even thinking about it now. One day when I gathered with my family at a nearby lake, I realized how much my life had changed. It was one of those fleeting moments that took me back to what used to be normal – before the masks and social distancing. The joy of that memory was also mixed with sadness for the time that had been lost.

I cannot say that I have lost my comforts because I haven't, but I am more determined than ever to be spiritually strong enough to serve God even if I do. I realize that the real measure of my faith is not serving Him in the best of times but in the worst of times.

First Care Women's Clinic has demonstrated to me what Christians are supposed to do in a time of crisis – we are to keep going. Those of us serving at the center are keenly aware of how bad situations only get worse during a crisis. People are losing their jobs, unable to pay their bills, uncertain about their futures and afraid. Pregnant women are much more likely to choose abortion now than ever before. **Despite the pandemic, our doors have been open. We continue to stand on the front lines to provide hope to a growing number of abortion-minded women.** First Care Women's Clinic 615 Roswell Street Marietta, GA 30060 www.CPSFriends.org 770-590-9361



Staff and volunteers will "Walk for Life" on October 8, 2020

We are the first responders, the front-liners, the essential workers during a time of crisis. In the midst of a pandemic, over 200 women uncertain about their pregnancies have chosen life for their children because we are here.

Charitable donations have declined for most non-profits and FCWC is no different. When we were not able to have a physical fundraising banquet in April, we appealed to you to give and you gave! Your financial support makes it possible for FCWC to keep our doors open. Without you, women facing unplanned pregnancies would not have a medical facility to go to that offered hope.

In years past, hundreds of people participated in our annual fall Walk for Life fundraiser.

This year, to prevent the spread of COVID, only our staff and some of our volunteers will walk to Planned Parenthood and pray on Thursday, October 8th. Despite being unable to join us, we are asking you to financially support our effort as faithfully as you have in the past.

It is a tragedy that 172,000 people have died from COVID-19 in the United States but there is another casualty of the virus. When abortion statistics for 2020 are gathered I fear that the loss of unborn children will be an even greater casualty.

Please support LIFE by completing the enclosed form and sponsoring the FCWC staff and volunteers as we walk for life. Our community needs FCWC and FCWC needs YOU!

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Galatians 6:9



Medical Staff Changes

A big "Thank you" to Wendi Hill for her passion for our ministry for over 14 years. You will be missed greatly. You have built up those around you, encouraged, and been a light to all that have had the pleasure to be in your company. We are praying that you and Rusty enjoy your retirement adventures, and get plenty of time with family and in nature.

Hannah Smith has joined First Care, and is taking the place of Wendi as the Nurse Manager. Hannah has been a volunteer for the last several years, and is coming to us after finishing her Nurse Practitioner schooling. Hannah's training and experience leads us toward being able to offer more medical services to our clients. As an advanced-practice registered nurse she is able to order and interpret diagnostic and laboratory tests, diagnose disease, formulate and prescribe treatment plans. More services mean we are able to reach more to save more!

Elleta Benn and Sabrina Reyes join us as part time sonographers. They will help further our mission by providing our clients a window to the womb.

We are excited to welcome them to our team!



PRAISE - A CLIENT STORY

Economic instability has affected so many families and none worse than those who were barely getting by. Maria came to us for a pregnancy test with the intention to have an abortion. Normally, her situation is not typical for abortion minded women - she had been happily married for over 8 years to a hardworking man who supported his family. They welcomed their first child 6 months ago. COVID changed everything. Her husband lost his job and they have not been able to pay their bills. Finding out that she was pregnant made her burdens unbearable. Even her husband felt that abortion was best under the circumstances. After meeting with us and seeing her baby's image during ultrasound, Maria was much more hopeful about their future. First Care Women's Clinic provided her family with our resources and those of help agencies in the community. They have chosen life for their unborn child who is due in November! What Maria and her husband needed most was HOPE. She found it at First Care Women's Clinic.

Introducing

Truck to Trunk!



Our mission is to reduce abortion by giving women support and the information they need to choose life. Many of our clients are hurting financially so we were thrilled to hear about a new USDA initiative called Farm to Family .

The USDA is partnering with farmers, ranchers, and specialty crop producers, to distribute fresh and wholesome food during the COVID-19 national emergency and we are going to be a distributor! This means that we will be able to give over 250 boxes of fresh meat and produce to our clients on a weekly basis.

We are working with other churches to be a distribution hub for their communities as well. If your church is interested in volunteering to help, or becoming a distributor yourself, call 770-590-9361.

NEEDS OF THE CENTER

- Diapers - Size 4 and 5**
- Baby Wipes**
- 4 oz and 8 oz Baby Bottles**
- Gently used bassinets or pack-n-play**
- Teething Rings**
- Thermometers**
- Bib and Burp Cloths**