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**WOMEN'S**  
RESOURCE CENTER  
*Inspiring Life*

# 2019: A Year of Growth

Bringing awareness to our community and watching God's outpouring of provision

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2019 has been quite a year for the Women's Resource Center in Athens! Our leadership has been dedicated to raising awareness of the Center and the pregnancy and parenting needs of our community, and God has provided an increase in volunteers, monetary gifts, material gifts, and much more. We are so thankful to everyone who partners with the Center and look forward to a wonderful 2020!

During 2019, the Women's Resource Center served **168 clients**, hosted **427 educational courses**, and performed **74 ultrasounds**; all of these numbers *doubled* from the previous year!

We have partnered with other organizations in the Athens/Limestone community and made 227 documented referrals to outside organizations such as the Family Resource Center, L.C.C.I., and Crisis Services of North Alabama, among others.

In 2019, the Center was able to extend Tuesday hours from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm, thanks to more client advocate volunteers. We have also added a third day for free ultrasound screenings with the addition of another volunteer nurse and nurse practitioner with the required ultrasound training. Another answered prayer during 2019 was the addition of 4 male advocates to walk with fathers through educational courses and parenting/family related decisions. God is so good!

The Alabama Department of Public Health produces a yearly report of abortion procedures by Alabama residents. The latest report is from the year 2017, with 23% of Alabama abortions being performed in Huntsville. The life-saving mission of the Women's Resource Center in Athens is to assist women and their families as they face difficult life circumstances in the midst of pregnancy, and point them to God, the Giver of Life, as we encourage them to choose life for their unborn child and assist them through their pregnancy, birth, and into parenting.

Every gift you give, every hour you serve, and every prayer you lift up matters to our mission, and we are thankful for everything!

## 2019 Annual Fundraising Banquet

Our 2019 Annual Fundraising Banquet was amazing! To everyone who contributed in some way to the success of our 2019 Fundraising Banquet, THANK YOU! The evening was wonderful, and we owe it all to the volunteers, the underwriters, the banquet planning team led by Sheila Nichols, Executive Director Brooke Thompson, Client Services Director Susan Pugh, and most importantly, the community of Athens/Limestone County who showed up and showed out with financial pledges that will sustain and grow our ministry for another year. There were over 375 in attendance this year, with \$55,780 in financial pledges and donations that will go directly to accomplishing the mission to inspire, encourage, and empower women and their families to make life-affirming choices before, during, and after pregnancy. What a blessing this has been, and God has continued to stretch our faith and grow the Women's Resource Center; we are looking forward to seeing what He has in store in the coming months!



Women's Resource Center  
Annual Fundraising Banquet

**Save the Date!**  
**August 13, 2020**

## A Huge Thank You to our Banquet Underwriters!

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Trotter



## Convoy for Kids

The Women's Resource Center had a great time at Convoy for Kids this October! We were able to connect with so many families from our community. We gave away diapers, clothing, educational resources, and information about the Center. We are excited to be able to bring awareness to the important work being done here.



## Christmas Open House

Here at the Women's Resource Center we were bursting with Christmas spirit as we kicked off our Christmas Celebration in December. We gave away diapers, baby food, infant clothing, large baby items, Christmas drinks and goodies, and more. We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the 2019 Christmas season of giving as we recognized the great gift God has given us in Christ Jesus, and we shared His love with all those who came by the Resource Center this Christmas!



## Welcome Sheila Nichols!

Sheila Nichols joined our team as Advancement Director for the Women's Resource Center in January. Sheila was one of the first volunteers at the inception of the WRC and served for 10 years. Beginning in 2020, her job will be to develop relationships within the community, plan and coordinate fundraising efforts, and advance philanthropic support to meet the ongoing needs of the center. We are so excited to have Sheila on board!



## A Life of Service to the Lord: Lil Jung • April 5, 1928 - December 26, 2019



In December, we celebrated the life of one of our volunteers, Lil Jung. At 91 years young, Ms. Lil faithfully served every Thursday at the front desk taking calls, welcoming clients, and writing thank you notes. Most importantly, she was a prayer warrior. She served as the prayer director for our 2019 Banquet. She loved Jesus Christ and the opportunity to love on the community here at the WRC. She was a godly woman and a faithful servant all the way to the end. We miss her dearly and are honored for her dedication to serve with us at the Women's Resource Center.

## Top WRC Needs:

- diapers - We can always use diapers of any size, but we also specifically need *Huggies* brand size 2, any brand size 4-6, and *Pull Ups*/training diapers of various sizes.
- \$25 Walmart gift cards for clients
- small size maternity clothes (Spring)
- baby shampoo, lotion, and other bathing supplies
- baby wipes (standard size packages)



But do not forget to do good and to share,  
for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

*Hebrews 13:16*

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## Volunteer/Give

At the WRC there is something for each member of the family, from pregnancy classes to parenting information, infant/toddler clothing and practical fatherhood courses. With so much to offer, we also have many areas in which you can contribute! You can volunteer as a client advocate, enter data, clean/organize donations and spaces, serve on our Annual Banquet team, serve at the front desk, host a fundraiser at your church, and more. Every contribution to this ministry is appreciated! **Contact us to see how you can use your gifts and talents to serve the community through the Women's Resource Center.**

### Monetary Contribution Opportunities:

- **Baby Bottle Drive:** Visit [wrcathens.org/baby-bottles](http://wrcathens.org/baby-bottles) for information on how you can collect change to help the Women's Resource Center provide help, hope, and healing to people in our area affected by unplanned pregnancy or family related crisis.
- **Direct Contribution:** mail check to Women's Resource Center, P.O. Box 803, Athens, AL 35612 **OR** visit [wrcathens.org/donate](http://wrcathens.org/donate) to give online.
- **AmazonSmile:** Select the Women's Resource Center in Athens as your organization to donate 0.5% of your qualifying Amazon purchases. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose "Sav A Life of Limestone County Inc" as your charity.



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- **Choose Life Car Tag:** When you purchase a Choose Life Alabama license plate, a donation is made to the Women's Resource Center in Athens. Find out more at [chooselifelabama.org](http://chooselifelabama.org).



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### Hours of Operation:

Monday: 9a - 1p | Tuesday: 9a - 5p | Wednesday: 9a - 1p | Thursday: 9a - 1p

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The Women's Resource Center (a ministry of Sav-A-Life) in Athens, Alabama exists to inspire, encourage, and empower women and their families to make life-affirming choices before, during, and after pregnancy. Thank you for partnering with us in this life saving ministry! Sign up for digital newsletters at "[wrcathens.org/get-involved](http://wrcathens.org/get-involved)".