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ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

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with special guest **DAVID BEREIT**Founder and Former CEO of 40 Days for Life

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THE PAIN OF GUILT AND THE POWER OF REGRET BRENT LAMBERT

Founder & CEO

There are many memories that I have of my one and only grandmother, Una Deatherage. She became a widow before I was born and she never remarried. For many years she remained fiercely independent, doing remarkable things on her own. Eventually, though, she did have to depend more and more on her grandkids to help her.

Grandmother kept a quilting frame hung from her ceiling most of the time and would quilt for her family. As she got older and her eyesight began to fail she had trouble threading the needles, but she could still visualize the patterns on the quilt. So when I would visit she would ask me to thread 10 or more needles with long pieces of thread for her so that she could quilt until another younger set of eyes would visit and do the same. She would take the threaded needles and start them on the pattern and then lookup to give her eyes a rest as her fingers magically followed the pattern she knew so well.

This was a woman who would plant her garden by poking holes in the dirt with her walking cane and dropping seeds into the hole when she could no longer bend down anymore due to her arthritis. I have nothing but fond memories and respect for this amazing woman.

When Birth Choice first opened almost 31 years ago, our few staff and volunteers had to literally do everything ourselves - from meeting with the clients, repairing plumbing and electrical problems, to putting on all our big fundraising events. After these many years we now have many people who come along side us and help, freeing us up to concentrate on reaching more and more women with the truth about their unborn babies as well as the truth of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

Just as my grandmother could not have created her works of art without our help, we cannot protect God's works of art – precious unborn babies - without YOUR help! Grandmother's quilts were a heritage that she



could leave her family knowing that as long as those quilts survived she would be remembered. While most of her quilts are now gone, she will always be with me in my memories. Not because of her gifts to me, but because of the character of the woman who loved us so. Your help will always be remembered and not just because of what you do for us and God's unborn children. It's also for the character in which you all lovingly support and believe in what we do. Thank you.

2020 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

APRIL 30, 2020 AT 6:00 PM, NORTHSIDE CHURCH Benefiting Jackson and Gibson County Clinics



Over the past year our ministry has been overwhelmed by God's faithfulness. He has done "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Eph. 3:20, NIV). When generous believers and churches – God's people – rally together to support life in our community, God is greatly magnified!

We would like to invite you to continue supporting life in Madison and Gibson Counties by joining us for our 25th annual fundraising banquet.

Our special speaker is David Bereit, Founder and former CEO of 40 Days for Life. 40 Days for Life is a movement that mobilizes people to pray in front of abortion clinics around the world. To date, 16,742 lives have been saved, 104 abortion clinics closed, and 196 abortion workers quit as a result of 40 Days for Life's work. Today, David is a passionate speaker, author, and media spokesperson and advises many pro-life leaders and organizations. David lives near Washington, DC with his family.

Our dinner is complimentary, but please keep in mind that this is our largest fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 that night. We hope you will make plans to attend and give so that Christ may be glorified through the church "throughout all generations" (Eph. 3:21. NIV).

Seating will begin at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM at Hope Hall in Northside Church (formerly Northside United Methodist). Please RSVP by April 9th. For individual reservations or for tables of eight, visit birthchoice.biz or contact Tiffany at tiffany@birthchoice.us or 73I-453-8I59. Because of limited seating, we respectfully ask that you do not bring children.

CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

(for Madison and Gibson Counties) Begins on Mother's Day, May 10th and ends on Father's Day, June 21st.

Time to start saving spare change to save lives and change hearts! If your church is among the many around West TN that participate, just pick up your baby bottle on Mother's Day and take it home to fill with change. Please mark your planners to bring your bottles back to church on Father's Day. If you forget to drop it off (No shame; it can happen to anyone!), please contact your church's liaison or Tiffany about returning it. Even if it is empty, we can always use more bottles!

If your church does not participate but might be interested, please contact Tiffany at 731-453-8159 or email tiffany@birthchoice.us.

SAVE THE DATE!

EASTER MEAT SALE: We will be taking meat orders from March 19th to April 8th at birthchoice. biz. Pickup is April 10th, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Birth Choice in Jackson.

FATHER-DAUGHTER BALL: June 20th at Fellowship Bible Church in Jackson

WALK FOR LIFE: October 3rd at West Jackson Baptist Church



FROM THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER CLIENT ADVOCATE

STEPHANIE YOUNG *Client Advocate with our Jackson Clinic*

Two years ago I felt the Lord stirring my heart to begin something new for Him. As a stay-at-home mom of three little girls, I didn't get out much. I knew that as a follower of Jesus, I was commanded to "Go and make disciples" (Matt. 28:19). In my current life situation, though, I wasn't sure how to obey His commission. As I was praying for direction, I heard in church that Birth Choice was seeking more Client Advocates. In that moment, I knew what God was calling me to do.

Now, my Monday evenings are spent at Birth Choice. I arrive each week anticipating the sweet fellowship I have with the other ladies who work there. We support and pray for one another, and enjoy mutual encouragement in both our service at Birth Choice and in our personal lives. I also arrive anticipating the client I will be meeting. I am thankful for each precious woman that God ordains to cross my path in a cozy room, where we will discuss difficult situations and the hope offered to her through Jesus. Every woman who enters Birth Choice hears not only about the value of the life of the child she is carrying, but about life abundant through Christ.

I am truly honored to serve this ministry that God is using mightily in Jackson to save the lives of precious babies and to love and offer hope to their mothers on His behalf.



FROM THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER NURSE LENILE SARGENT, RN

Ultrasound Nurse with our Gibson County Clinic

After a 35-year career in nursing, the bulk of which was spent in obstetrics, I retired in September 2018. I wanted to use that experience in the best way I could imagine and that was to volunteer at Birth Choice. Towards the end of the Client Advocate/Nurse training Kelly mentioned that they needed a nurse in Trenton. It was at that point that I heard the Holy Spirit say to me "Go where you are needed." I told Kelly I would go to the Gibson County office and have been here ever since. In the past I have had patients who have used abortion for birth control, girls whose mothers or other family members were forcing them to abort when they didn't want to and I couldn't say out loud in that environment how I felt about abortion. Here at Birth Choice I hope I can make a difference.

FROM THE HEARTS OF OUR CLIENTS

"When I first came here I was considering an abortion, but [after seeing the ultrasound] now I want to parent my child."

"I love that everyone is respectful and does not judge you." This very abortion-determined woman changed her mind from abortion and chose life for her baby. When our clients leave our office they are asked to fill out an exit survey. These are several comments they shared:

⁴⁴I love that my nurse made me and my husband feel very comfortable and explained everything. I appreciate most of all the prayers.³⁹

⁴⁴It made me happy to see my baby moving. Birth Choice has been very helpful.³³ This woman was considering abortion but changed her mind and chose life!!



This young woman changed her mind about abortion and chose life for her baby: "Seeing my baby for the first time [on ultrasound] made my heart melt...[I plan] to keep my baby...."

MOBILE UNIT ARRIVES! KATY SIMPSON Mobile Medical Director



After years of dreaming, months of praying, and weeks of waiting, it is finally here! Meet Birth Choice's newest location on wheels. If you have been around our ministry over the past year, you have likely heard about our new Mobile Medical Unit. The MMU comes to us from a wonderful organization, Save the Storks. This organization creates small buses that are fully equipped pregnancy clinics – complete with a

bathroom for pregnancy testing and access to ultrasound. Our very own Storks Bus will award us the opportunity to reach 3 counties in West TN who out of all 95 TN counties rank 3rd, 4th, and 5th in abortions per capita. You read that correctly. Fayette county ranks 5th, Haywood ranks 4th, and Hardeman ranks 3rd. These staggering statistics are in our own backyard and we are ready to do something about it!

We were able to celebrate the MMU's arrival on Saturday, January 25th with many of you in attendance. And what





a special day that was! So special in fact, that we saw our "first client" for the MMU. After the bus arrived, an abortion vulnerable woman pulled up in the parking lot asking if we could help her. She saw the large decal on the bus and thought we were giving ultrasounds that day. We had to explain that unfortunately we weren't quite ready to take appointments aboard, but that we would be more than happy to help her on Monday in our Jackson location. We can already see what a huge impact the MMU will have on West Tennessee. God is moving and we look forward to traveling on the road ahead as He leads!



VOLUNTEER CLIENT ADVOCATE TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN HAYWOOD, FAYETTE, OR HARDEMAN COUNTIES Are you interested in serving as a Client Advocate on our Mobile Unit when it comes to YOUR county? Would you be willing to volunteer two 6-hour days each month to help save the lives of unborn children? Then Birth Choice needs you when our mobile unit is in YOUR area!

The one-day training will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Birth Choice of Jackson. We are located at 391 Wallace Road, Jackson, TN 38305. If you're interested and/or have questions, please email Katy Simpson at katy@ birthchoice.us.



SPRING TRAINING SEMINAR

for New Volunteer Client Advocates and Nurses

Just three or four hours of your time once a week can make a difference between life and death for an unborn child. Our spring training dates will be:

Our spring training dates will be May 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 28th Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

It's important for you to attend all sessions if possible. (Dates are for both the Jackson and Gibson County Locations)

Request an application today! Contact our Clinic Directors: in Jackson, Chris Veteto at chris@birthchoice.us in Gibson County, Kelly Wall at Kelly@birthchoice.us

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WHAT A GREAT WAY TO HELP BIRTH CHOICE SAVE LIVES!

Tennessee's official, state-authorized "Choose Life" specialty license plates are available at your county clerk's office and can be purchased at a prorated cost regardless of your normal plate renewal date!

Each quarter, Birth Choice will receive a portion of the proceeds raised by the sale of "choose life" license plates! Those donations will grow and grow as pro-life Tennesseans show their support.

When you purchase the "Choose Life" specialty plate, you will support the choice of life in two ways:



• First, you're telling everyone who follows you down the highway that you "Choose Life" and they should, too!

• Secondly, the proceeds from the Choose Life plate are used to provide support and assistance to women and families facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies.

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FROM THE HEART OF A PASTOR

The Bible has always recognized life in the womb as human life. The liberals and the legal courts of our day define a baby as a baby only when it is wanted by its mother. If the baby is not wanted, it is defined as a "fetus." While in his mother's womb, God says He knew Jeremiah. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit while in his mother's womb. Psalm 139 says we are all fearfully and wonderfully made! We are designed by God in every intricate detail-and-knitted together in our mother's womb.

One night I had a dream. I was standing on a platform above the earth. To my left there was a long elevator belt from the earth bringing babies to my platform. I gave each of them a hug, turned and placed them on another elevator belt that extended upward into heaven. I awoke very troubled and upset by this and wondered what it meant. I sensed God revealing to me that the babies were aborted babies and I had the privilege to love them on their way up to heaven.

One of the greatest innovations to help open the eyes of the mother carrying an unexpected baby is the technology of ultrasound. The Birth Choice Mobile Medical Unit, which is coming soon to Hardeman, Haywood, and Fayette Counties, has an ultrasound machine right on board! This unit enables a young mom to see that she is not carrying a blob of cells, but a baby...her baby. I am challenging pastors to personally pray for Birth Choice, to preach pro-life messages to educate their people, to publicize the mobile ultrasound, and to give financially. Thanks!

OFFICE HOURS

JACKSON: MON., TUES., & THURS. - 9a.m. - 8p.m. WED. - 9a.m. - 4a.m. FRI - 9a.m. - 1p.m.

GIBSON COUNTY:

MON. - 9a.m. - 6:30p.m. TUES. - 9a.m.-7:30p.m. THURS. - 9a.m.-2p.m.

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Thank you, Birth Choice, for helping my mommy!

FROM A BIRTH CHOICE CLIENT:

"God bless you in all you are doing [at Birth Choice] on behalf of the voiceless. Babies are alive though they can't speak...."