

Lighting the Way for Life



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Roe v Wade overturned by Supreme Court

Dear Friends of Reach Out Pregnancy Center,

First and foremost, thank you for your ongoing support of Reach Out and its ministry to support life at all stages. By caring for moms, dads, families and other caregivers, we strive to protect and save the lives of the unborn and newborns, while strengthening their families.

Secondly, we want to share with you the state of Reach Out in light of all that has been in the news and social media recently regarding pro-life and pro-choice issues and some background information.

On Friday, June 24, the Supreme Court voted to uphold Mississippi's pro-life law in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case, which led to the Court overturning Roe v. Wade. This decision paves the way for states to make laws regulating abortion based on the values of their own citizens.

In Ohio, the previously approved Heartbeat Bill immediately went into effect, banning abortion at 6 weeks of gestation.

But changed laws don't always equal changed hearts, and the Supreme Court can't outlaw unplanned, unexpected and unexpectedly complicated pregnancies, according to Care Net. Women will continue to face tough pregnancy decisions and Reach Out will continue to be here to help them understand their options and pray that they choose life for their children.

We grieve with those in our country whom abortion has already personally impacted. The conversations surrounding these court cases may have deeply affected those grieving the loss of a child through abortion. We will be there for them and encourage them to visit us for post-abortion healing.

Please join Reach Out in praying for:

- the Supreme Court Justices who made this historic decision and their safety.
- Pregnancy centers across America, like Reach Out, who provide support every day to women and men experiencing unexpected pregnancies.
- Those who have been directly affected by abortion and are grieving the loss of a precious life.

Reach Out Pregnancy Center will continue to be available for women and men in our community as they seek information, support and hope. We will continue to welcome and serve those who come through our doors facing unplanned pregnancies and struggling to provide for their families.

We appreciate your prayers, time, talent, and financial and material gifts.

Sincerely,

Reach Out Pregnancy Center Board of Directors and Staff

Walkers and runners Celebrate Life with Reach Out

On Saturday May 7, more than 100 people gathered for Reach Out's annual Walk for Life. We are so blessed to be a part of the Harrison community and want to thank all of the businesses, churches, families and friends who gave their time, talents and donations for the cause of Life.

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Face painting was part of the Walk fun

Partnership Banquet to feature Al and Lisa Robertson

Following a successful Partnership Banquet last Fall, the Reach Out Pregnancy Center Board of Directors has decided to continue with an autumn event during Respect Life Month in October 2022.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center (W. Harrison, Ind.). Our guest speakers will be Al and Lisa Robertson of Duck Dynasty fame. It will be a heartwarming and inspiring evening as we hear their amazing testimony, which includes the trials and tribulations of marriage, abortion and life itself.

Tables of eight will be available for sponsorship or you can make individual reservations. Participation is limited to 500 people, so plan to make your reservations early. Invitations will be mailed in August.

Feel free to contact us at 513-367-7710 for further information regarding reservations or sponsorship opportunities.

Safe Haven Baby Box in Harrison gets support from City Council

Harrison City Council voted unanimously to support the installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box at its regular meeting on June 21.

Reach Out Pregnancy Center Executive Director Diane Elrod and Chairwoman Amy Searcy presented Council with information about the program, which has saved babies' lives in other communities. The Baby Box provides a completely secure, climate-controlled and anonymous place where parents in crisis can safely surrender their baby. Within five minutes, babies are retrieved by first responders and given a full medical evaluation.

"The collaboration between Reach Out, Harrison City Council and Harrison Fire Department is our biggest project to date," Searcy said. "We have named the project to purchase and implement the Safe Haven Baby Box, 'Operation Moses.' We are fully committed to providing an option for life for unexpected newborns and their parents, which is part of our mission."

Harrison Fire Chief Rob Hursong has expressed his support for having a baby box at one of Harrison's two fire stations.

According to Ohio law, parents may relinquish their child less than 30 days old without penalty if the child is given to hospital staff, police, fire or emergency medical personnel. Use of the baby box is covered by this law and a similar "Safe Haven" law in Indiana.

The Council decision is the first step in a process that Elrod hopes to complete this year. The cost of installing a baby box will be about \$20,000 including construction, training, testing and marketing. Reach Out plans to host a fundraiser to cover the expense.

"We are thrilled to partner with the City and Fire Department to bring this life-saving option to Harrison," said Elrod. "So much of what we are able to do at Reach Out to help women and men facing unplanned pregnancies is because of the tremendous support we receive from the community."

Parents facing immediate pregnancy concerns are encouraged to contact Reach Out at (513) 367-7710 for free services, supplies and options.

Reach Out Pregnancy Center

Executive Director: Diane Elrod

Client Services Director: Marianne Poundstone

Medical Director: Dr. Hong Wilson, MD

Board of Directors: Hon. Amy Searcy, *Chair*; Willisa Redford, *Vice Chair*; Jane Gruber, *Secretary*; Joe Paul, *Treasurer*; Fred Fox, Sue Harris, Steve Lippert, Bill Wagner

Administrative Coordinator: Geri Benter

Marketing/Development Coordinator: Jordan Lathery

Operating Hours

Reach Out is open for clients:

- Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-Noon and 1-4 p.m.

Clients must make an appointment for classes and services by:

- Calling or texting 513-367-7710
- Emailing contact@reachoutpregnancy.com

The administrative offices are open from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Gifts received in memory and honor of loved ones

At Reach Out, we celebrate new life and also the lives of those who have passed on or had a significant impact on our lives. Many donors choose to remember and honor these people through financial gifts to Reach Out, for which we are so appreciative. Here are some gifts we have received since last winter.

In memory of:

- Justin Leisring Jr. from Paul & Linda Leisring,
- Jim & Kathy Mattscheck from Rebecca Mattscheck

In honor of:

- Meghan & Kevin Boyle wedding from Chuck Eckert, Mary Tina Coyle

Board Member Sue Harris completes second term

After completing two terms on the Reach Out Pregnancy Center's Board of Directors, former vice chair Sue Harris, long-time member of Harrison Avenue Baptist Church, is stepping down. Sue completed her 3-year term on our Board, then was asked to stay an additional term to help the Center plan and complete its move to our new location.



Sue Harris

In addition to participating in all of Reach Out's programs and events, Sue also led the resurgence of our very successful Change for Life Baby Bottle program. A retired teacher and professor, Sue has been a valuable communicator and ambassador for Reach Out.

Need continues for variety of formula

We are so thankful for the many donations of baby items throughout the year. From gently used clothing and strollers to diapers and hand-made blankets, we are blessed by your generosity.

As the formula shortage continues throughout the U.S., we have been seeing an increase in formula needs from clients and the community. If you have any unopened cans of formula, months from expiration, please consider donating them to Reach Out. Or, if you come across a store that has some in stock, please let us know by phone (513-367-7710) or email (diane@reachoutpregnancy.com).

Our client babies have a variety of formula requirements, so whatever you have, we will take to redistribute to our families in need. We ask that donations are not dropped off outside of center hours or left in front of our doors when we are not in the building.

Keep in touch on social media

To keep up with our client updates, fundraising events and Center needs follow us here:

Instagram: [@reachout.pc](https://www.instagram.com/reachout.pc)

Facebook: [@reachoutpregnancy](https://www.facebook.com/reachoutpregnancy)

YouTube: Reach Out Pregnancy Center

Walkers and runners Celebrate Life with Reach Out

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Our 2022 Walk for Life raised more than \$15,000 this year, just \$3,000 short of our goal. The walk celebrates and supports the life-saving ministry of the Center, which is to assist pregnant women, new moms, dads and their families with unplanned and crisis pregnancies.

We want to thank all of our sponsors for this year's Walk. They included: **Conservative Financial Solutions, Sweet Axe Escape, Legacy Christian Church, HTA, Big Greek Cafe, Coffee Peddler, Dairy Queen, Firehouse Subs, Harrison Home Bakery, O'Charley's Restaurant and Bar, Skyline Chili, Harrison Bowl, Cincinnati Reds, Greendale Cinema, Grand Oak Golf Club, Lohman's Feed Store and Garden Center.**



Ways to donate

There are some fun and easy ways to support Reach Out. You can support the Center through the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you have a registered Kroger rewards card, visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into your Kroger account, search for REACH OUT PREGNANCY CENTER either by name or NC828, then click Enroll. A portion of each of your store purchases will be donated to Reach Out. If you don't have a Kroger rewards card, you can sign up for one at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

AmazonSmile (www.smile.amazon.com) is another easy way to support Reach Out. Just select Reach Out as your charity, shop and Amazon will donate on your behalf to Reach Out. Amazon also has AmazonSmile Charity lists, where non-profits can list needed items for supporters. You can check out Reach Out's list at <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/> As always, you can donate to Reach Out at our website, www.reachoutpregnancy.com/partners/ or by mail.



Students serve at Reach Out, sing at block party

Reach Out was blessed to be served by students from Hunter Street Baptist Church in Alabama, who assembled cabinets, moved furniture, organized our storage room, and helped clean the center. Grace Church in Harrison arranged the visit and the students helped the church with a Block Party.

Thank you to partner organizations

We want to say a special thank you to those organizations that are dedicated to helping unborn babies, newborns and their families through the direct support of our clients over the years. These organizations help us fulfill our mission to help at-risk families thrive. For that, we are forever grateful.

Thank you to: **Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Christ Loving Hands, Eve Center, Life Center (at Whitewater Crossing Church), Greater Harrison Chamber of Commerce, Crossroad Health Center, Harrison Chiropractic, Harrison Knights of Columbus, Isaiah 58 Transportation Ministry (through New Vision Church), Rock Solid Families, This City His City, and Women of Alabaster.**



Parking lot gets facelift

Thanks to **LifeSpring Community Christian Church**, our parking lot was recently regraded and resurfaced. What a nice improvement for our clients, volunteers and staff!



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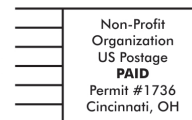
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Our mission is to save the life of a child by caring for the mother, helping at-risk families thrive, and bringing the Gospel to the parents.



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Robertsons to speak at banquet

Alan Robertson is the oldest son of Phil Robertson, and his wife, Miss Kay, and Lisa calls herself “the original Robertson daughter in-law.” They appeared with the rest of the family on the hit television show, *Duck Dynasty* on A&E, where Al was known as the beardless brother. They pastored for more than 22 years at the White’s Ferry Road Church in West Monroe, LA, before returning to the family business, *Duck Commander*, to appear on the TV show, author books and speak around the country.

Al and Lisa have written and co-written devotional books, books about the Robertson family, and also their own story, *A New Season*. They partnered with Focus on the Family on their next book, *Desperate Forgiveness*. Lisa has co-authored a new book with Miss Kay called, *Sister Roar*, which released on April 19, 2022.

Al also started a production company that produces several podcasts including, *Unashamed* with Phil & Jase Robertson, of which he serves as host.

Alan and Lisa have been married for 37 years, have two married daughters, four granddaughters and two grandsons. Their passion is spending time with their family, travelling together, writing books, doing marriage retreats, speaking for pro-life causes, and working hard to help strengthen marriages by sharing what God has done in their own marriage through brokenness, renewal, hope and forgiveness.



Al and Lisa Robertson