

Spring 2026

Abel  *Pregnancy
Resource
Center*

From Our Client

I just want to express how incredibly grateful I am for everything you all did for me during my pregnancy. From the very beginning, I felt accepted, supported, and genuinely cared for in the best possible way. During a very difficult time in my life, I was struggling financially and battling depression. When I reached out for help, you were there for me. Because of your kindness and generosity, I was able to get the supplies and essentials I needed to prepare for my baby boy's arrival. As I got closer to the end of my pregnancy, I would often look at everything I had been blessed with through your support and thank God for bringing you into my life. Your help gave me peace of mind, hope, and comfort when I needed it most. I will forever be thankful for this organization and the impact it has had on me and my child. I highly recommend that any expectant mother or pregnant woman who needs support reach out to them. The care, compassion, and assistance they provide are truly life-changing. Thank you for everything you have done for me and my son. May God continue to bless each and every one of you for the amazing work you do.



With Incredible Gratitude

**Community Foundation
of the Virginias, Inc.**

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank the Community Foundation of the Virginias for its generous grant of \$4,500.00. This funding will allow us to fully restock larger baby items needed for our Earn While You Learn program, ensuring that we can continue meeting the practical needs of the families we serve. We are truly honored to receive this grant and deeply appreciate the confidence the Community Foundation has placed in our mission. Through this support, we will be able to continue providing vital material assistance to our clients during some of the most important and challenging seasons of their lives. We extend our sincere thanks to the Board of Directors and committee members for believing in the mission and ministry of the Abel Pregnancy Resource Center. Your generosity and partnership make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless families throughout our region. We are incredibly blessed to work alongside organizations that share a commitment to strengthening our communities, and we look forward to continuing this partnership for the benefit of those we serve.

Blessed by the Young Body of Christ

It is with hearts overflowing with gratitude that all of us at Abel Pregnancy Resource Center extend our deepest thanks to the incredible young adults from Today Church Young Adults in Beavercreek, Ohio, and Next Level Young Adults in Mercer County, West Virginia, for the tremendous blessing they were to us on May 31, 2026.

From the moment they arrived, these remarkable young men and women brought an infectious spirit of joy, compassion, and servant-hearted love. They came ready to work, ready to help, and ready to make a difference. What followed was nothing short of inspiring.

Together, they transformed our campus grounds through countless acts of service. Trees were trimmed, leaves were cleared, flowers were planted, rocks were moved, and brush was removed. They washed and refreshed our deck, cleaned our outdoor furniture, and even restored our beloved deck swing. Every task, whether large or small, was completed with enthusiasm, excellence, and genuine care.

Yet what touched us most was not simply the work they accomplished, it was the hearts behind it. Throughout the day, we shared laughter, fellowship, and meaningful conversations. Relationships were built, stories were exchanged, and a deeper connection was formed around our shared commitment to serving others. We were honored to spend time discussing the mission of Abel Pregnancy Resource Center and the life-affirming services we provide to the women, men, and families who walk through our doors. Several of these wonderful young adults also toured the center, gaining a firsthand look at the ministry and the lives impacted every day.

For those of us who have spent decades standing for the sanctity of human life, this day was especially encouraging. Seeing a younger generation passionately willing to serve, support, and embrace the Pro-Life cause fills us with renewed hope for the future. Their actions spoke volumes about their character, their faith, and their commitment to protecting and valuing every human life.

To each and every young adult who gave their time, energy, and heart to this project: thank you. Your willingness to serve reminded us that the future is bright. You demonstrated that compassion, courage, and conviction are alive and well in America's younger generations.

Well done, young Pro-Life Americans. You are making a difference. You are carrying the torch forward. And you have encouraged all of us more than words can express.

May God richly bless each of you, and may we continue to pray that the culture of life grows stronger with each passing generation until every child is welcomed, valued, and protected.



How can we, the Body of Christ, work together to bring more clients to the center?

*** Encouraging Word of Mouth:**

1. "Word of Mouth" continues to be the single most mentioned way our clients identify as the way they found out about our center. Among like minded pro-life individuals mentioning Abel and the 100% FREE services we provide can filter out to potential clients.
2. Become a **follower** of the Abel Pregnancy Resource Center's Facebook page and share our information concerning various pertinent items about what we're doing, challenges and prayer requests.

*** Pro-LIFE License Plates:**

1. Abel PRC has been blessed with license plates with our email address listed to communicate our existence to commuting men and women. They are free and tastefully created and would look great on the front of your vehicle. If you would like a license plate please email us at info@abelcenter.org or give us a call at 304-325-200, or text us at 304-396-7989.

*** Bring Friends and Family to our fundraising & festival functions:**

1. Master's Open Golf Tournament
2. Annual Walk for LIFE
3. Community Fairs and Festivals

LINKS

Friends of Abel Facebook Page: <https://shorturl.at/2tGzB>

Master's Open Golf Tournament: <https://shorturl.at/BG8LM>

Community Fair & Festival Volunteer Sign Up Page: <https://tinyurl.com/42vy95ne>

Being at these events as volunteers is meaningful!

Through participation you will meet others who are passionate about the pro-life movement and about the spirit in which we offer our services. Your participation can lead to a more involved presence at Abel PRC, perhaps as a Client Advocate or someone helping to fold our newsletters. We don't entirely know what God has in store for us all the time until we stop out in knowing indeed, He does have a plan and it is always good.

As we progress through the rest of 2026, it is our intention to come up with more ways to be involved in our communities. If you have ideas or questions please don't hesitate to share your thoughts with us. We welcome what you have to say.

Thank you.

A Call For Volunteers

We are grateful for the many ways God has faithfully provided for Abel Pregnancy Resource Center. Through His guidance and provision, we have been blessed with financial support, dedicated volunteers and staff, material resources for our clients, and meaningful partnerships across a wide range of community sectors. We trust God's wisdom and timing, knowing that He continues to bring the individuals He has specifically called to serve alongside us. As our ministry grows, we recognize the need for additional volunteers and support to expand our services, including the possibility of opening an additional day each week and increasing our visibility and outreach within the community. Below are several areas where assistance is currently needed. We invite you to review these opportunities and prayerfully consider how you may be led to partner with us in this important work.

Client Advocates (Women & Men): We train all our CAs, guaranteeing readiness to be successful.

Festival Table Attendees: It is our intention to be present at the various area festivals and fair events throughout the year.

Fundraising Events: Annually, Abel PRC conducts 2 major fundraising events and the Baby Bottle Campaign. Our annual golf tournament requires more than 40 volunteers. Our Walk for LIFE needs a minimum of 10.

We would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in serving as a volunteer in any of these areas. Your time, talents, and commitment can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about joining our team, please contact us at info@abelcenter.org or call 304-325-2000. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how you can become involved with the ministry of Abel Pregnancy Center.

The Abortion Pill in America

On May 14th, 2026 the US Supreme Court decided to maintain the status quo, allowing the abortion pill Mifeprestone to continue being prescribed vial telemedicine and dispensed through the mail. According to current data the abortion regimen availability via telemedicine combined with mail order prescriptions has increased dramatically since 2022. According to the National Institute of Health - "The ability to consult with a provider online and receive the medications by mail is a primary factor driving a paradoxical increase in the total number of U.S. abortions since the Dobbs decision, by eliminating geographical hurdles and lowering wait times."

What we're doing to combat such an increase in abortions:

1. Individual support for the men and women who visit the center.
2. Speaking with youth groups at our local churches and schools.
3. Community events (Fairs, Festivals)
4. Speaking at our local churches.

Human Value

The story about the YouTube influencers who chose to abort their five-month-old baby after receiving news that the baby had Down syndrome has sparked considerable discussion.

There are many things I could say about this but I'll focus on two key points.

First, I would like to briefly share the bigger picture behind what this story has brought to light. According to the Life Institute's article, "Down Syndrome and Abortion: The Facts," the estimated rates of abortion following a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome are approximately:

- United States: 67–80%
- England: 90%
- Denmark: 95%
- Iceland: Nearly 100%

While this particular couple has come into the spotlight, this issue is neither new nor an exception. Unfortunately, there is a growing culture that arbitrarily assigns value to human beings based on characteristics that differ from person to person, such as disability, age, stage of development, race, and gender, to name a few. This arbitrary segregation is anti-Christ and ultimately leads to injustice by dividing people into oppressor and oppressed.

The Bible clearly teaches that the value of every human being rests solely on the fact that we are created in God's image. This is why human beings are more valuable than all other created things. We are the only image-bearers of our Creator. Therefore, all people are equally valuable and deserve the same rights, beginning with the right to life, without which no other human right can exist.

Second, I would like to share how we would have helped this couple at the Abel Center had they come to us while trying to make a decision regarding their pregnancy.

When there is an unwanted pregnancy and/or difficult circumstances surrounding a pregnancy, a wide range of emotions can overshadow the joy of expecting a child, even when that child was planned and wanted. Men and women may feel alone, afraid, ashamed, insecure, and uncertain about the best path forward. Confusion may settle in, and pain is inevitable. Life, which once seemed to be moving in a straight line, can suddenly feel chaotic.

Because all human beings are created in God's image, every person involved—the father, the mother, and the baby—is equally valuable in God's eyes and possesses God-given characteristics. Our God is a God of love, peace, and order. In fact, He brought order out of chaos when He created the heavens and the earth. As image-bearers, we too are capable of bringing order out of chaos. We are capable of finding solutions to problems, making wise decisions, and choosing righteousness in the midst of pain.

Oh, how I would have loved the opportunity to speak HOPE into their lives during their moment of greatest anguish! How I would have loved to introduce them to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, when they were afraid and confused, and help them see their own value as God's image-bearers.

How I would have loved to help them find the support they needed to believe that, despite their fears and feelings, they were capable of raising a child with special needs. They are resourceful. They are intelligent. They have what it takes. They are capable of more than they can think or imagine. They are not alone. There are resources available, and there is help. Ultimately, there is God so there is HOPE.

You see, abortion is hopeless because it says, "I can't." True empowerment says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"—the One who loves us unconditionally through our pain.

Abortion kills so much more than the baby. It kills dreams, it kills hope, and it diminishes a person's ability to believe in themselves. I grieve all the losses this couple is experiencing.

But there is still hope, because the God in whom I believe will not leave them where they are. My God still loves them unconditionally, just as He loved them before the abortion, during the abortion, and now in its aftermath. This God does not give up on them and never will. He is the God who left the ninety-nine and pursued the one lost sheep until He found it and brought it home.

My prayer is that they will allow the Lord to redeem what the enemy meant for evil and use it for His glory. My prayer is that they will come to see human life as God sees it: equally precious and created with eternal purpose. My prayer is that they will surrender their lives to their Creator, who loves them despite what they have done. And my prayer is that one day they will be reunited with their baby in heaven, where there will be no more tears.

Men and women do not simply change their minds about abortion; it is the Lord who changes hearts. It is too late for the little one who has gone to heaven, but it is not too late for this couple. God's plans for their lives are still perfect. His love for them is still unconditional. It is not too late.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."
(1 Corinthians 13:13)

Only one extra chromosome equals extra cuteness, extra joy, extra smiles, and extra love!

Ana Schaetzle
Abel Pregnancy Resource Center Volunteer





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Other Ongoing & Upcoming Fundraisers

2026 Baby Bottle Campaign: As of 06/08/26 \$15,510.00

2026 Walk for LIFE: Please mark your calendars and start thinking of friends and family you would like to invite to the 2026 Walk for LIFE to be held on Saturday, October 17th from 1 pm - 3pm. Starting out at the Abel PRC we will walk through the Bluefield park to raise awareness and funds. Stay tuned for more information to come, we would love to have you join us.



Shingle Replacement for our Center

It is with a warm and grateful heart that our team at Abel Pregnancy Resource Center extends sincere thanks to the Hugh I. Shott Jr. Foundation for its generous grant of \$15,520.00 to replace the shingles on our roof. For several seasons, straight-line winds in our area have caused damage and shingle loss, making this

repair increasingly necessary. The Foundation's support allows us to complete this important project without placing additional strain on our operating budget, where building maintenance expenses totaled \$9,954.00 in 2025. By funding this repair, the Foundation is helping ensure that our facility remains safe, welcoming, and ready to serve women, children, and families in our community for years to come.

Air Conditioning Unit



One of the vital services provided by Abel Pregnancy Resource Center is the ability to offer limited obstetrical ultrasound examinations to our clients. On January 12, 2026, we were blessed to purchase a new Alpinion ultrasound machine. This important investment, totaling \$29,000.00, was made possible through the faithful generosity of donors like you! Your support enables us to continue providing quality care and valuable services to women and families in our community. Thank you for partnering with us and for believing in the mission of Abel Center.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to The Furnace Man and the installation team for providing a much-needed split-level air conditioning system for our ultrasound room. This improvement, which cost \$4,057.00, was a necessary investment to support the operation of our new ultrasound machine. It helps create a comfortable environment for our clients while also protecting our equipment and ensuring its reliable performance for years to come.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity and support that make these improvements possible and allow us to better serve the families who come through our doors.

Business Owners: Check out the opportunity to Adopt-a-Day at Abel PRC by going to <http://www.aprcfundraiser.org/adopt-a-day>. Your business can be featured in future newsletters, on our website and on literature distributed at fundraising and promotional events.

Want to leave a legacy to ensure Abel's ability to help women and men choose LIFE? Go to <http://www.aprcfundraiser.org/financial-portfolio-donation-opportunities> and see what avenues are available. All donations to Abel PRC are 100% tax deductible.

If you have questions about any of our financial donation opportunities please contact us by phone at 304-325-2000 or email us at info@abelcenter.org.

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