

LIFE'S CHOICES PURCHASES PROPERTY NEXT DOOR IN KUTZTOWN

BY JOY STUTZMAN

LIFE'S CHOICES' EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For years we've been praying about purchasing a larger property to give us more space for our growing staff and services. It turns out the place God had for us was right next door! **On September 18th we became the proud new owners of the other half of our Kutztown building.** This not only doubles our space but also gives us the opportunity to unify the front of the building and remodel the inside for a more professional appearance both inside and out.

When Life's Choices started operating 37 years ago, we were blessed to acquire half of a townhouse duplex one block away from Kutztown University. Our office is small but the location ideal, so we used a lot of creativity to maximize every square foot of space as our clientele and services grew. Being able to spread out to the other half of the building will be a huge blessing and we're looking forward to all God will allow us to accomplish with the extra space.



Our plans are to separate administrative offices from the medical space, add a counseling room, and a private waiting room for dads. Improving traffic flow for increased privacy allows clients to feel more comfortable during a very vulnerable time for them.

We have a lot of planning and fundraising to do before we can start renovations but we're trusting God to provide the resources needed to utilize the space as quickly as possible. We are excited to positively impact our community as we transform an unattractive building into something beautiful. More importantly, we'll continue sharing the transforming love of Jesus with all who enter our doors!

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“I would not have made it through this pregnancy if it wasn't for your help. And not just the pregnancy, but you have been helping me find myself again. I was lost, alone and confused and now I'm confident, strong and blessed.”

- LC Client

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A SWEET (AND SOUR!) DONATION

Two children, (with the help of their big sister) in a family from Harvest Church in Fogelsville, PA held a lemonade stand to raise money for Life's Choices. They raised \$25! What a sweet and generous thought for them to bless Life's Choices, and use the proceeds to protect the unborn.



We were so blessed to receive that donation from our young supporters! It means so much to Life's Choices when parents work to educate and empower their children to make a difference in others' lives! **Kids and Parents** - This is a challenge to think of something creative YOU can do to raise money for moms and babies who need our help!

A SUMMER WELL SPENT

BY GRETA BAILEY
 CLIENT DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

In many ways, the summer months can be a time where things tend to slow down for organizations like Life's Choices. But that was not the case for this summer! Summer of 2023 at Life's Choices proved to be packed with a variety of outreach and growth opportunities. Here is what this summer held for us!

JUNE SIGN LANGUAGE FOR BABIES PARENT WORKSHOP

This free workshop was held in June at the Journey Cafe in Hamburg, where a volunteer presenter met with a fun group of parents for a few hours. They learned and practiced basic signs to teach their little ones! What a great way for new parents to be encouraged and to meet others at similar life stages!



SPECIAL THANKS TO DONNA, OUR LOVELY SIGN INSTRUCTOR!

AUGUST OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Our staff made appearances at various community events in August, here are a few highlights!:

Three Strands 5k & Family Festival

"THE DREAM TEAM" KOLLEEN & HEIDI HAD A GREAT TIME AT THIS EVENT!



Topton Community Day, Sponsored by Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church



DAWN SOAKING UP SOME SUN WHILE PROMOTING LC AT MOHRVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN!

"Community Link" at Kutztown University

GRETA SETTING UP AN INTERACTIVE WAY TO TALK ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS!



JULY THRIVE SUMMER LESSONS

The THRIVE education program was invited to present lessons at two playgrounds in Wyomissing, PA. THRIVE was able to offer 5 lessons to two large groups of participants (aged 7-12) at each playground. Using games and activities, the children learned lessons about peer pressure, communication and more about staying healthy and safe!

Here are THRIVE instructors Cherie and Charlene, showing off some bright THRIVE merch!



SEVEN WEEKS COFFEE: DECEMBER PARTNERSHIP

Have any coffee-lovers on your Christmas shopping list? What if we told you that you can support Life's Choices while also buying coffee? Too good to be true? Nope!

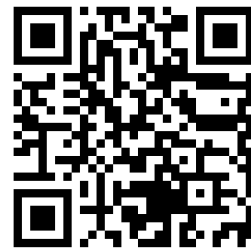
We are thrilled to once again partner with *Seven Weeks Coffee*, a pro-life coffee company that donates 10% of every sale to pregnancy care centers across the country, now including ours!

Seven Weeks Coffee was founded two years ago, and to date, they've been able to donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to pregnancy care centers across the country. Now, you can support Life's Choices by simply ordering a bag of coffee. We hope you join us in letting your coffee serve a greater purpose. **Lives will be saved, guaranteed.** We are thankful for your ongoing support and look forward to partnering with you through your morning cup of coffee!

New from last year: Seven Weeks now offers ground coffee and pods, not just whole coffee beans!



THIS DECEMBER, USE OUR LINK & 10% OF YOUR ORDER WILL GO DIRECTLY TO LIFE'S CHOICES!



SCAN ME

- Use code "Seven" to receive a discount on your first order!
- You must use **this** link in order for LC to receive 10%.
- Scan the QR code, or type this link into your browser!

<https://sevenweekscoffee.com/?ref=Kutztown>

PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITYAID THRIFT STORE IN TEMPLE, PA.

We are thrilled to announce our partnership with CommunityAid, a local, faith-based organization.

CommunityAid describes itself as "*neighbors helping neighbors*". The goals of CommunityAid include accepting donations, creating quality jobs, offering affordable shopping and supporting local non profit organizations like Life's Choices.

We recently visited the newest location in Temple, PA next to the 5th Street Walmart to celebrate our partnership. We were blown away by the enormous shopping space and great prices! But what we really found to be impressive was the care they expressed for their employees, and their dedication to the community.

Keep this card with you and share our donor number any time you donate to CommunityAid. →



HOW DOES IT WORK?

CommunityAid relies on donations of gently used clothing, shoes, & household items to sell in their stores. This provides jobs in our community! And not just any jobs- quality jobs! We spoke with two employees during our visit who both told us they love working at *CommunityAid*, and shared, "This is the best job I've ever had!"

When you drop off donations at their safe drop off location on the side of the building, and share our number: 50124, *CommunityAid* translates your donation into dollars for Life's Choices! Not only that, but 20% of all *CommunityAid* proceeds are given back to the local nonprofit programs like ours! To date, *CommunityAid* has given over 20 million dollars in the communities they serve. *CommunityAid* in Temple is the 7th location and occupies 35,000 square feet. Let's clean out our closets, and fill *CommunityAid* with donations!

LIFE'S CHOICES 2023 FUNDRAISING BANQUET: RESULTS

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” Psalm 100:1-2.

These powerful words were the inspiration for our 2023 Annual Fundraising Banquet themed: This is My Story, This is My Song, lyrics borrowed from the old hymn, Blessed Assurance. Two events, a luncheon and a dinner, were held to celebrate the Lord and all He has done at Life's Choices.

The **Jason Lovins Band** put an upbeat, toe-tapping, spin on hymns of old as Jason Lovins told the story of how his mom bravely chose life after being sexually assaulted at the age of 15. When Jason's mother heard his heartbeat, she chose to parent him. His life is spent touring the country leading worship while sharing the life-saving power of a beating heart.

Special guest, **Alexis Sneller**, from *PA Family Institute* told us about the importance of prayer for PA leaders as some aim to eliminate pregnancy centers like Life's Choices. And with bad news, there is good news... PA Family Institute continues to win cases and advocate for life throughout the state.

But perhaps the guests who should be highlighted the most were those filling the tables in the audience. On October 12th, Stone Springs Farm was filled with donors who love life, Jesus, and who sacrificially give to defend the defenseless and offer hope to families who feel desperate for help. At Life's Choices, we can continue to share Christ because of your generous giving.

This special night was filled with story after story of God's faithfulness and joyful songs of praise! And, friends, the celebration continues! Through your sacrificial giving, we raised **\$92,000!** We sincerely thank you for this gift and pray we would be faithful stewards of your offerings.



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