

Alpha Center is Celebrating our 30th BIRTHDAY



We thank each and every one of you for whatever role
you have played in this ministry in the last 30 years!



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Celebration DINNER

Friday, April 25, 2014

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RECEPTION 6:15 PM
DINNER 7:00 PM

Ramkota Exhibit Hall • Sioux Falls, SD
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Recognized for her fabulous interior design skills, Lisa Luby Ryan is also a speaker for the I Am Second movement. She shares a riveting testimony on pro-life and the work of the Lord in her life.
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To RSVP for the 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, visit alphacenterfriends.com or call 605.361.3500.

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

**Lisa Luby
Ryan**



KEEP IN TOUCH



The Road Ahead

Dear Pro-life friends,

“Never grow weary in well-doing.” ~ Galatians 6:9

English philanthropist William Wilberforce fought slavery and slave trade for more than 30 years. His unrelenting courage won freedom for millions. The Alpha Center now has been saving babies for 30 years. From our humble beginning in a basement with one phone line and pregnancy tests bought at a local pharmacy, an army of believers have helped Alpha Center grow into one of the largest pregnancy care centers in the country. Our services have expanded to include a 24 hour hotline available 365 days a year, full weekly office hours, ultrasound, life skills classes, mentor programs for mothers and fathers, Bible studies, the Earn While You Learn incentive program, post-abortion after care, sexual integrity program and the Fleet for Little Feet mobile pregnancy care unit with ultrasound. We have never been busier serving our community and the region around us.

“Now is the time to make justice a reality for all God’s children.” ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

After 30 life-saving years, Alpha Center’s family tree is full of fruit. The abundance of Alpha babies is a blessing that sustains us when times are tough and provides us with a sense of joy that can only be explained when you see the faces of children, teens and now adults whose lives are a result of God using Alpha Center. That blessing is now carrying over into a second generation as many of our early Alpha babies are now having children themselves!

“Where there is no vision the people perish.” ~ Proverbs 29:18

As we enter the next decade of service, we want to share with you the vision we have for the Alpha Center. We have had many major victories changing public policy and laws to protect women as well as babies. The next year we will once again be involved in a significant legal challenge that will move into the federal courts in order to protect the women of South Dakota. When this legislation is enacted, Alpha Center services will be needed more than ever and we will need to be ready. To rise to the upcoming increase in service and staffing we have to meet major commitments. It’s only through the providence of God that we can accomplish the upcoming opportunities to save many more babies. The needs include a new computer software program to efficiently serve our clients and donors and new hardware (server and new computer towers) that are capable of handling the new network and client program software. We need to hire at least two additional staff to meet client demands and client services and we would like to look for a larger facility that would allow us to handle the growth.

“The time is always right to do what’s right.” ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Our goal is to reach \$525,000 to accomplish our needs. It sounds like a lot of money but not when you consider the value of each human life and all the services we offer. Proverbs 11:24 says, “One person gives freely, yet gains even more.” South Dakota is the Gettysburg in the civil war for the unborn and the protection of women in this great country. Once one state wins, it can potentially have a worldwide effect to affirm the dignity of human life. We need people who are willing to provide matching funds for our upcoming 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. We also urge you to invite pro-life friends to fill a table of eight for this historic event. We thank each and every one of you for whatever role you have played in this ministry in the last 30 years!



Defenders of HIS Unborn,
Allen & Leslee Unruh

CLIENT Spotlight

Megan was living in Idaho and was involved in a relationship that she knew was unsafe for her. When she started to suspect that she might be pregnant, she knew she could no longer stay there and continue to put herself and now possibly a child in danger. In January 2013, shortly after returning home to Sioux Falls, Megan came to the Alpha Center for help. Her suspicions were confirmed; the pregnancy test was positive. While she was scared knowing that she would have to be a single mother, her confidence grew as she worked and attended Earn While You Learn classes, Life Skills classes, and the Bible study. Megan had a beautiful baby girl named Ashlynn. "I didn't know anything about being a mom before coming here," she said. "I don't know what I would have done without the Alpha Center." Even Megan's mother is proud of the changes Megan has made. "Megan is such a good mother," she shared with us. God's plan for her is still developing as she hopes to further her education. Best of all she rededicated her life to Jesus and can see how He has given her a new life!

"I didn't know anything about being a mom before coming here," she said.



Courtesy of Digital Denae

MEGAN & ASHLYNN

Alpha Center NEEDS LIST

Always Needed:

New Pack n' Plays
New Swings
Size 4 & 5 Diapers
Wipes
Formula
Bottles
Pacifiers



Fleet for Little Feet Needs:

Town Coordinators for The Mobile Pregnancy Center
(can be a church or civic club)

BABY ITEMS
VOLUNTEERS
COORDINATORS

Ongoing Volunteer Needs:

Daytime Counselors
Hotline Counselors
Clerical
Bus Drivers
Painters
Writers





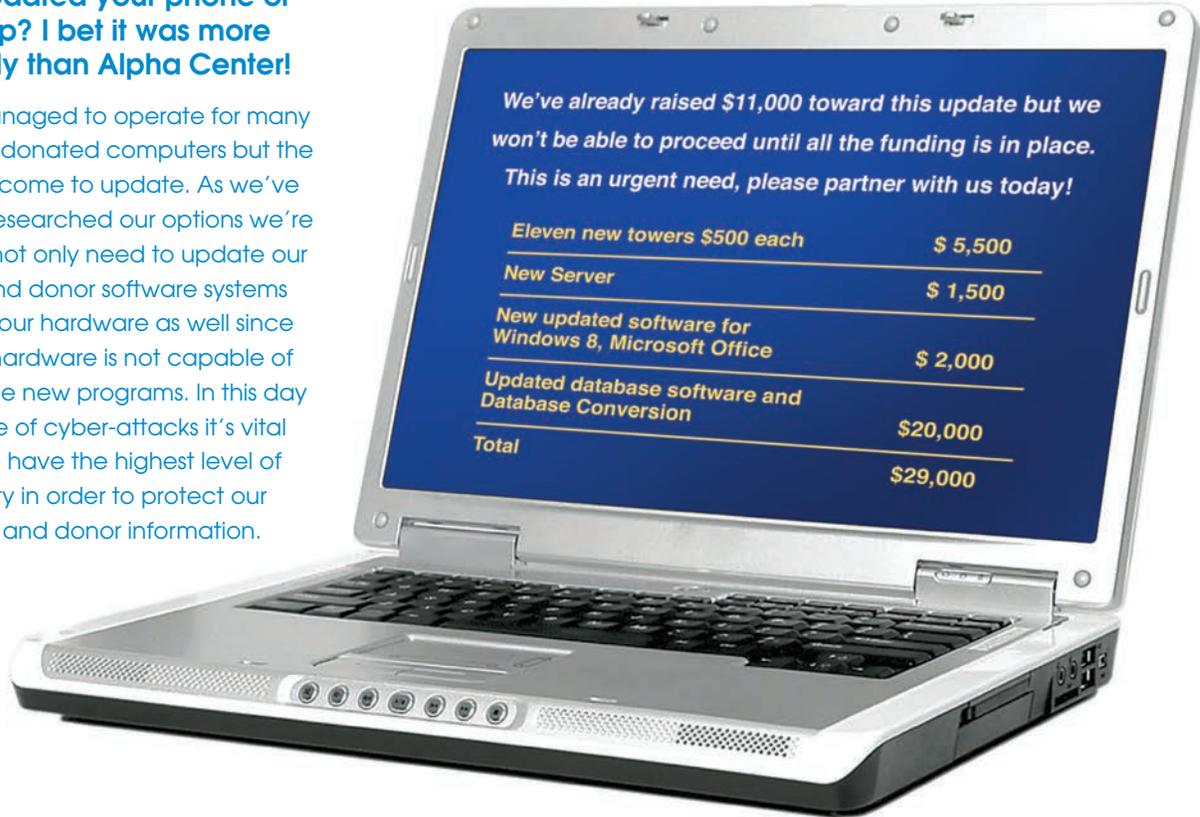
GIFTS GIVEN

GIVEN BY:	IN MEMORY OF:	GIVEN BY:	IN MEMORY OF:
Anonymous	Bartholomew Zaug	Celeste & Russ Fergen	Karol Richards
Timm & Renae Hoffman	Bill Neuroth	John & Betty Bolkema	Keith Drey
Joan A. Caswell	Wally Caswell	Bertha & Marvin Van't Hof	Klaas & Alice Groen
Fannie Janssen	Ady Walburg	Lee and Betty Holst	Lillian Nielson
Marlyn and Kathryn Bunger	Alfred Wilken	Doug & Linda Schaeffer	Lloyd & Ester Schweinforth
Brad and April Ruckert	Alice Kunder	Vern and Arlene Haase	Lois Behl
Vern and Arlene Haase	Alice Neuharth	Norris Meland	Lorraine
Alfred and Gwen Braddock	Alma Dockter	Vern and Arlene Haase	Lorraine Sternhagen
Vernon and Loretta Kraft	Amanda Ruff	Vern and Arlene Haase	Mable Louise Sejnoha
Anonymous	Baby Polanec	Kathie and Darrel Klock	Marilyn Buseman
Rose Stocking	Bernard Stocking	Gerald and Donna Wiersma	Matt Hansen
Rachel Faller	Betty Faller	Orville and Arlene Van't Hul	Maxine Te Slaa
Judith Radermacher	Caleb Yurick	Perry and Marlene Dockter	Mervin Wiese
Gary and Lisa Konechne	Carole Backes	Sharon Zylstra	My Uncle
Sharon Zylstra	Charlotte and Phyllis Jane	Vernon and Loretta Kraft	Norma Newman
Kirk and Carol Moeckly	Christine Moeckly	Melvin and Phoebe Huber	Norwin Walz
Gary and Janice Jerke	Cliff Konrad	Janet Oberg	Oscar Oberg
Leon and Shirley Mulder	Dan Mulder	Paul and Cheryl Nelson	Paul Eggers
Sonja Rohan	David Rohan	Raymond Sass	Pauline Sass
Gertrude Schuman	Dick Schuman	Vern and Arlene Haase	Peter Auch
Doug and Lynette Auch	Donald Munkvold	Doug and Lynette Auch	Peter Auch
Herb and Margaret Geidel	Elmer Zirpel	Herb and Margaret Geidel	Phil Lee Beistline
Doug and Lynette Auch	Esther Janzen	Vern and Arlene Haase	Ralph Hagge
Barbara and Dave Bishop	Eva Hall	Jeffery and Beverly Fiferlick	Regina
Lance and Vee Wonders	Georgia Edwards, Honor Wonders, Sylvia & Lucrezia Tomes	Gary and Janice Jerke	Richard Jerke
LaVonne Hulstein	Gerrit (Gary) M. Hulstein	David and Nancy Bogenhagen	Robert Beckmann
C. Kevin and Betty Carson	Hannah Jean Nyberg	Rose Mary Deiss	Robert Deiss
Donald and Debra Burmeister	Harold Isakson	Lee and Betty Holst	Robert Finch
Gerald and Donna Wiersma	Harvey and Jesse Wiersma	Marty and Joyce Buseman	Roz Hybertson
Larry and Marcia Hoekstra	Harvey Hoekstr	Vern and Arlene Haase	Sammy Hofer
Larry and Susan Olson	Harvey Olson	Alvin and Bonnie Jensen	Sharon Jensen
Orville and Arlene Van't Hul	Hattie Berghorst	Anonymous	My Sister's Baby
Kristin and Justin Nichols	Jack Nichols	Kenneth Kluch	Sr. Eleanor Mischel
Vickie Roelofsen	Janice Parker	Randy A Wingen	Stan Wingen
Dr. Patti Giebink	Jeff Giebink	Duane and Janet Anderson	Virginia Larson
Elroy and Patsy Klein	Jenna Braun	Vernon and Loretta Kraft	Walter Spease
Thora Eide	John and Aagot Eide	Lee and Betty Holst	Wanda Buseman
Peggy Hoogendoorn	John B. Hoogendoorn	Linda and Doug Tinklenberg	Wanda Buseman
Gerald and Donna Wiersma	Justin Jansma	Vernon and Loretta Kraft	Wynell Murphy

URGENT Computer Needs

When was the last time you updated your phone or laptop? I bet it was more recently than Alpha Center!

We've managed to operate for many years with donated computers but the time has come to update. As we've carefully researched our options we're going to not only need to update our client and donor software systems but also our hardware as well since the old hardware is not capable of running the new programs. In this day and age of cyber-attacks it's vital that we have the highest level of security in order to protect our client and donor information.



GIVEN BY:	IN HONOR OF:	GIVEN BY:	IN HONOR OF:
Mark and Sara Eisfeld	Anneka and Ellie Eisfeld	Steve and Suzy Hartman	Our precious grandchildren
Orville and Arlene Van't Hul	Benjamin Van't Hul's 21st birthday	Rose Stocking	Paxton Williams
Orville and Arlene Van't Hul	Cassidy Van't Hul	Timm and Renae Hoffman	Peter Auch & Eugene Otto
Carrol and June Olson	Cliff Johnson's 80th Birthday	Sharon Noble	Rachel Kampa
Orville and Arlene Van't Hul	DaNae Van't Hul	Mike and Norma Beeson	Randy and Paula Gibson
Daniel and Diane Huwe	Daniell Huwe	Leslee and Allen Unruh	Sarah Reid
Doug and Linda Schaeffer	Donna Zeeb	Mary Ann Poppinga	Steven Poppinga
Arvin and Roxie Mulder	Ella Kooiman	Sara and Joshua Timothy	Alpha Center Staff
Brian and Shamra Johnson	Gary and Kristi Jagels	John and Sandra Bakker	Our six grandchildren
Hilda Holtrop	Our grandchildren & great grandchildren	Milton and Marlyss Hanssen	Our children, grandchildren & great grandchildren
Robert and Lorraine Sandbulte	Henrietta Bruxvoort	Stan and Ann Tuton	Our grandchildren
Peter Mack	Jerome Mack's 90th Birthday	Louis and Becky Hall	Veronica Niehaus
Vincent and Twila De Groot	Joan DeGroot's Birthday	Calvin and Caryl Poppen	Vivian Kaufman
Don and Louella Jellema	Josh & Jeremiah	Rose Stocking	Paxton Williams
Dorene R. Cink	Leslee Unruh	Kristin and Justin Nichols	Kate and Ellie Nichols
Karen Venables	Lori	Paul and Cheryl Nelson	Lois Eggers
Jim and Michelle Geraets	Mike and Kathy Geraets	Anonymous	Margaret Bisson
Bertha and Marvin Van't Hof	Our children	Randy A Wingen	Kathy Wingen

To learn how you can help, visit us online at www.alpha-center-friends.com

VOLUNTEERS

Vital To Our Mission



Pete & Helen Soodsma

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My journey at Alpha Center began in 1988 when a close friend invited me to be a volunteer. This was one of the most challenging and rewarding decisions I've ever made. My friend and I took evening classes to be trained for being client advocates. No two days were ever the same; some were long and hard and others were very exciting. Over the years some highlights were saving a baby on Christmas Eve, leading clients to the Lord, and helping to clear the confusion with a message of hope for these women. My husband Pete and I became involved in many other areas of the ministry too like construction, remodeling, hanging Christmas lights and landscaping with help from my dad and two close friends. We were very involved in the Omega Maternity Home. I love volunteering - learned it from my dad - and after 18 years of counseling in the Center I am doing hotline now so that someone can be available after hours to answer phones for those who have a crisis in their lives. Alpha Center and all who work there are very dear to my heart and I pray for them daily.

Pete and Helen's daughter Brenda said, "Our parents over the years instilled in their children and grandchildren the important value of the unborn and helping those facing unplanned pregnancies."



Linda Van Beek

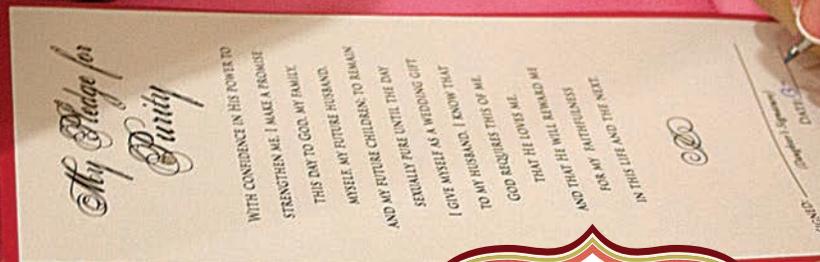
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Over the past several years it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to donate some of my time as a volunteer at the Alpha Center. I felt God's nudge to enter their doors in 1994 to offer my help. There have been lapses in my time given over the years, especially while raising our two daughters Anna and Leah; I always seem to feel the desire to go back and help again. Our daughters have also helped out over the years and have found their time spent at Alpha Center equally rewarding. As one longtime volunteer put it to me a while back, "It's all about the babies!" Can we not "hear" the unborn calling out to God with the psalmist from their mother's womb as stated in Psalm 139, "I will praise thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned when as yet there were none of them." I hope, as the Lord enables, to continue to lend a hand at the Alpha Center; I would encourage any who have an extra hour or two to stop by and enjoy the pleasure of volunteering. You will find the Alpha Center to be a welcoming place filled with those who love life and are seeking to do God's will to preserve it.

Alpha Center is grateful for many volunteers like Helen, Pete, and Linda who make our mission possible each and every day. Are you seeking an opportunity to serve? Consider volunteering at Alpha Center! To learn how you can help, visit www.alpha-center-friends.com

Alpha Center's Purity Ball 2014

A Beautiful Success!



Your financial gifts and prayer support make these stories and many others like them possible. Thank you for helping make a lasting impact on the lives of the precious fathers and daughters who were there.



Fathers, daughters, and even some grandfathers gathered at CJ Callaways to reflect upon purity and sexual integrity. This year's event featured a discussion panel composed of singles, dating couples, and married couples who truthfully discussed the benefits of making a commitment to

purity and pursuing abstinence until marriage. The testimonies shared impacted everyone in attendance differently as both girls and dads could relate to the stories they heard.

The panel members spoke about how they grew up—some of them in abusive homes, some raised in Christian homes. Some made difficult decisions and are suffering the consequences and some have made good decisions and have remained abstinent until marriage. Their stories hit at the heart of what really goes on in this culture and how we can overcome all obstacles in life! Every girl and her father came to this event with a different story. We wanted them to leave with the tools and commitment to make wise choices so their relationships and futures are filled with the joy that God intended for them.

During the evening, fathers, as called by God, made a covenant to protect their daughters. We heard a story that night of a dad who took his daughter to Alpha Center's very first Purity Ball. She recently got married and wrote the sweetest letter to her dad about how much his involvement in her life meant to her and that as a young bride she treasured her experiences. She shared with him how she was able to wait until marriage because of her parents' support.

Another powerful part of the evening featured the daughters going to the foot of a cross and laying down their silk roses which symbolized leaving their past behind. They picked up a living white rose as a commitment to their purity being real. The fathers and daughters shared a moment at the cross praying together, asking forgiveness for past hurts and mistakes and looking forward to a beautiful future.

One grandfather shared how he really wanted his son and granddaughter to attend so he purchased tickets for all three of them. He said his granddaughter went home and kept her mom up really late sharing every detail of the night! As her dad went out to check on the cattle, she shared with her mom that this was one of the best nights of her life and she hoped her dad would get dressed up like that and take her out again.

