

LIFE at the Center

2013 Spring



A Place for Women
in Waipio
808-678-3991

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Words from the Executive Director - Sue Skinner

Springing Forward in our vision for 2013... So far much training and planning has been taking place at our center these past few months. We have expanded our teams to five new post abortion recovery facilitators and two Life Advocates. We have launched our Community Life Ambassador Program, Childbirth Education and Men's Post Abortive Recovery Classes. Our Life Advocates have had training in life affirming programs such as Medic CPR & First Aide, Suicide Intervention and Biblical Counseling. We are currently working on advancing our efforts to market our center through print, internet and community relations.

Daily Life in our center consists of counseling women in person or on the phone on various issues such as abortion, adoption, pregnancy or matters of the heart. We have found in our counseling a great need for grief recovery and sexual abuse healing, so we are in the research and development stages for future support groups to be added to our services.

It has blessed us when we receive visitors interested in a tour and seeking information about LIFE. We invite you to come to our center when you are in the area. Please help us get the word out about our center services.

Thank you for your continued support through prayers, baby needs, monthly donations and promoting LIFE!

"...Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it." — Mother Teresa

2013 First Quarter Statistics

Calls Taken:	181
Client Visits:	112
Website Visits:	577
Pregnancy Tests:	7
Ultrasounds:	1
ARBS Participants:	19



Thank you to all who participated in our first fundraising banquet **Life & Liberty**. Because of all of you, we can continue to serve the local community.





Community LIFE- Ambassador: Julia

Community LIFE-Ambassador Program

We are launching our Community LIFE-Ambassador Program. This program is for teens 15 years old and up as well as adults that want to help A Place for Women promote life.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Community LIFE-Ambassador Program is to allow individuals with like values to assist and promote A Place for Women in Waipio (APFW) in order to help families in the community. APFW's goal is to offer the community a place to seek free crisis pregnancy and Biblical counseling. APFW also seeks to help people in the community heal by offering free classes on various topics such as: post abortive healing, grief, sexual abuse, etc.

Possible Duties:

- ❖APFW center presentations at local churches and organizations
- ❖Life table displays at schools and other events
- ❖Blogging for APFW's Hawaii4Life Blog
- ❖APFW fundraising activities

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please call Stacey at 808-678-3991.

POST ABORTIVE RECOVERY CLASSES

We have great news! Our men's post abortive recovery class, Healing a Father's Heart, is up and running. Grant Harrington and Walter Fung stepped up to serve. A Place For Women brought in

Pat Ashburn from the mainland to train our men's team. The

group started in the beginning of March. We look forward to how God will use these men to help other men recover from abortion.



Facilitators: Grant and Walter

Grant tells us that the "men are opening up their hearts and spirits to each other in the light of God's Word." Weekly, they are working through topics such as "Relief and Denial" and "Anger." It is both an in-depth Bible study and a healing process where some long hidden burdens and guilts are being dealt with.

We also had enough women sign up for the women's ARBS session to run two separate classes. These classes help participants understand God's forgiveness, mercy and grace through His Word. One participant said, "This class helps you

to face your abortion(s) and if you allow it, receive supernatural healing: strengthens your character, faith, values, and so much more."

If you would like to participate in the either of the post abortive recovery classes, please call the center and talk to a Life Advocate.



Facilitators: Leah and Rowena



Facilitators: Merilyn, Gloria & Janet

Introducing New Life

We are excited to announce that we have expanded our volunteer team. Two new Life Advocates have joined A Place for Women.



Debbie is a homeschool mom who has experience with open adoption. Her personal experience will be a great testimony for our clients who are considering adoption.

Brooke Saltsman recently completed a bachelor's degree in Substance Abuse Counseling, and she is currently pursuing a graduate degree in Counseling. She has served Oahu for over five years as a certified birth doula (labor coach) and childbirth educator, and she has recently received training as a postpartum doula and breastfeeding advocate. She will be teaching Childbirth Education Classes to our clients and others in the community. Class dates will be announced on our website and facebook.

