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# Choices for Women

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## A Few Choice Words from your Director

### Hands of Hope Recap

I learned a new word today – ebullient. I picked up my daughter from track practice and stopped by the running store for new spikes. On the way home she was going over her vocabulary words for a test tomorrow. I was feeling pretty down that I only knew about half of the words, but cheered myself up by vowing to add at least one of the new words to my personal repertoire. Cheerful, happy, jovial, bright, cheery – ebullient. Why add this one when there were so many up for grabs? Because it so aptly described the mood of the Board and Staff at Choices for Women after our Fundraising Banquet last Thursday.



The day started off a little cloudy, then the sky cleared and beautiful rays of sunshine came down to kiss the earth. When I picked up our speaker, Carol Everett, from the airport we were both exhilarated to ride with the sunroof open. When I arrived at Stumler's, the wind had really started to pick up. Who would have thought that by the end of the evening there would be a torrential downpour? The weather was exciting, but what was happening inside was more so.



Guests started arriving about 6 pm and by 6:30 the place was packed with 300 attendees. The smell of delicious food and the anticipation of hearing the speaker put everyone in a festive mood. After the hungry crowd made their way through the line a huge

rumble of thunder ensued and Shari said, "That must be my cue!" Shari is the Client Services Director and took the stage to tell of lives changed because of the faithfulness of our Client Advocates and to present volunteer opportunities. Then she introduced a video of one of our clients-turned-

volunteer. Della told of her struggles as a single parent and how Choices for Women had ministered to her. This was followed by Della singing a song depicting the freedom she is now experiencing in her life with Christ. With beauty and sincerity she let the whole room know that the love of Jesus shown to her at CFW was the reason she was standing there.

Della was a tough act to follow, but I gave a few words of encouragement and some statistics. I made a brief introduction and then we got to hear one of the most powerful pro-life testimonies in the country by Ms. Carol Everett. With her strong Texas accent and friend-you've-known-forever charm, she told the real story of abortion, both as a consumer and a provider. She told of the goal

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### Client Story - Sally

#### Hope Came in the Form of an Ultrasound

I heard someone say that hope is the oxygen of the soul. Without it we will surely die. Hebrews chapter 6 describes our hope as "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" because of Jesus our High Priest. This hope is for the whole world and yet there are those who live and work and walk among us who can barely breathe for lack of this oxygen of the soul.

For one client recently, hope came in the form of an ultrasound. Thursday morning a young lady called the office to see what it meant that we were listed under Abortion Alternatives in the phone book. The Client Advocate explained to Sally that we do not perform or refer for abortion, but could offer her education and a free ultrasound to determine exactly how far along she was. Sally told us that she had an appointment scheduled at the abortion clinic for the coming Saturday. She was interested in our services because she was unsure just how far along she was and needed to know so she could determine how much the procedure would cost. Sally agreed to come in that evening for an ultrasound. Once the phone call ended, prayers started going up for these lives hanging in the balance. The client advocate assigned to see her came into my office right before the appointment and said, "She already has her appointment at the clinic, what can I tell her?" I replied, "We are not concerned about any future appointments she may have, because tonight she has an appointment with Jesus. You share the Gospel and let the tech do the ultrasound and see how the Lord speaks to her heart." Well, to summarize, Sally chose life for her child and eternal life for herself. She left with a great big fresh breath of HOPE.

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to get kids sexually active as early as possible so the clinic could get them as customers for birth control and, when that failed, for abortions. The goal was three to five abortions for every woman between the ages of 13 and 18. She spoke of greed and deception and pain. Then she spoke of love - the love of a church group who met every week to pray that God would intervene in that abortion clinic. She spoke of the love of Christ to rescue her life from the pit.

She ended her speech by inviting those in attendance to give of their time and resources to help the moms coming through the doors of Choices for Women. Her message rang true with those in the room and give they did. Many committed to monthly partnership (over \$1400 each month). Others gave one-time gifts which to-date total nearly \$20,000. Still others committed to pray daily for Center, the workers and the clients. Some cards indicated other areas of service or donations. When you think on the possibilities for lives to be impacted with the Gospel it should make you think of one word – ebullient.

It will take us a little while to get through all of the cards, so please be patient if you filled one out. Also, if you made a monthly pledge we will be sending out 12 pre-addressed envelopes for your convenience. As always, if you have any questions, or if you would like a personal tour of the Center, please call Rose at 812-941-0872 or email [director@choicesforwomen.org](mailto:director@choicesforwomen.org).

***Baby Bottle Boomerang Update***

We are currently at over \$25,000 with an average of nearly \$25 per bottle for those returned. There are still a couple of churches whose bottles are not turned in and a few who are handing them out on Mother’s Day. Thank you to all who have participated and all who plan to participate. We are on target for another record year.

***United Way***

Does your employer participate in a United Way giving campaign? If so, you may be able to give to the campaign and designate Choices for Women as the recipient. Some companies may even match gifts given to local charities by their employees.

If you are unsure whether these options are available, contact your human resources office. We will provide the company with a copy of our IRS 501c3 determination upon request. Just have them call Rose at 812-941-0872.

***P.U.R.E. Group***

You are invited to the P.U.R.E. Group meetings to discuss taking the message of sexual purity and positive relationships to young people. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 1:30-2:30 at the Choices for Women office.

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*Be encouraged that with your support of CFW God is taking strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world and those far off from God and bringing them near by the blood of Christ.*  
 (paraphrased Eph. 2:12,13).

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