

LOVING CHOICE



PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

Newsletter



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 13:34



"I Have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life."

-Jeremiah 1:5



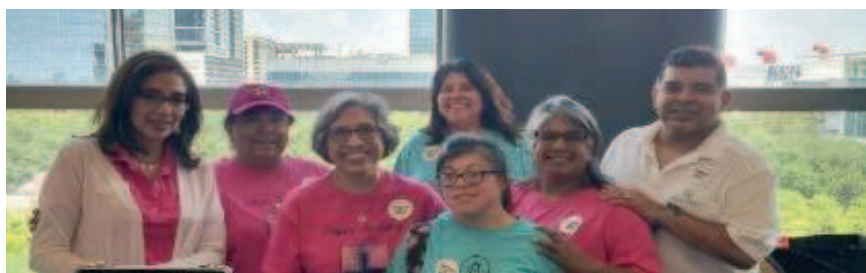
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LET FREEDOM RING

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



In July, we celebrated our Independence as a nation. Our Declaration of Independence states that we have certain inalienable rights: Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. Loving Choice stands for the Right to Life and to help women and families dealing with the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy.

With your support, we aid women and families so that they can be free to have their babies and to live life with less worry and stress. Loving Choice listens to the ladies who come into our center, learns their stories, their needs, and their hopes. We give free and confidential pregnancy tests and ultrasounds; we provide truthful, practical information from reliable sources through our Learn and Earn classes, offer free counseling sessions, and supply free goods for moms and babies from our Baby Boutique. With that support, women and families are equipped to move forward and in a better, healthier place to care for their babies and to raise their families. To be more independent.

We genuinely care about all those who come to our center for help. Loving Choice can do this because of all of you - our generous donors, our loving and giving volunteers, and hard-working staff. Thank you so much for your continuing prayers for the success of this ministry. With God and prayer all things are possible. I cannot thank you enough for your wonderful gifts of time, talent, and treasure. You help Loving Choice go forth in mission to aid women, babies, and their families. Thank you all!

It has been a little over a year since the overturning of Roe v. Wade which frees states to have their own laws on abortion. We thank God that Texas has banned abortions in most situations. But, our mission is far from over. First, Texas law could change, but more importantly, there is a greater need for moms to find assistance. Help is here at Loving Choice and other pregnancy centers out there.

As we grow to provide that assistance, your continued prayers and support are even more important! For those who are called, please consider becoming a monthly donor, either through our website, or now via Zelle. You can donate to Loving Choice via Zelle by using our email address admin@loving-choice.org, which can also be programmed for monthly donations and avoids all credit card fees.

Let's spread the word that if there is a woman or family in need, true help and assistance exists. We care about women as well as babies. Let the truth ring out!
Happy Independence and Freedom for EVERYONE, born and unborn, throughout this great country and peace and blessings to you all!

Marianne Suarez

**PRESIDENT,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**





WE THANK THE FOLLOWING WHO ANSWERED GOD'S CALL TO GIVE WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN THEM:

When he learned of a need to raise funds for an new ultrasound machine, **Roy Rivers, Jr., of Rivers & Rivers, aka the "Tree Doctor of Houston"** was so moved by the Knights of Columbus' support for Loving Choice, he decided to start his own personal initiative by holding raffles ranging from Fishing Trips at his lakehouse to Home Plate seats at Astros Baseball games. These raffles were held over a period of three years to his circle of friends and family. To date, he has raised near \$8,000. When asked why he took such action, he stated "I felt I needed to do my part to help protect the "Sanctity of Life". We thank **Roy Rivers, Jr.**, for his commitment to supporting Moms in need so they can in turn support their babies!



ROY RIVERS, JR. PRESENTING CHECK TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JOHN HINOJOSA



LATE BOARD PRESIDENT, WILL RODRIGUEZ, JR. ACCEPTING ANOTHER CHECK FROM ROY RIVERS, JR



In our continued efforts of evangelizing, educating and witnessing to others about the importance of protecting the lives of the unborn, in July, our volunteers were able to attend the 2023 Archdiocesan Youth Conference, held at Hilton of the Americas Hotel in downtown Houston.

Nearly 2,000 young, and young at heart individuals, came together for a spirit filled weekend and Loving Choice had an information table set up throughout the weekend; showing our youth that the life inside of a mother is truly **LIFE!** We thank our volunteers for dedicating their time to educate our future leaders that **"Choosing LIFE is COOL!"**





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**12194 SLEEPY HOLLOW RD, CONROE 77385
RESERVATIONS: 713-412-6477**

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!



Host couple Patricia Gutierrez & Reggie Vasquez cordially invite you to the
3rd ANNUAL BARNHOUSE FOR BABIES TEXAS HOEDOWN GALA



Dust off those Boots n' Jeans and scoot on over to what promises to be an evening of Good Old Fashion Texas Fun!

BBQ * Open Bar * Live Entertainment & Music * Life Changing Guest Speaker Tony Melendez * Hotel & Shuttle Availability * Complimentary Valet Parking

Get your Tickets Now....Before they are GONE!!

\$125 per person

Corporate and Organization Table Sponsorships Also Available:



**\$7,500 "Biggest in Texas" - 8 seat table - Program Recognition
3 Complimentary Hotel Rooms**



**\$5,000 "Bigger in Texas" - 8 seat table - Program Recognition
2 Complimentary Hotel Rooms**



**\$2,500 "Big In Texas" - 8 seat table - Program Recognition
1 Complimentary Hotel Room**

Saturday, October 7th, 2023 * 6pm-10pm
TownHall Texas * 12194 Sleepy Hollow Rd. * Conroe, Texas 77385
For More Information visit: www.loving-choice.org or call 713-412-6477

DAVE & DIANA SKOUBY - Volunteers

Blessed with Time, Talent, and Treasure!

Introduced to Loving Choice by friend **Julie Hancock** and inspired by the Holy Spirit, **Diana Skouby** came to serve in this ministry as a Client Advocate in the beginning of 2021. Moved by her experience of helping moms in need and already committed to protecting the Sanctity of Life, she would later invite her husband, **Dave Skouby**, to serve in this ministry as well. Both retired chemical engineers by trade, this was a new arena for them. Leading a busy family life, and with husband **Dave**, studying to be a Deacon at his church (St. Edward's-Spring), balance of time and commitments remained a top priority.



It was only by the Grace of God that this lovely couple were brought to a new realization of the impact they could make with mothers facing an unplanned pregnancy. Fast forward two years later, **Dave and Diana Skouby** now serve as Shift Leads once a week, sometimes more, leading both moms to choose life and overseeing the progress of those advocates on their shift. To date, they are the only married couple serving simultaneously in this capacity. **Dave & Diana** will readily admit this experience has impacted them as a family, as individuals, and as a married couple. God Bless this awesome couple for this commitment to protecting the lives of the unborn!



GALA NEWS!

In this newsletter you will find an insert promoting our **3rd Annual Barnhouse for Babies Gala**. We are asking for any type of support you can offer: donations items for our silent and live auctions, purchasing a ticket, sponsoring a table, or even volunteering. Feel free to purchase your tickets or make a love offering with the envelope provided. For more information, please call 713.412.6477.

Together we will win this Battle for the protection of Babies Lives!



BRITANI & ANAYA'S STORY

A single mom of 2 (a 13-year-old son, and 6-month-old baby boy) found herself pregnant by the boyfriend she had just separated from only 3 or 4 weeks ago. She was alone in a new state, with no family to turn to for support. She had just taken out a loan to secure an apartment for herself and her kids and was completely overwhelmed at the thought of having another baby, separated from the father, and with a baby so young already at home. In her crisis, she found Loving Choice by doing an internet search.

Loving Choice was very close to her new apartment, and she liked the reviews she read online.

Britani got the courage to go to Loving Choice, and during her intake she was able to go over her immediate needs with her advocate; she left there with diapers, formula, and a couple of outfits. But more than that, she left with renewed faith. **Britani** was able to see that she could get real help in her time of need. Loving Choice was able to help her get the costly formula for her tiny son by making sure her WIC application got untangled, she was able to get into the Love Line program (a ministry that empowers pregnant women, single moms, and families) and they helped her deal with her eviction notices when her rent fell behind. Loving Choice helped **Britani** budget to see if she could save precious money to go towards her rent. **Britani** got to meet with a social worker to help process her situation, and she was able to get a food bank card to help with the cost of feeding her family when her job cut her hours, and much more. **Britani** was able to choose life because she was loved and cared for.

Now safely back with her family in Minnesota, she and her new baby girl **Anaya**, and her sons **Zekiah** and **D'Aaron**, are all thriving. She has been promoted in her job, and she has family helping her to get back on her feet. It hasn't always been easy, but she has persevered. **God is good all the time!**





THANK YOU!

Thank you for all that you continue to do for Loving Choice and those we serve!

Do you feel that you have gifts or talents to offer to those in need? You never know what God may be calling you to do! We have many areas in which you can be of help at Loving Choice. For more information, please contact our office at 832-559-7239 or via email: volunteers@loving-choice.org

What is Loving Choice's mission?

"Guided by the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Catholic Church, our mission is to extend God's love in the form of emotional, educational, material, and spiritual support to parents and families as they embrace the challenges and blessings from an unplanned pregnancy."

Emotional, Educational, and Spiritual Support from August 2022 to July 2023:

- 791 appointments
- 597 pregnancy tests
- 375 ultrasounds
- 377 parent training/educational classes
- 72 basic needs supplied
- 47 counseling sessions.

Material Support:

But what are you doing for the mom and baby AFTER birth? This is the #1 question we receive.

During this period, Loving Choice provided (through your donations):

- 739 cans of baby food/formula
- 1025 packs of diapers
- 870 packs of wipes
- \$24,831 worth of physical supplies to moms and babies

Loving Choice cannot continue to do its mission without YOU!



HOW CAN I HELP?

TIME

- **VOLUNTEER**-we have 19 different positions to volunteer at the center or from home. Your time and talents can make the difference.

TALENT

- **GET CREATIVE**-knit baby blankets, make a flyer, apply your job skills, etc.

TREASURE

- **DONATE**-Give online anytime at: <https://loving-choice.org/donate/>

