

Changing Women  *From the Inside Out*
Women's Help Center

Dear Friend of Life:

If we go back to the late 1970s when pro-life ministries were just getting started, many pregnancy help centers consisted of little more than a telephone and great intentions. Our hearts were in the right place, but ministries such as ours had few volunteers and even less funding. Over time however, pro-life ministries began to learn. We listened to our clients and began meeting more needs.

In addition, we did some research and started to better understand why clients come in our doors. Soon, pregnancy help centers like ours grew up bringing more sophistication and variety to our services. That sophistication and variety is good news. Because we offer more services and have a better understanding of our clients' needs, we're more effective.

But there is something more important. We can not ever forget that while we need to seek out the best methods to reach out and meet the needs of those we see, ministry is more than methods. Ministry is about the heart. We have to remember that.

Each day, women come in our doors and they are hurting. They are in crisis, whether they admit it or not. They need help and even with all that we might offer, that help will never be enough. Instead, they need a touch that only the Lord can give. Only He can bring true hope and only He can offer lasting solutions.

While it is exciting to see the pro-life community's' growth over the years, it is even more thrilling to see that at the heart of the matter is our most important desire—to be a part of His plan to change women from the inside out and consequently save their children (born and unborn).

In His Service,

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