



CHOICES Annual Report 2017

MEET MISS AUGUST!

You may recognize little Isabella from the August page of our 2017 client calendar. Her mom, Denise, first came to CHOICES with three months left in her pregnancy. Feeling a bit overwhelmed at the prospect of becoming a mother, she was eager to learn all we could offer. When Isabella was born in January of 2015, Denise returned to class in record time, bringing a sleeping newborn in with her to learn all she could about newborn care. Diane Allen, a member of the CHOICES staff, had originally planned to see Denise for a few weeks, until a newly trained volunteer mentor could take over. Over two years later, the handoff never



Isabella at her 1st Birthday and below, all dressed up for her 2nd Birthday party last week!



happened, as Denise and Diane bonded in a special way. Denise may hold the record for the number of

mentoring sessions attended, with over 100 visits to CHOICES in the last two years.

When asked what the program has meant to her, she doesn't talk about the classes or the cute items she's purchased with her Baby Bucks earned. She talks about the relationship, which is why we are here. Denise says, "Diane Allen is like a mother to me, she has helped me grow into a great mother for Isabella through this program."



Mentors get Snuggles - Will you consider training to mentor a CHOICES client?

Grace.Love.LIFE!



Save The Date

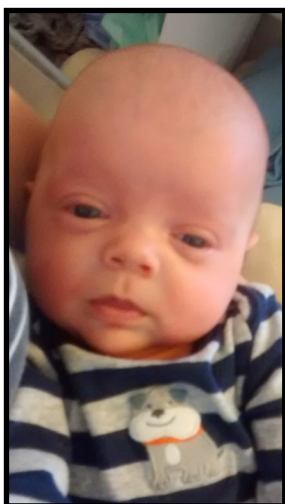
CHOICES Gala Fundraising Dinner

Friday April 28, 2017 The Antlers Hotel 4 South Cascade, Colorado Springs

During 2016, CHOICES served:

- 242 Distinct Clients—201 Women and 41 Men
- 117 of these were brand new clients, with 125 continuing to receive services after being in our program prior to 2016
- We conducted 122 pregnancy tests, of which 74 were clients vulnerable to choosing abortion
- We offered 900 Hours of One-on-One Parenting Mentorship, including the young dads in the fatherhood mentoring program
- \$24,782 in donated Baby Supplies “Purchased” with 3,778 Baby Bucks earned in the Earn While You Learn Parenting Program and in the How To: Dads Fatherhood Program
- \$5,680 in donated goods supplied to other assistance agencies
- \$1,875 in donated goods supplied to clients in collaborating partner programs (Community Partnership classes including GED, LaLeche League, TRE playgroups, Early Head Start, First Visitor Bright by Three and TESSA)
- Thanks to you, our generous donors, we spent \$2,000 less on diapers and wipes than in 2015. Only a small portion of the diapers distributed were purchased by CHOICES!
- 44 Volunteers Served Over 3,172 hours working inside and outside the CHOICES offices. Another 42 volunteers put in over 3,000 hours making items for the Rocky Mountain Christmas Boutique, which had over \$12,000 in sales.

UPDATE FROM 2016 REPORT



Remember little Skyler from last year’s report? He was a preemie, born in October, 2015, at only 3 pounds, 12 ounces. His parents were hard working young people, holding down multiple jobs and managing to make it into CHOICES each week for the Earn While

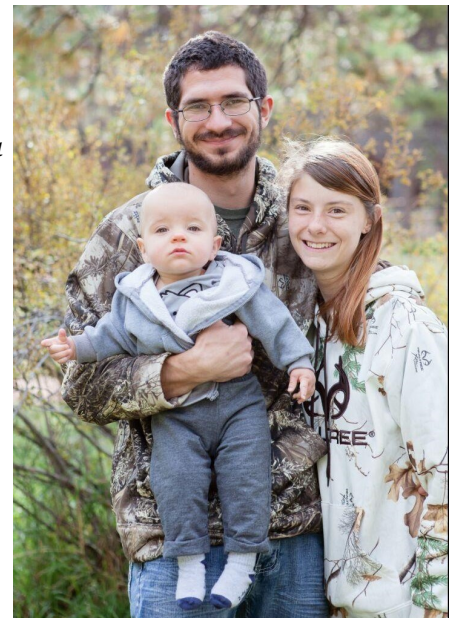
You Learn program. He was also featured as Mr. March in the CHOICES Client Calendar for 2017. I reached out to his mom for an update, and she responded:

“Wyatt has quit his other jobs and is very successful as a manager at Walmart. I am working from home so I can be with Skyler. I groom dogs and train service dogs. Skyler has caught up as far as growth and development. You can’t tell he was 8 weeks early and 3 pounds, 12 ounces anymore! Skyler is now 15 months old and almost 30 pounds.

I have gone back to college, and Wyatt will be going back in a few months. We’re grateful CHOICES has given us so much helpful information. I feel we wouldn’t be the great parents we are today without you

guys. :)”

Notice her confidence? She knows they are great parents to little Skyler. Camirae is a busy mom, always on the Woodland Park Facebook page arranging work for herself and helping others find opportunities. When I pointed out how hard I see her working, she responded, *“Yes, I am, but it’s totally worth it to be able to be at home with my little man.”*



The McClure Family—Wyatt,
Camirae and Skyler

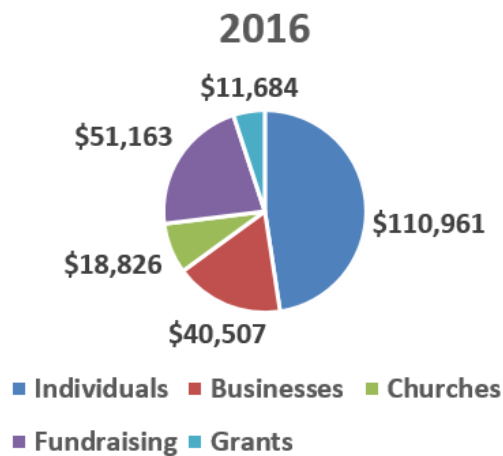
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Distribution of Income



Financial Update

At 12/31/2016:

Total Assets: \$572,042 Total Liabilities: \$120,661

Total Equity: \$451,381

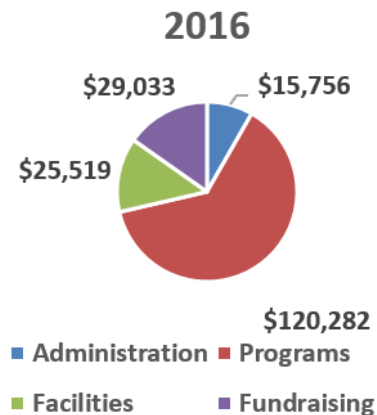
Equity primarily composed of two owned facilities, ultrasound machine and cash reserves.

Liabilities are limited to the two mortgages, held by Park State Bank and Trust, each with a balance less than 25% of the appraised value of the property.

Grants Received during 2016 from:

- City of Cripple Creek—Pioneers in Public Service through CCV High School
- City of Woodland Park Community Allocation Fund
- The Adolph Coors Foundation
- The El Pomar Foundation

Distribution of Expenses



FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

There's a reason that every board member of this organization is also a donor. As we make decisions regarding spending our donors' gifts, we are ever conscious ourselves of the sacrifice involved in making that donation. In early 2016, several large Colorado foundations moved away from funding organizations like CHOICES, with no warning and in the midst of a current grant application cycle, yet miraculously we ended our fiscal year on June 30th with positive net income. Through very conservative spending over the last two years, we have rebuilt reserves, which were depleted by the purchase of the ultrasound machine in early 2015. With these reserves in place, we continue to approach spending conservatively, to position CHOICES to be a financially healthy, stable and sustainable organization. We appreciate your support to see our mission thrive—that every young mom and dad in our community finds the support they need to be GREAT Parents!

A Note from the CEO...

Thank you for joining us in 2016 to see LIFE lifted up in Teller County!

Many of our young moms come in hating the idea of choosing abortion but reluctantly considering it to be their only option. One young mom came in last March, quite set that abortion was the only viable choice for her and for the father of the baby. After talking with our staff and seeing their tiny baby on the ultrasound screen, they left, still undecided of what they would do. This was a very, very early ultrasound, with only a little peanut of a baby and no detectable heartbeat yet, though we know one was beating regularly. There wasn't much to see to create that bonding experience, but we had confidence this young couple would not decide lightly. After a long week of praying for this couple, the young mom reached out by text:



"Thank you for making the experience so comforting. I honestly felt like I was with family, and it's made this journey feel less frightening. We've decided to go through with the pregnancy as well. All your tips helped me find a little relief from the nausea."

That little one had her first Christmas a few weeks ago. Isn't LIFE simply beautiful?

And now an update from our Christmas letter. Remember the client that reached out to Angela by text just as Angela was composing her own story for the letter? That young woman had come in months earlier determined that abortion was her only option and was shocked and surprised to find she was loved at CHOICES even then. Today, she sent this picture of her son, now 27 weeks gestation, along with a picture of the baby blanket she has made for him. She has never looked back from her decision to choose LIFE, a decision she probably would not have made without the support she found at CHOICES. Thank you for joining us in celebrating this precious baby boy!

With gratitude,

Kathryn

Kathryn Perry, CEO



Susie Miller
Client Services
Director,
Cripple Creek



Diane Allen
Program Director



Angela Klocke,
Lead Client
Advocate,
Woodland Park



Marcie James,
RN
Medical Testing
Director



Jean Peck
Lead Client
Advocate,
Cripple Creek



Christine
Lukasvige,
Community
Mobilization
Director



Mackenzie
Shunko, EFL
Presenter



Board and Staff

Our Medical Director is Dr. Scott Russell, MD, of Front Range OB/GYN, who generously donates his time and expertise to CHOICES.

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