

POWER IN HIS NAME

We can all relate to the challenging year 2020 presented. With the uncertainty of what was going to happen, the enemy of our souls planted the seed that the pandemic was a terrible time to have a child. National reports stated women aborted because of the fear of the virus, even those who had a planned pregnancy. How tragic. Thankfully, many who needed our services found CHOICES and we shared compassion, truth, and medical services, and lives were saved as a result!



Elle* called up furious that Planned Parenthood wanted to charge her over \$500 for a chemical abortion and could we help? We invited her to come in for a pregnancy test the next day and a follow-up ultrasound. She and her boyfriend who have been together for years had talked about having children but said it is not the right time. Elle said she and her man agreed that abortion was the right choice, so an ultrasound was the way to tell if she was even eligible for this abortion method. Elle was also certain we would judge her for wanting an abortion and was surprised by the love, care, and compassion she received. When she left our office, we prayed for them. Ultimately after the second ultrasound and seeing how much the child grew, they decided to keep their baby and fulfill their dream of becoming parents. They said if it wasn't for CHOICES they would have aborted.

*Janey wanted an abortion, but her boyfriend talked her into coming into CHOICES first. We were able to have a conversation, do a pregnancy test and an ultrasound a few days later, but when she left she was still undecided. We didn't hear from her again until very recently. She called because she was having pregnancy complications. We discovered she still wanted an abortion but couldn't get one due to not being able to meet some requirements. We encouraged her to go to the emergency room. There she met a nurse who talked with her about forming an adoption plan, and Janey has now chosen life for her baby and is seeking the family she feels will give her baby the best life.



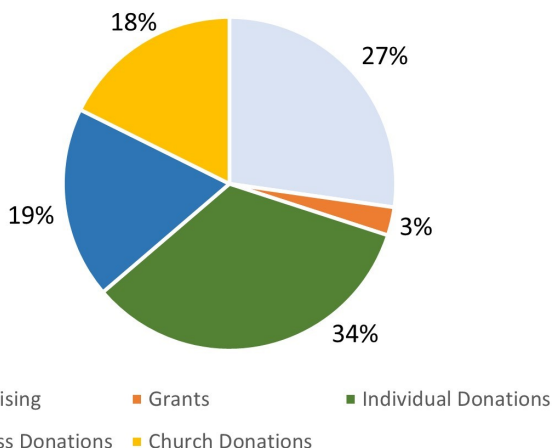
There are so many stories about how CHOICES has played an important part in Teller County resident's lives. From EWYL mentors walking with a young couple on their journey (there is one couple who is buying their first home!!) to comments from STI clients becoming aware of their bodies and choices. From high school students who are grateful for a conversation about whole-person health in the classroom, to post-abortive women being dramatically saved from guilt, shame and condemnation!

Here we all serve by the grace of God, and the changes and transformation are through the Power of His Name.

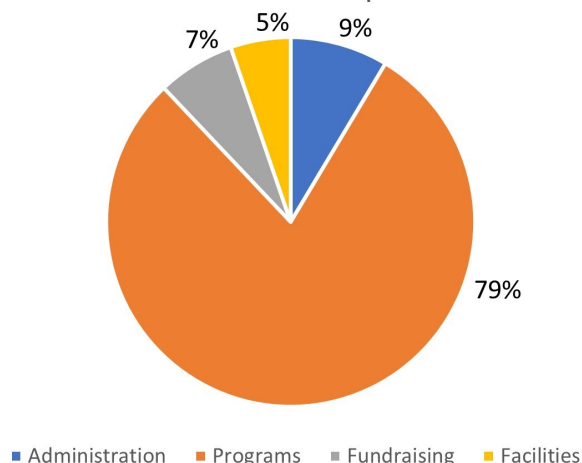
*Not her real name

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Distribution of Income



Distribution of Expenses



CHOICES carefully weighs how we spend your donations to best benefit our programs and clients. In 2020, Bright Course continued to create new material. We use a streaming model to replace the older technology of using DVDs and books. This is an improved and relevant way to share information with our young moms and dads that uses modern visuals, current information, and easy accessibility. During the pandemic, having the capability to text or email the lessons to our clients when none of them could come into the center was invaluable to them. They still prefer to have a one on one lesson with their mentor. It is always about relationships, and our mentors are great at forming relationships that bring transformation!

THANKS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

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| Active Life Chiropractic | Flintrock Construction, Inc. | Pikes Peak Community Foundation |
| Andrew Wommack Ministries | Hdaero Engineering, LLC | Powell Homes |
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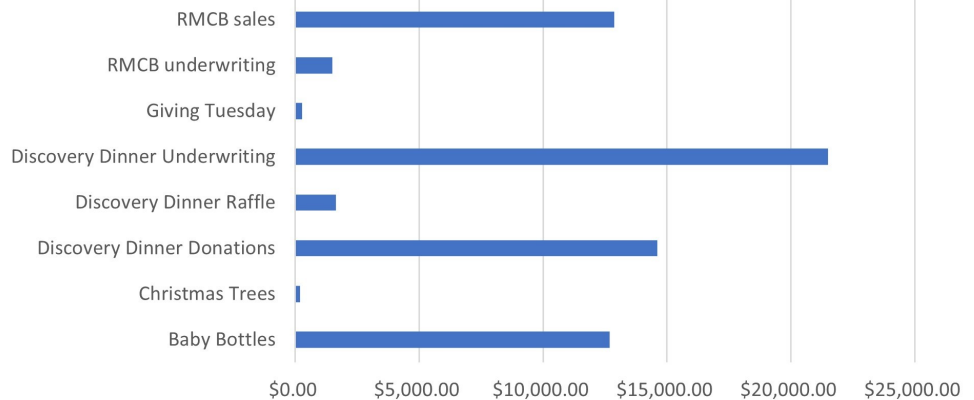
Save the Date!

CHOICES Spring Gala is April 16, 2021
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm @ Hotel Elegante

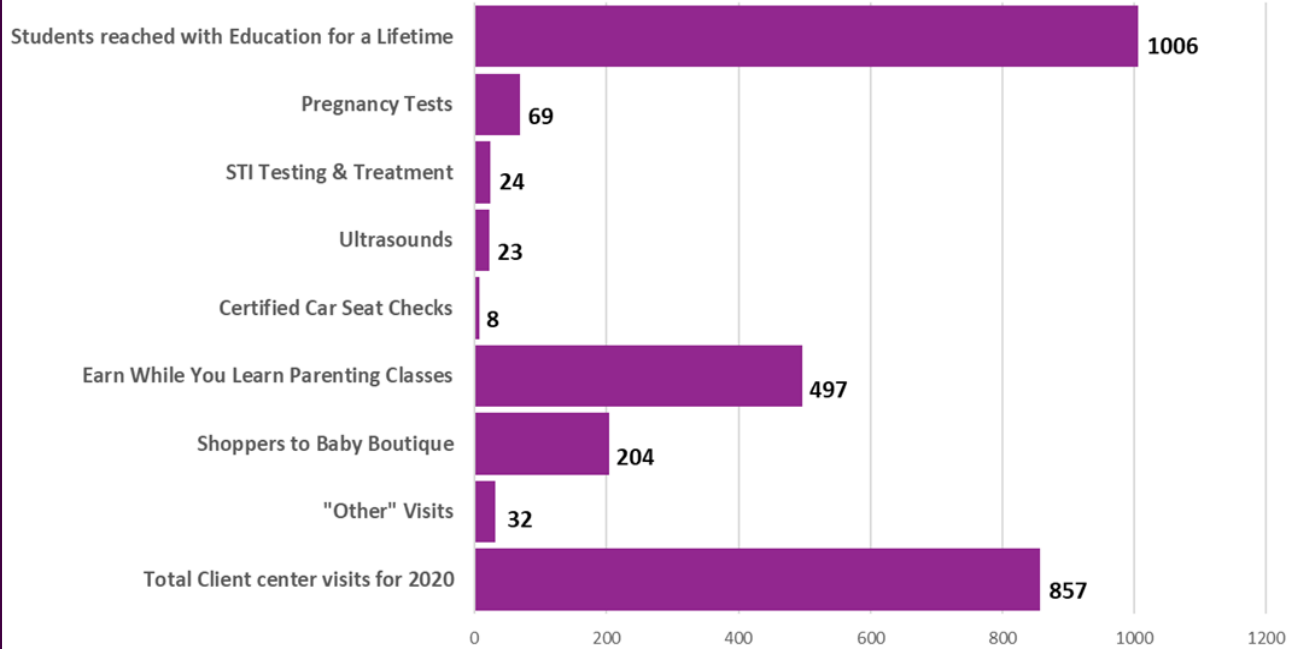
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CHOICES experienced a huge measure of grace in 2020 with your response to our fundraising efforts!
Thank you!

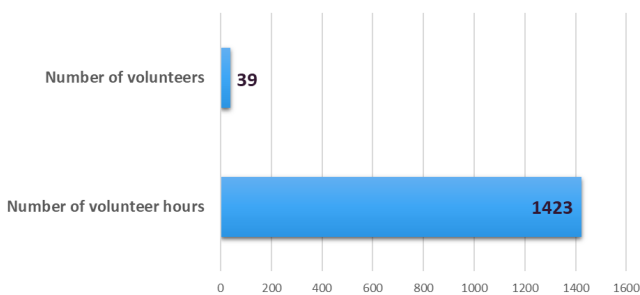
Fundraising in 2020 - \$65,262.



Center Statistics



Volunteer Statistics



The mission of CHOICES is carried out with the help of many people. Along with the number of volunteers shown, we had many additional volunteers who gave of their time, talents and resources to make the Rocky Mountain Christmas Boutique a success. Thank you all!

Additionally, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their time and leadership through one tough year. Our board serves with dedication and grace and I am grateful.

It is with sincere gratitude we say "Thank You" to all of our current and past board members of CHOICES.

A Note from CHOICES Executive Director...

Hello to the year we've all been waiting for, **2021!** When I sat down last year and wrote about entering a new decade, I truly had no idea what was in store for any of us, but a pandemic was not on my radar. God, in His infinite goodness, used even the worst of times to bring the gift of life and light into many lives through the ministry of CHOICES.



As a community, we learned how to adapt and change to the restrictions that were being handed down daily, weekly and monthly in an effort to keep us safe from the virus. We learned how to work together. At CHOICES, we learned how to work remotely for the few weeks we were closed, we learned how to communicate and care for our clients when we suddenly had to lock the doors and move to an appointment-only format. We learned how to educate through online training and parenting classes. So many changes, so quickly, but we prevailed and most importantly, God prevailed and once again, we are operating at normal business hours and capacity.

Some of the most beautiful words we heard from the people we served in 2020 were, *thank you, it is because of CHOICES that we are choosing life for our baby! Thank you for the education you are giving me to help me become a better parent, thank you for teaching me about my body so I can learn how to take better care of myself, thank you for your kindness, thank you for your prayers, thank you for hearing me, seeing me and not judging me.*

My hope is you know how valued you are as a friend of CHOICES. Your prayer and financial support are the very reason we can be here bringing light and hope into a dark world. Let us remember to be the light as we move into a new year, with new hope and positivity that defies all logic. "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

God bless you friends and thank you for all that you do for CHOICES.

Teresa Diamond

THE CHOICES TEAM



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Dr. Scott Russell, MD
Medical Director of CHOICES.
Dr. Russell specializes in Obstetrics and
Gynecology at UC Health Front Range OB/GYN.
Dr. Russell generously donates his time
and expertise to support CHOICES.

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