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# 2014 Annual Report



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## message from the executive director

At SaV·a·LIFE Pregnancy Test Center, we are committed to helping men and women embrace the Truth of God's Word as they make life-affirming decisions about their unborn child. That is accomplished by offering FREE services and programs that meet the needs of our clients and their families who are facing a crisis or unplanned pregnancy. Over the next several pages, you will see evidence of God's presence in the lives of those we have the pleasure of touching. Only God can accomplish what we have the privilege of sharing with you in this report. As always, we are grateful for your support of this ministry and for the privilege of being a part of it.

Lisa Hogan  
*Executive Director*



# 2014

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# impacting lives

## pregnancy test center

SaV•a•LIFE Pregnancy Test Center was established in 1980 to address and assist with problems associated with sexual promiscuity, unplanned pregnancy and abortion on demand. SaV•a•LIFE is the largest crisis pregnancy center in the Birmingham metropolitan area. We have helped save thousands of babies in our 34 years of serving Jefferson and Shelby counties in Alabama, by helping parents embrace the Truth of God's Word and make life-affirming decisions about their unborn children.

Clients are welcomed in a loving, non-judgmental environment that represents a safe haven for many. Our comprehensive programs meet the health, emotional and spiritual needs of our clients by offering them access to free doctors, nurses, and trained peer counselors so that they are fully equipped to become better individuals, spouses and parents.

The demand for services continues to increase as does the number of clients touched by the free programs and services offered. During the past five years, we have touched almost 36,000 clients through all programs and services.



**36,000** LIVES TOUCHED



*from the heart*

## Rita's Story

today. My oldest son André who was born during those crazy years of my life has a brain condition that has presented itself at crucial moments in his life and could be fatal. I ask you all to pray for God's healing and protection for my little one.

My name is Rita and I was born in Honduras. When I was 15 years old, I was a victim of sexual abuse. It was an experience that took me to the most uncertain, hardest moment of my life when I attempted to take my own life. Afterwards, I was admitted into a psychiatric facility for rehabilitation of depression from my anguish of destiny. Without my parent's permission, I fled from that place, that life, and my country.

After receiving asylum here in the United States, the American government supported me for admittance into another psychiatric facility for treatment that helped me to face the reality of the rape without falling completely to pieces.

After this, with the desire of having a family, I met my children's dad—the only man I've ever voluntarily met. We have five children

It was during my fifth pregnancy when I had another crisis with the dad's children that I found myself at SaV•a•LIFE Pregnancy Test Center looking for help. God gave me the opportunity to feel loved by all the people at SaV•a•LIFE. I'm also very thankful to have met Naña Barrero who, with love, took me the next day to her house. Between tears of anguish and joy, I asked for forgiveness of my sins and accepted Lord Jesus in to my heart. Since that day in Naña's living room, and forever, I want to follow and obey Lord Jesus. I started attending a church where I have found a true family that has cared for me. I have experienced God's love, peace and provision. I want to live my life to serve Him, to learn more about Him and teach my children His ways. I want to be a good testimony for their dad, so that through my testimony, he can experience the blessings of accepting Jesus and eternal life.

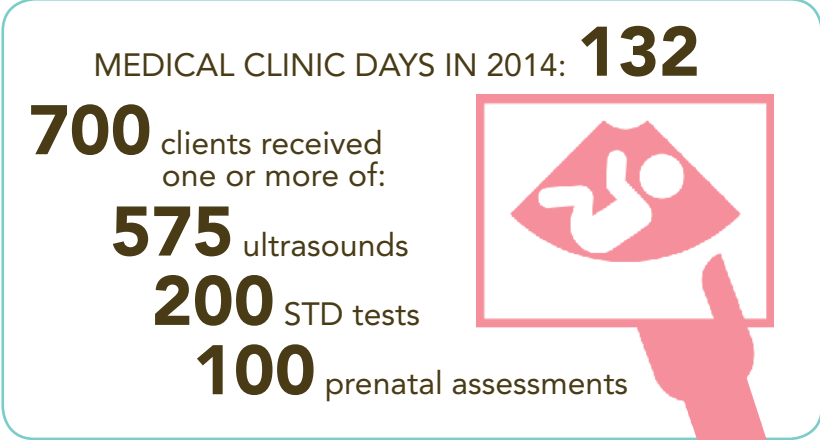
-Rita Suazo

# by the numbers

## pregnancy test center and medical clinics

SAV·a·LIFE Pregnancy Test Center continues to see consistent growth in the number of individual clients served. Often clients return for additional assistance including prenatal assessment, STD testing, parenting classes, and much more thus providing our volunteers another opportunity to share the love of Christ. Since 2010, we have served more than 13,7000 clients in this area of ministry.

The Pregnancy Test Center is supported by many doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, and other volunteers who selflessly give valuable time and resources to provide free medical clinics. As a result of their generosity, we were able to host a record 132 medical clinic days during the past year where we served about 700 clients through one of the more than 575 ultrasounds, 200+ STD tests, or 100+ prenatal assessments. For many clients, it's the only means to ensure a healthy beginning to their pregnancy.



from the heart

## London's Story

On July 17, 2011, I was late—and knew I was pregnant. After a home pregnancy test, my fears were realized. I was terrified because I was young and not in a secure financial place. Was I ready? Not really was the honest answer. It was unfair to bring a child into an unstable home, and I was on the verge of ending my relationship with my boyfriend of six years. Together, we had already had several miscarriages. I was so angry thinking how had I been prepared before to have a baby.

Now, I was on a different path. I couldn't be a mom right now. selfishly, I didn't think of adoption as an option in my disillusioned mind and misguided heart. So I made my initial abortion appointment—convinced I wasn't far along and that one little pill would solve everything. After paying \$150 to be seen that day, the clinic sent me home with brochures to read before I returned a couple days later for the pill. Walking out scared, I called SAV·a·LIFE.

At SAV·a·LIFE later that same day, I met a beautiful and gentle woman named Vickie who counseled me, telling me simply and kindly that she knew I'd make the best decision for my unborn baby. While her words resonated in me, I didn't feel capable even as a college graduate because I didn't work "9 to 5" like the average American—I worked nightly in a bar. How could I continue working in a smoky building while pregnant?

A couple of days later, I arrived at the abortion clinic. It was like a factory of young women all in gowns piled in one room on an assembly line. I refused the gown and would not sit with the girls about to kill their babies. Did I just say that? I had said it! I felt extremely anxious as my turn approached, but I was "better" because I was just taking a pill. I heard awful screams and wanted to run away.

Trying to convince myself to stay, I said a prayer for my resistant heart... "God if you're there and there is a plan for me and this baby and you think I can do this, hold my hand, help me find a way through the pregnancy and after that I know I'll be fine! Lift me father, help me escape, release the devil's grip on my heart!"

In that second, I was overcome with grief at what I was about to do to a living baby. I jumped up and ran out! I wasn't regretful—I was relieved that I didn't do it! I stood in the parking lot sobbing! I held my tummy and said out loud, "It's me and you little guy." It was a leap of faith that changed my life. Through God and his messenger Vickie, the grip I'd felt around my heart had been released and my journey was about to begin. I had no fear because God doesn't bring us to anything he won't see us through! That same week I found a wonderful job with benefits!

At four days past my due date and after 22 hours of labor, I gave birth at 4:48am on March 27, 2012, to Major Jeremiah, a beautiful 9lb 2oz baby. I chose Jeremiah because of this special scripture that spoke to me on our journey: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

I have continued to excel in my career and have since moved up to an even better job after graduating with my second college degree! I trust in the Lord every day, and the Lord reigns supremely in our lives! We are a family to this day—me, Major's dad and sweet two-year-old Major Jeremiah, "MJ." We are a family and happier than I ever imagined! Major is my greatest achievement and I know God hand-picked him for us, and us for him. I dedicate this story to The Lord and to my son, my gift, Major Jeremiah.

—London Labriola



# reaching parents



## education, mentoring and fatherhood programs

Choosing life for their unborn baby is only the first decision we help parents make. **SAV·a·LIFE** Pregnancy Test Center is committed to walking alongside parents through the birth process and beyond, by providing them tools to help them be the best Christian parents and partners they can be. This ministry continues to be one of our fastest growing.

We love this opportunity to encourage the more than **2,100 MOMS AND DADS** who are building a strong spiritual foundation

for their family while learning parenting skills. We know the earlier these skills are instilled, the greater chance for having a successful marriage and breaking the poverty cycle.

One of the most exciting growth areas within this department is the number of fathers participating in programs. **More than 500 fathers have been engaged through classes and programs in 2014.** Involved and engaged fathers lead to stronger families and children who have a greater chance for success.

**2,100**   **MOMS & DAD REACHED**



*from the heart*

## Jorge's Story

When Tess and I found out we were having a baby, we really didn't know how to react. Fear,

anger, stress, and overwhelming emotions set in with our first thought being we're not prepared to have this baby right now. We talked about what our next step would be. We picked abortion because we were both scared out of our minds.

When Tess called the center to see what she needed to bring, a wonderful thing happened. Sarah with **SAV·a·LIFE** was on the other end of the line instead of an abortion clinic! Sarah prayed for us and provided Tess with other options. That same day, Tess called another place to make an appointment which we had to reschedule because I was called in to work. At this point, I said to Tess, "Maybe God is sending us a message."

Nevertheless, we went forward with the appointment. On the way, I kept praying to God for everything to be alright and to look after Tess. When we arrived at the clinic, we saw several girls waiting for their turn. We took a seat and started to read magazines to take our

minds off of what was going to happen next. Girl after girl, the room emptied, and I started to sweat and get nervous. I kept asking myself, "Are we doing the right thing? There's no way I'm making Tess go through this."

Finally, she was called. She looked at me and just stared. I couldn't say anything. She walked up to the counter to pay for the procedure—WE were paying to have our baby killed. (I'm crying now thinking back to this moment and still trying to understand why we both made the decision.) At this point I broke down, I knew wouldn't be able to live with myself if I wouldn't allow my FIRST child to be born. As I was crying, I pulled Tess outside and said, "We are better than this, God only gives us the lives we can endure, so let's stay strong and do this together, cause I'm not going anywhere." She answered me saying, "I'm with you, if you're with me." We held hands and left the clinic.

Thankfully we received support from **SAV·a·LIFE**. It was comforting knowing we had the resources to get through this—without **SAV·a·LIFE**, the outcome would have been completely different. I'm grateful for everything they did and the time that was given to us. I attend the classes so I can share my story with other dads and give them the strength and support that I received.

—Jorge Soto

# more ministry highlights

- Part of our mission and central to what we do is sharing the gospel with every client if possible. **During 2014 we were able to share with more than 1,400 clients.** We know His Word will not come back void even if we don't have the privilege of seeing the results of our efforts.
- God provided us with the opportunity to purchase the Pregnancy Test Center building from our landlord this year. We traded a rent payment for a mortgage payment. We are trusting God to provide investors that desire the mortgage be eliminated so funds can go directly to services. The **IMAGINE WHAT COULD BE** campaign was launched to accomplish this goal.
- This year was a year of major change for the ministry. We experienced the loss of a beloved employee through death. Two additional employees made job transitions as well. As always, God faithfully sent three well-equipped, godly replacements to be a part of His work here.



## MINISTRY GOALS FOR 2015

With God's guidance and your support our ministry goals for 2015 include:

- Purchase a mobile medical clinic unit that would allow sav·a·LIFE Vestavia to expand the reach of the ministry to the underserved areas of Birmingham. **IMAGINE WHAT COULD BE** when we can reach those who are unable to get to us at the center.
- Hire a part-time sexual health educator to address abstinence and purity among middle school, high school and college students. **IMAGINE WHAT COULD BE** if we educate students before they need our services.
- Implement an updated incentive program to motivate education clients to be consistent in class and mentoring participation. **IMAGINE WHAT COULD BE** if clients have a stronger spiritual foundation to parent.
- Build a reserve fund to address future maintenance needs of building. **IMAGINE WHAT COULD BE** if repairs didn't put a strain on a limited budget designed to serve clients.

We thank you for partnering with us in this ministry. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless His ministry here. We hope that you will continue to be a part of that blessing by generously giving your time, talents, and resources.

—sav·a·LIFE Boards and Staff



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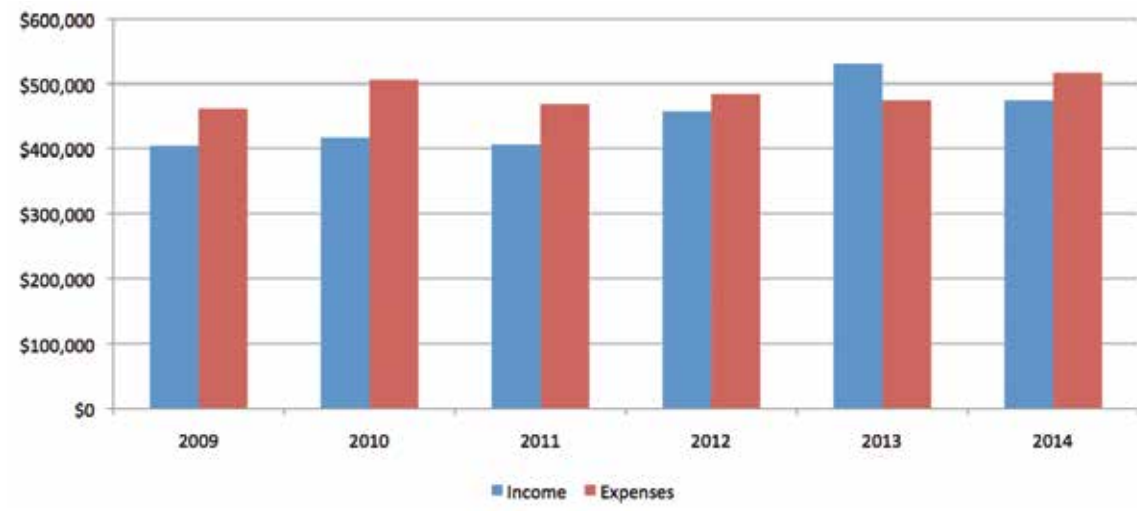


# 2014

## financial review



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<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Individual/Corporate Giving	\$441,068	\$417,500
Church Giving	\$86,900	\$85,975
Other Income	\$2,843	\$1,980
<b>ANNUAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$530,811</b>	<b>\$505,455</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Program	\$177,594	\$177,300
Fundraising	\$67,110	\$87,400
General and Administrative	\$229,722	\$251,900
<b>ANNUAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$474,426</b>	<b>\$516,600</b>

*Income and expenses reflect addition of two-year \$25,000 grant plus a one-year \$25,000 capacity grant to create fatherhood ministry position and build capacity to serve fathers.  
Audited financial statements available by request.*

*Projections based on previous and current year information available.*

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