



Two Phone Calls. Two Very Different Responses.

Recently a young woman called to inquire about our services. She reported that she truly did not know what she wanted to do regarding her pregnancy. She asked if we were available to talk about her options. And then she shared that she had called a Planned Parenthood clinic and asked the same question about talking over her options. When the Planned Parenthood worker realized the caller was not confident about the choice of abortion and “just wanted to talk,” the worker told this young woman, “Call back when you have \$500 and have decided to have an abortion.”

AbbaCare is very grateful this women called us. We love to talk! Our center is a place of calm, a quiet sanctuary where this woman was able to ask the hard questions and receive the truthful answers. A place where she was able to make a decision from her “best self,” a decision with hope . . . not regret.

Our medical and counseling services offer compassion, recognizing that often the circumstances do seem hopeless. We are empathetic while being honest about what an abortion can do to a woman’s body and her soul. Armed with facts, staff members are trained to offer encouragement as truth is revealed. We represent Christ, so we speak the truth in love. We welcome all without condemnation, but we hold fast to the promise that life is sacred, and we would never recommend or refer for an abortion.

The ultrasound image of an unborn child continues to be one of the most powerful tools in changing the heart of an abortion minded woman to choose life. Women considering abortion are most often willing to accept the offer of an ultrasound as they are encouraged by AbbaCare staff to “get all the facts.” It is our mission to share the truth . . . the truth regarding her pregnancy, prenatal development, abortion procedures, risks, and consequences. And the truth is . . . that tiny heartbeat seen on the ultrasound screen is a life . . . and an abortion takes that life.

Teresa Rhodes

Teresa Rhodes, Executive Director

A celebration of life. A recognition of service.

Each January, our Pastors and Leaders Luncheon gives us the opportunity to connect with area shepherds from churches, schools, and organizations who share a common respect for life. This year’s attendance was our biggest ever!

We’re so grateful for the chance to fellowship with these men and women and to spend some time encouraging *them* in their work and walk. Special thanks to Pastor Jeff Casto from Hagerstown who traveled 'down south' for this event to offer words of hope and peace to our group.

Our prayer for all of our area pastors and leaders is that you would have a deep sense of God's presence and an awareness of His great love for you in this new year.



It's **Change**
for
Life
Time!



When you fill a baby bottle with change (or cash or checks!!), you help us continue to provide our free services to women, men, and babies right here in our area. Bottles are available in any quantity and may be returned anytime before Easter. Or if you need more time, just let us know.

Make it a family project, pass them out at your next class or group meeting, or have them available at your church. Call us at 540-665-9660. Fill a bottle. Return it to the center. Support AbbaCare!



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Winchester, VA 22601

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Center hours: Monday-Thursday: 10am to 5pm, Friday: 10am to 2pm
www.abbacarepartners.org 540-665-9660

Silver Ring Thing Returns To Winchester 3/17!

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
 6-8pm Doors open 5:30pm
 *Special Parent Session@6:00pm
 Body Renew Fitness & Family Sports Center
 221 Commonwealth Court
 Winchester VA 22601
FREE EVENT!!
 Register at SilverRingThing.com

EXPLICIT TRUTH
 LEADING NOTHING
 MERELY IMPLIED

Silver Ring Thing is a radical response to culture’s view of love and relationships. This FREE, one-night event defies the meet-up, hook-up, break-up culture of today and inspires teens to a pure life centered in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Silver Ring Thing is an intentional, focused, and relevant experience that will challenge your middle and high school students to consider God’s plan for love and relationships. The comedy, drama, music, videos, and testimonies present the message of purity loud and clear. Get details or register your group at SilverRingThing.com.

Just a reminder...

May 12

AbbaCare Walk for Life

Watch your inbox for more details!

Kiwanis Pancake Day Benefits AbbaCare

On Saturday, November 4, thousands of people streamed through the War Memorial Building in Winchester’s Jim Barnett Park to enjoy stacks of pancakes and mounds of sausage! Kiwanis Pancake Day has been taking place for more than 50 years and features both a spring and fall date. Proceeds from the events benefit area charities and non-profits and include a major beneficiary who receives 15% of the day’s profits. Last fall, AbbaCare was chosen as that major beneficiary. In mid-January, the Winchester Kiwanis Club presented AbbaCare with a check for nearly \$6,600.00!



Our center is so grateful to the Kiwanis Club of Winchester for not only selecting us as the major beneficiary but for the entire Pancake Day experience. This amazing group of Kiwanians came along side us in the weeks prior, helped us feel a part of the planning and process, and plugged us in to some of the 100+ volunteer positions on the day of the event. We were so impressed with the club’s hard work, excellent organization, and genuine kindness to our center and staff. Thank you, Winchester Kiwanians!