

# Promise of Life Network



## Annual Report 2021

There are different activities, but the same  
God activates each gift in each person.

1 Corinthians 12:6



Changing and Saving Lives since 1987

# A Message from Sarah

Thank you for making this amazing ministry happen! I am truly humbled by the number of people that show their love and care for these little ones by donating, praying, and volunteering. You, through the Holy Spirit, are having an eternal impact on our community and on our world.

God did many incredible things through the ministry of Promise of Life Network in 2021, and we can't wait to see what He does in 2022. His faithfulness is new every morning, and He shows us every day that He loves these babies and their families more than we could. Thank you for being part of so many families' lives. You are a blessing!

Each division of Promise of Life Network, represented by a leaf in our logo, ministers in a unique way to our community and worldwide. In this report you will see numbers and summaries of what has been accomplished. Please join us in prayer for 2022 (and beyond) that we will walk in the paths God has for us and always be sensitive to His calling.

Changing Lives Together,



Sarah M. Bowen  
Executive Director



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# Alpha Omega Center

Alpha Omega Center used to be the name for our overall ministry. However, as the climate in our nation grows more hostile to life-affirming pregnancy centers, we chose to rebrand our umbrella name to Promise of Life Network and reserve the name "Alpha Omega Center" for our medical services,

Our Alpha Omega Center division provides pregnancy testing, ultrasound scans, and STD testing and treatment free of charge to our community. After seeing their baby on ultrasound scan, 95% of at-risk mothers choose life!

In 2021 alone, 32 babies were saved from abortion.

Also in 2021 we provided 334 medical appointments and 70 ultrasounds to our community. In addition to hearing the message of life, families are provided with the message of the Gospel, prenatal vitamins, referrals for community services, and loving support that lasts throughout the nine months of pregnancy and beyond.



Additionally in 2021, the Knights of Columbus purchased two brand-new ultrasound machines to be used in our New Castle and Slippery Rock offices. These machines are state-of-the-art and even provide 3D and 4D images!





# At Home Abortion Facts

In 2019, shortly after launching our [athomeabortionfacts.com](http://athomeabortionfacts.com) website, we began receiving messages from women overseas asking about abortion. To date, we have chatted with nearly 10,000 women! In 2021 alone we spoke with 6,122 individuals from 54 nations. Nearly all of these were women actively seeking an abortion.

Each woman is encouraged to connect with a local ministry that can provide her with life-affirming education, information, and support. Our team offers images of fetal models, prayer, and the Gospel at every opportunity.

Visit [promiseoflifeforum.org/stories](http://promiseoflifeforum.org/stories) to hear about ten young women helped through this amazing ministry!

***We estimate that 84% of our international contacts choose life.***



The mother of the baby pictured above messaged us at seven months gestation. She said she needed an abortion and had no other choice. After talking with our team, it became apparent that while she wanted to have her baby, she was being forced to abort by her family. This brave young woman not only chose life for her little boy, she finished her studies at university! She is now doing very well and is incredibly grateful that she was able to have her baby.



The young woman pictured above initially messaged us asking about an abortion for her unborn child. She spoke with our team, and we discovered that there were no pregnancy help resources in her country. Instead, we reached out to a church located a few hours from her. After speaking with the pastor, he, his wife, and a friend drove four hours to minister to this expectant mother! Additionally, he and his wife have started a pregnancy help ministry as part of their church outreach. We continue to stay in touch with this young mother. Please pray for her as she works to continue her education.



This baby girl's mother messaged us stating that she wanted to have an abortion. Our team connected her with a pregnancy help network in her country and encouraged her to consider other options. After speaking with the pregnancy center she chose life for her baby! When we followed up with her several months later, she said she was very happy that she chose to have her baby and that "I'm always checking her each and every second."



# New Beginnings

New Beginnings provides parenting education and material help to young families. This division provides a blend of in-person and virtual lessons in order to accommodate every family's unique needs. In 2021 New Beginnings helped 104 families with 1,425 parenting lessons. Each family has the opportunity to earn items by viewing videos, doing homework, and attending church. At every opportunity our team shares the Gospel with the families we serve.



## Healthy Relationships Today

Our Healthy Relationships Today team educates local teens about the benefits of saving sex for a lifelong commitment commonly known as marriage. Using a nationally known curriculum and an interactive presentation style, students learn about the value of building healthy relationships, and they hear the message that they're worth waiting for.

In 2020 the number of students we were able to present to decreased significantly due to school closures and other precautions. Even with the restrictions, we presented the message of abstinence to 759 individual students in the 2020-2021 school year.

Please pray with us that we will be able to schedule many schools in the 2021-2022 school year and have a positive impact on many students' lives.



# Step Into Hope

## Post Abortion Ministry

Many women struggle with an abortion for years after the experience. They may deal with grief, guilt, shame, regret, and even physical complications. Often, these mothers are unwilling or unable to discuss their abortion experience with anyone. Any time a client chooses abortion we encourage her to attend a post-abortive study. We also advertise this opportunity to our local churches and in our community. Please pray with us that in 2022 we can reach women in need in a way that they can accept.

## Miscarriage Support

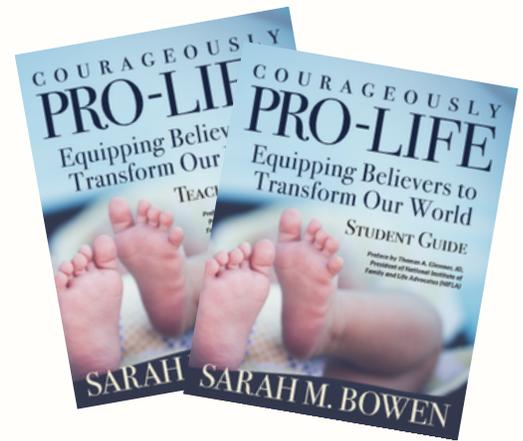
After an early miscarriage one of our clients reached out to us and asked if she could be part of forming a miscarriage support group. This young woman, along with some of our staff, began our first-ever miscarriage support group. This group of five to ten women meets monthly to help mothers support and encourage one another in the grieving process. Join us in praying for more mothers to attend this group and find community with one another.



## Sarah M. Bowen

In 2019 Sarah M. Bowen, our Executive Director, published a 12-week Bible study called "Courageously Pro-Life." To promote this work to both pregnancy centers and churches, our "Sarah M. Bowen" division was born. This area of ministry focuses on taking brochures, fliers, and other information that we have developed for our own clients and making them available for other pregnancy centers to purchase and download.

Sarah attended three pregnancy help conferences in 2021 to promote the book and brochures, and she also taught two classes through Heartbeat International. Also, there are eight resources, in addition to the Bible study, available on the website.



# 2021 By the Numbers

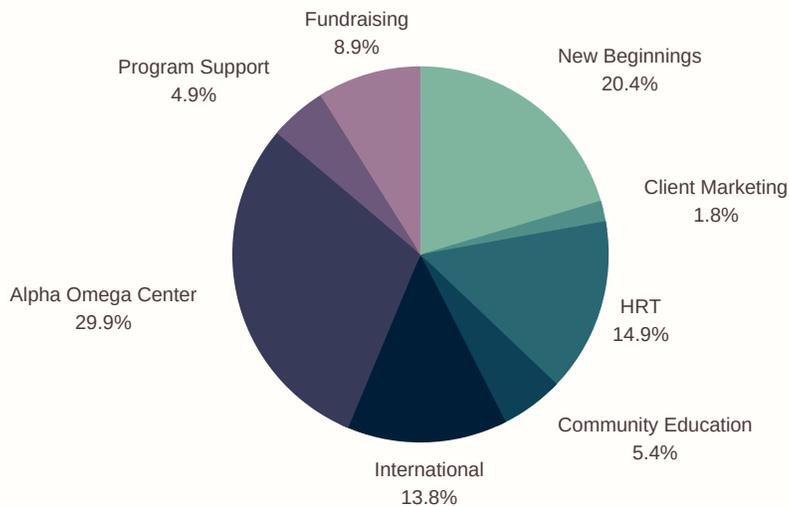
Promise of Life Network does not accept any state or federal funding. The only exception to this is that the Pennsylvania Department of Health provides the supplies and treatment necessary for our STD testing services.

Our goal is to honor Christ through everything we do, including our finances. Our team works to exercise good stewardship with our spending, ensuring that our clients receive excellent service while honoring the money that has been entrusted to us by our supporters.

In order to ensure that all finances are properly managed, financial reports are regularly reviewed by our finance committee, a robust team of financial experts.

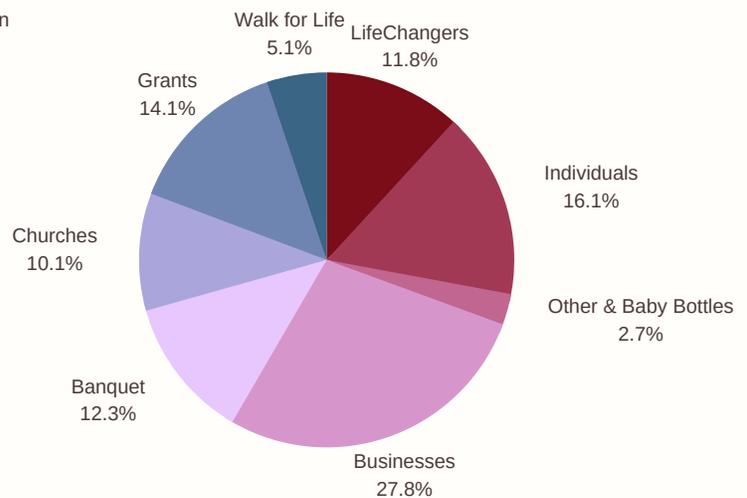
## Income & Expenses

Expenses



*Please note: In order to accurately portray expenses, overhead costs have been assigned to the appropriate program area in the "expenses" pie chart. Additionally, 40% of our fundraising expenses were covered by gifts designated for that purpose.*

Sources of Revenue



## Additional Gifts

In addition to monetary gifts, our community supported us with:

- Donated items for our Parent's Shop valued at over \$15,000
- Donated professional services valued at \$5,000
- 2,883 volunteer hours valued at over \$43,000
- Countless prayers and messages of encouragement!

# Volunteer Opportunities

In 2021 Promise of Life Network was blessed with 2,883 volunteer hours from over 100 groups and individuals. We truly could not operate without our amazing volunteers! If you are interested in becoming part of Promise of Life Network through volunteer work, please contact us at 724.794.3325 or apply to volunteer online at [promiseoflifeflifenetwork.org/volunteers](http://promiseoflifeflifenetwork.org/volunteers).



## Our Team

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