



Inspiring Life

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Reflections at the WRC

by Brooke Thompson, Executive Director



The 2018 annual fundraising banquet, A New Hope, was a huge success! We would like to thank everyone who attended or served at the banquet—it was a beautiful night filled with inspiring testimonies, hope filled music and challenging messages that left us in awe of all that God has been doing and continues to do at the Women’s Resource Center.



There were over 375 attendees and we raised over \$48,000 in ticket sales, donations and silent auction purchases. We are praising the Lord, as this was a 20% increase from our 2017 banquet.

We had an all-star team of volunteers who served tables, attended to the parking lot and silent auction, ran the audio/visuals, decorated and much, much more. It was an unforgettable night and we could not have done it without such an amazing team.

There were multiple businesses and individuals who donated items for our

silent auction. Many guests participated and were able to bid on items that ranged from vacations and sporting event tickets to handcrafted treasures. The silent auction was a big success.



Recent GMA Dove Award Winner for album of the year, Bradley Walker, was our musical guest while Ryan Dobson, founder of Rebel Parenting and son of Dr. James Dobson, was the keynote speaker.



Bradley Walker

We were challenged and inspired as these two godly men captivated us through song and message. It was truly an honor to have Bradley Walker and Ryan Dobson.



Ryan Dobson

Last year’s banquet was called, A New Hope, a name inspired by the life of Hope Gardner, a precious baby girl who was only with us for a short time but who’s life has made a huge impact for the kingdom for years to come.



A special thank you goes to Judy Gardner and family for a beautiful, life affirming testimony shared that left us praising the Lord for His goodness in the midst of suffering. He truly is a God of hope.

CONVOY OF HOPE

In November we had the opportunity to pass out hundreds of diapers, clothing items, wipes, and information to people in the community at Convoy of Hope, a community wide event held at Swan Creek Park. Hundreds of people came out to receive organic groceries, shoes, spiritual counsel, and much, much more. The WRC provided a baby changing station to assist the many families who attended this free event. This was an amazing outreach here in Limestone County!



The Year in Review

Over the past year at the WRC, we have taken over 120 hotline calls from people needing assistance, referrals, and services offered at the Center. We have administered 84 pregnancy tests with 46 ultrasounds to follow. There have been 213 pregnancy and parenting classes taken by clients and countless donated baby supplies given to families in need. We have been to many churches, schools, and group meetings that have given us the opportunities to speak out with a life-affirming message. Praise God for His work being done at the WRC!



Throughout the year our volunteers have attended multiple training events to better equip us to meet the needs of the women and their families who come through our doors. We are so thankful for each and every one of the volunteers who give of their time each and every week.



Volunteer Appreciation Night

Multiple student teams volunteered their time throughout the year. These young people organized baby clothes and maternity clothes, made welcome bags, deep cleaned the building and did a bit of construction getting ready for our new ultrasound room, all while praying and learning about the ministry here at the Women’s Resource Center.



Student Serve Teams

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Give Financially- Go to wrcathens.org and select the donate tab.

Be Informed- Schedule a tour during the daytime or evening. director@savalifeathens.org

Volunteer Your Time- Contact us to hear about how you can get involved.

Donate Items- Call today to see the current needs.

Center Hours

Monday-	9am-1pm
Tuesday-	9am-5pm
Wednesday-	9am-1pm
Thursday-	9am-1pm
Friday-	CLOSED

Our **Mission** at the Women’s Resource Center is to inspire, encourage and empower women and their families to make life affirming choices before, during and after pregnancy.

Our **Vision** is to be place where all life is cherished, and eternal life is shared.

Please Pray

*Please pray for our clients and their families. We have many who are facing difficult situations and hardships during and after pregnancies. Pray that as we inspire, encourage and empower, we would meet physical needs, and many would come to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To the Ends of the Earth

The Women's Resource Center in Athens is so privileged to be able to partner with a crisis pregnancy center in Serbia, which is in eastern Europe. We believe that our pro-life mission is to the ends of the earth and that includes on foreign soil in places where abortions are extremely common. In February, Susan Pugh, Client Services Director at the WRC, and Amy Wright, former director of the WRC, were able to travel to Serbia to encourage the director and volunteers at the Ze Bebe Center there in Serbia. These women were able to provide tangible support as well as wisdom for the laborers at Ze Bebe. They were able to teach and encourage the pastors and prolife community, which is a very small group (only 2 centers in a country of 8 million people). Our team here in Athens provided our sister center a handmade quilt, handcrafted art, baby clothing, and literature to be translated for clients there, as well as baby bottles to launch their very own baby bottle campaign. Please pray for these missionaries in Serbia and the ongoing prolife work being done there.

Save the Date

August 10, 2019

Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction

with Ashley Bratcher, lead actress
in the movie *Unplanned*

