# Annual Report 2017





At InnerVisions HealthCare, we see patients for many different reasons. Some come to confirm their pregnancy. Others want options counseling since they don't know if they want to "keep" the baby. Some come for free STD diagnosis, testing, and treatment. And some come to see an ultrasound of their baby. All of these services respond to a particular need. Here are three testimonials which share unique stories about their experiences at InnerVisions HealthCare.

### Intervention

#### "Thanks for showing me support!"

It was March of this year when Sharon became concerned that she might be pregnant. So she made an appointment with us at InnerVisions HealthCare. Once it was confirmed that she was indeed pregnant, Sharon told the nurses she would really like to keep her baby, but the thought of trying to parent alone was really scary for her.

Fortunately for Sharon, empowering women to embrace their womanhood, and see motherhood as a natural and fulfilling gift from God, is what IVHCare does best.

The nursing staff remained close to her ensuring she had ongoing medical care in place, steady employment, and safe housing. But even with all that, after being involved in multiple abusive relationships, Sharon was uncertain and allowed her insecurities and fear to affect her decision. She admitted to us that she had made an appointment with an abortion provider. Our professional staff sprang into action, remained steadfast, and continued encouraging Sharon to follow up with the resources that we and our partners had provided for her. After a few weeks and to the delight of the clinic staff, Sharon called and wanted us to know that she had decided to give birth and parent her child.

She said it was the result of the empowering support she had received at InnerVisions. Sharon is doing very well and is excitedly awaiting her baby boy.

# Empowerment "I no longer want to play with fire"

Over the years, InnerVisions staff has presented sexual integrity and empowerment education workshops to thousands of teenage students. One recent Sunday night, IVHCare was invited to attend a youth group meeting at a local church where approximately 60 kids filled the room. The students sat quietly while listening to a presentation focused on the Sanctity of Life. It included the history of the Pro-life movement, cultural influences on sexuality and their negative effects, and God's plan for human sexuality along with the risks and consequences of not living out our sexuality in the way God originally intended.

The following Wednesday, a young man came into the clinic for STD testing. He had been deeply affected by what he had learned at the youth group meeting that Sunday. He told the nurse that he considered himself to be homosexual. He told her that the truthful information he had learned about his own personal risks motivated him to come to the clinic to talk to a staff nurse personally. He told her that things had forever changed for him at that Sunday youth meeting and he was not going to play with fire any longer. He wanted and needed a change and planned to stop making careless choices. He said he wanted God in his life and that the Sunday night meeting was a "wake up call" made directly to him.

Seeing just one life changed for the better makes all of our hard work worthwhile. Thanks be to God!

Amber embraces her lovely daughter, Athena, who was born in the spring 2017. She first came to InnerVisions in the summer of 2016.

### Extension

"You are a light; I see the Holy Spirit in you!"

Twenty-eight year old Sarah tugged the heartstrings of every nurse at the clinic. We originally met her when she came to see us for an unplanned pregnancy appointment. Lack of support from her boyfriend along with other obstacles in her life contributed to a vulnerability in Sarah. She felt abandoned and alone, but her trust in IVHCare seemed to grow with every encounter and appointment. Our plan was to empower her to better understand her healthcare and financial options, hoping to show her that she could succeed. Sadly, her fears prevailed and succumbing to our culture's influence she terminated her pregnancy.

At IVHCare, we celebrate every life saved and mourn every loss. But we also understand that our commitment to the women we serve doesn't end even in difficult situations.

Within two weeks of the abortion, Sarah was struggling horribly and asked for help again, this time for post abortion healing. That's when our nurses shifted gears and connected Sarah to the clinic's post-abortive healing ministry. She told us the difference between the treatment she received from IVHCare and the treatment she received from her abortion provider was dramatic. The little brown bag of antibiotics and condoms they gave her after her procedure did not empower her; it repulsed her. On the other hand, she felt safe and loved by IVHCare staff and wanted to come back for additional support.

InnerVisions paid for Sarah to receive post abortive counseling from a local licensed psychologist. Her life was changed forever. Today, Sarah is a pro-life feminist. Her experiences have shown her that abortion is decidedly not pro-woman. Most importantly, Sarah has been empowered to embrace God's saving grace and forgiveness. In fact, she gave us one of the best compliments we've ever received. She told us, "you are a light. I see the Holy Spirit in you. In spite of everything, I want to thank you for being there for me."



"The nurse gave me important medical information"





Jenny Condon



Jenny Cline MPH, BSN, RN

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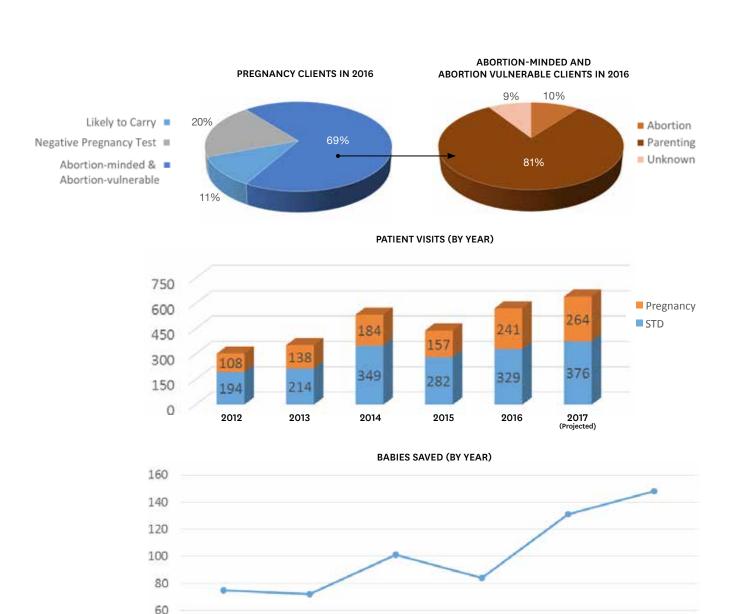
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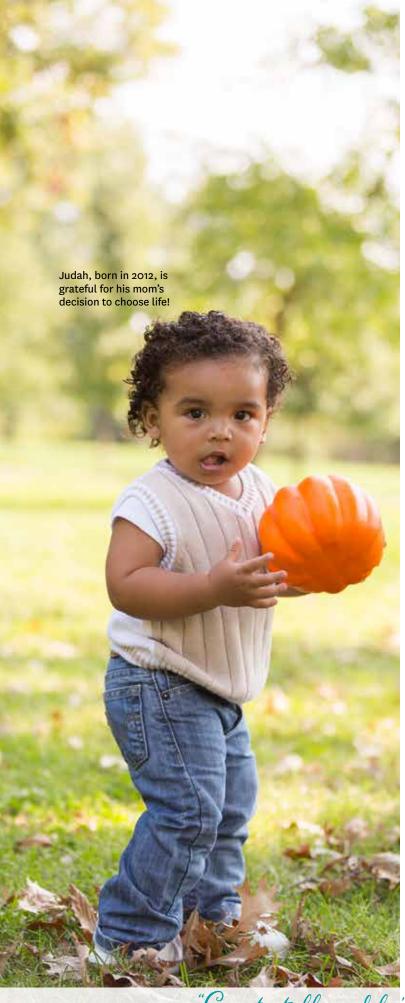
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2011 & 2012

"The nursing staff treated me lovingly and was very informative."



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### From Our Clients

Read this touching email that we received from Taylor!

From: Taylor
To: Jen Cline
Date: April 2017
RE: Thank you!

Jen,

I'm not sure if you remember me, I came in about a year ago when I found out I was pregnant and didn't know what to do and I didn't want to get an abortion. I just wanted to say that I am very thankful for your kind words and helpful advice. We have a beautiful baby girl who is 2 months old. She is the most important thing in the world to me and her daddy now. We couldn't imagine life without her. I'm so glad that I decided not to terminate the pregnancy, and I'm so glad you were there for me:)

"Great staff and friendly environment."





### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday: 9 am - 8 pm Tuesday: 9 am - 8 pm Wednesday: 9 am - 5 pm Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm

Friday & Saturday: by appointment

# Nurses respond to calls, texts, and emails 24/7

# All services provided are free and confidential:

- Pregnancy Testing & Counseling
- Limited Obstetrical Ultrasound
- Early Prenatal Education Program
- Referrals for OB Care & Social Services
- Abortion Information
- STD Risk Assessments
- STD Testing, Diagnosis & Treatment
- Sexual Integrity Workshops
- Post-Abortive Healing Workshops



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