

God is Leading in South Dakota

This story of God's amazing guidance comes from our affiliate, ZoeCare, in Yankton, SD and was written by: Rachel Jones, Founder/Director

It is amazing how a bump in the road will often lead us to exactly where the Lord is directing. One week before mobile launch day, Carlene, one of our nurses, took a client outside to perform her ultrasound on the mobile unit. This appointment was going to be good practice, in preparation of launch day. The ultrasound machine on the mobile unit was a hand-me-down from another center. The machine was a beautiful gift, but had one problem; it could not play the sound of the baby's heartbeat. The heartbeat could be clearly seen on the screen, but there was no sound.

When they boarded the unit, Carlene found that the ultrasound machine was not working. Upon further investigation, and after calling our ultrasound technician, we found the hard drive had quit working and the machine was inoperable.

Over the next week, we received a quote for a new machine, and through the generosity of our supporters and a grant from Pre-Born, the machine was paid for in a matter

of days! The new ultrasound machine is far superior to the old machine, generates clearer images, and has plays the sound of the heartbeat.

We served our first client on the mobile unit in March. When she first arrived at her appointment, she was convinced she needed an abortion. Her ultrasound showed a healthy 6.5 week pregnancy. Following the ultrasound, she said, **"Hearing the heartbeat made it real."** She was no longer interested in an abortion. Instead, she is still working to decide between parenting the baby herself or choosing an open adoption.

I find it so amazing that what seemed like a crisis, the old ultrasound breaking down one week before launch day, was actually God's way of providing for us. This client would not have heard the heartbeat if we had performed the scan with the old machine. Instead, the brand-new machine had given her beautiful images of her growing baby and she heard the sound of life as her baby's heartbeat echoed throughout the room!





Helping Hands

2024 Helping Hands Bags Have Arrived!

As you may recall, in 2022, due to your generosity, support and prayers, Tennessee Action Council's Helping Hands ministry stepped out in faith and expanded coverage from 7 counties in the Mid-Cumberland Region to the entire state of Tennessee. This expansion increased the number of duffle bags needed for children entering foster care from approximately 1000 per year to 5000, a five-fold increase! Early in 2023, bags were distributed to DCS regional offices across the state. Since storage at DCS regional offices is limited, an inventory of bags was also placed at the DCS Warehouse in Nashville so that DCS workers could pull additional bags as they were needed. Case workers have shared touching stories with us about the impact of a brand-new duffle bag, on which a child's name can be written, on a hurting, frightened child. Other non-profits across the state provide gently used clothing, toys, and backpacks for school for foster children. The TAC duffels provide much-needed bags for the child's personal effects, as well as items provided by other support organizations.

In the fall of 2023, we estimated that the inventory of bags would be depleted within 6 months, so we began the process of ordering more bags. Our fund-raising dinner in the fall generated funding needed to once again order enough bags to cover our state. We are excited to announce that the bags have been manufactured and received in Nashville on

March 28th. A team of volunteers unloaded the truck and prepared the bags for distribution. Delivery to DCS offices is in progress with some bags being delivered directly to regional offices and some being transported by a delivery service.

We are also excited to unveil our new logo for the Helping Hands ministry which will be a companion logo to our Project Life logo. You will begin to see this design on promotional items, our website and other collaterals associated with our ministries. The logo is designed to communicate the organization's desire to promote dignity and support foster children and their families by lending a Helping Hand to those in need. TAC Helping Hands works closely with the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and other organizations supporting at-risk children, to better meet needs of foster children and their families.



Consider Hosting a Baby Bottle Drive

Baby bottle drives are a primary fund-raiser for Project Life and Helping Hands. Churches and other organizations sponsor drives, encouraging members to gather coins, cash, and checks in baby bottle shaped banks. Labels on the bottles include a QR code that can be used to make on-line contributions using credit cards, debit cards or direct donations. Contributions are used for Project Life For Tennessee which partners with pregnancy centers to provide mobile clinics offering ultrasound, pregnancy testing and Christian counseling to women and families and for the Helping Hands ministry which provides new duffle bags to children entering foster care across the state of Tennessee. Both of these ministries focus on

serving at-risk children and families.

Tennessee Action Council (TAC) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and donations are fully tax-deductible. The organization has no paid staff and relies solely on those who generously donate their time, talents and resources to support this work.



Please consider introducing the idea of hosting a baby bottle drive to your church or civic organization. Board members of Tennessee Action Council will be

happy to talk with you and your organization about the process and impact of hosting a drive.

*Children are a gift from the Lord.
Proverbs 127:3*



10th Annual Golf Project Life Golf Tournament April 22, 2024



More than 90 golfers have already registered for the Project Life / Helping Hands Golf Tournament scheduled on April 22nd with a shotgun start at 8am at Franklin Bridge Golf Course in Franklin! This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a round of golf, spend time with others who value LIFE, and raise money to continue to expand these services. Registration is available on-line at <https://projectlife4tn.org/golf-event-2/> for individuals wanting to play in the tournament or support the event through sponsorship. You may sponsor a hole in recognition of a company/business, or in honor / memory of a special person in your life. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th team scores, as well as longest drive, closest to pin, hole-in-one and putting. Lunch and a silent auction are included. We hope to see you there!