

2ND QUARTER | 2024

SELAH NEWSLETTER



2ND QUARTER SUCCESS STORIES...

We had a new client come in alone and very nervous about her recent positive pregnancy test. We reviewed her medical history, confirmed her pregnancy, performed an ultrasound, and determined her estimated due date. As she viewed the tiny flutter on the TV screen, a sudden relief of happiness and pure joy lit up that dark ultrasound room. She was so thankful for the baby picture and for hearing all about what SELAH offers for mom and baby. She is now utilizing our program by taking classes and earning points to obtain material resources. It is exciting to be a part of this by helping to calm their very understandable fears and seeing hope and action emerge from these times.

Also, recently, we had two new Spanish-speaking clients come in together, one very close to her due date and one needing resources for her 9-month-old son. We scheduled an appointment for them with a translator from Integrated Communities for the next week. The translator explained the program to them and helped them understand that while material resources are free, participation in the lessons is an essential benefit to the most healthy outcome. One of these clients was scheduled for a C-section on Monday morning the following week. We told her that if she watched 8 classes over the weekend, we could provide a car seat for her. She did her classes and got a car seat! Our client, with a 9-month-old son, also watched lessons and was given diapers, formula, and baby clothes when she came in to pick up the car seat for her friend. They were so grateful for our education program and the ability to help with their needs!

2nd QUARTER STATS

Service Provided	Total	%	Year To Date
Appointments	117	77.48%	175
Closets/Boutiques	25	16.56%	37
Sonograms	9	5.96%	14
Total	151	100%	226

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR CENTER?

Since February of this year, we have over doubled our client caseload. The majority of these new clients are Spanish-speaking. We are thrilled with the opportunity to serve more clients and have tailored our program to better support our mission work. Integrated Communities has been instrumental in translating regularly for us, as we have not had a consistent Spanish-speaking volunteer this past year. Please pray that we find a volunteer trained to work consistently with our Spanish-speaking clients.

We have supported women, men, babies, and their families for 24 years and are thrilled to serve alongside other Centers nationally! Click [HERE](#) to see what Pregnancy Centers collectively have done nationally! This data has been collected from life-partner affiliates and compiled to show the lives we have been able to impact!

Thank you for your commitment and obedience to prayer and financial support. We continued to lean in the Lord's direction and have seen positive shifts in who and how we serve.

It's all because of Him!

Rachel Fleming, Executive Director



LEGAL CORNER-Keeping you informed

On May 22, 2024, Governor Polis **approved HB24-1124**, "Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation" that will amend the Colorado Constitution Anti-Discrimination Act (CADA). Nonprofits are subject to CADA; Violators are subject to a \$3500 fine for each violation; a place of "public accommodation" does not include a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place that is principally used for religious purposes.

Proposed Initiative 89, "Colorado Right to Abortion and Health Insurance," garnered enough signatures to qualify for the General Election Ballot. If passed, Colorado's state constitution will be amended to guarantee access to abortion in Colorado and remove the current prohibition on using taxpayer dollars to pay for the care.

Proposed Initiative 81 failed to garner enough votes to qualify for the Colorado General Election Ballot. This initiative sought to ban all types of abortion services (including the abortion pill).

Last year, Governor Polis signed three pro-abortion laws. Among these, **SB23-190**, or "Deceptive Trade Practice Pregnancy-related Services," targets PRCs (like Selah) and their counseling on the use of progesterone as an effective means to reverse the effects of an abortion pill (which prohibits the production of progesterone and results in an abortion). Enforcement of this law was put on hold until October 1, 2023, to allow three state Boards to designate whether abortion pill reversal treatment is an "accepted medical practice." All three boards declined to designate abortion pill reversal as such. In the interim, Bella Health & Wellness (a nonprofit Catholic healthcare clinic in the Metro-Denver area), represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Freedom, filed a lawsuit arguing that this law violates their First Amendment religious and speech rights because it prohibits them from conducting their religious duty to counsel pregnant women on abortion pill reversal (APR) 1 when they decide to continue their pregnancy after taking the abortion pill. On October 23, 2023, U.S. District Judge Domenico issued a decision granting Bella Health's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction and enjoining the State from enforcing the ban on APR treatment, pending a final determination on the merits of their claims. Notably, the Judge agreed that the ban likely violates the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of religious freedom because it treated the use of progesterone for medication for abortion reversal differently from other uses of the hormone. Note: This decision applies only to Bella Health.

More recently, a licensed nurse practitioner and midwife, Chelsea Mynyk, who runs her own clinic in Castle Rock, CO, filed a motion to intervene in the Bella Health lawsuit (which allows a non-party to become involved in a civil action) after the Colorado State Board of Nursing notified her that she is being investigated for possible violations of **SB23-190** due to a complaint that she administered APR treatment. Mynyk, who is being defended by Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys, argued that she is religiously compelled to provide APR. On April 9, 2024, the U.S. District Court Magistrate, Susan Prose, granted Mynyk's motion. This means Mynyk can continue to help women who regret abortion pending a final decision by the Court.

National News - On June 13, 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA, unanimously finding that the Plaintiff did not have standing to challenge the FDA removal of safety regulations concerning access to mifepristone (abortion pill). This means women can continue to access the abortion pill via the mail without an in-person visit to a doctor.

According to the Abortion Pill Rescue Network, APR saved over 5,000 children's lives between 2012 and 2013. There was a 142% increase in Pregnancy Care Centers nationwide that provide and oversee APR protocol and resources and support for women following drug-induced abortions between 2019 and 2022.

Source: Charlotte Lozier Institute's. See <https://lozierinstitute.org> for more.

SELAH is a proud member of many prestigious affiliations, including Care Net, ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability), NIFLA (National Institute and Life Advocates), AACC (American Association of Christian Counselors), and the Colorado Coalition of Pregnancy Centers. We are also involved with programs with Save the Storks and PreBorn!



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BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

I will do what I can, when I can, to make the world around me a little brighter.



THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER! OVER \$12,500 WAS RAISED! WHEN WE COME TOGETHER GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!

DAY OF CARING BY UNITED WAY

THANK YOU TO UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DAY OF CARING! THEY INSTALLED A NEW CLOSET SYSTEM FOR OUR CLIENTS TO SHOP WITH POINTS THEY EARN THROUGH OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM!



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OUR ANNUAL GALA

You're Invited
To Our Annual
Selah Gala

Matthew 5:13-14

SAVANT LIGHT

OCTOBER 4, 2024

THUNDERHEAD LODGE
CHAMPAGNE POWDER ROOM

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

AN EVENING OF
HORS D'OEUVRES,
DESSERTS & INSPIRING STORIES

TO HOST A TABLE, PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPT 20TH.
TO ATTEND, REGISTER BY OCT 4TH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.SELAHSTEAMBOAT.COM/GALA OR CALL 970-871-1307



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Join us for our annual fundraiser to help SELAH continue to preserve life and illuminate hope in our community! At this annual gala, we will gather alongside 300 people **at Thunderhead Lodge** to support the mission of SELAH.

Currently, we are looking for table hosts who will take on the honorable responsibilities of paying a table host fee and inviting 8-10 of their own guests to join them at their table. **Please register HERE or by using the QR code above!**

SELAH'S MISSION

Selah provides tangible hope in a compassionate environment through the love of Jesus, making abortion unnecessary.

Selah envisions impacting Northwest Colorado by offering hope when all seems hopeless through mentoring and advocacy; by speaking the truth in love about matters of sexuality, pregnancy, abortion, and adoption; by providing medical and personal resources that promote physical, emotional, and spiritual health; by walking, without judgment, alongside clients as they find healing from decisions they regret; and by building a community where human life is valued at every stage, and sexual integrity is recognized as a crucial component of healthy relationships.



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