

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER - Because of You, Hope Lives Here

There are moments in this work that stay with us long after the day ends.

A young woman sits in our waiting room, unsure, overwhelmed, and carrying more than she ever expected to face. She doesn't know what comes next but she walked through our doors anyway. And because she did, she found caring people ready to listen and to remind her that she is not alone.

That moment, quiet, unseen by most, is where your impact begins.

Because of your generosity, that young woman was met with compassion instead of judgment. She was given accurate information, practical resources, and the space to breathe and consider her options. Most importantly, she encountered hope.

I cannot express enough how you are part of every life touched here. Every appointment, every conversation, every ultrasound, every moment of courage, your support makes it possible. You are not just funding a mission; you are standing in the gap for women, men, and babies who need someone to believe in them.

But as you know, the culture around us continues to shift. The voices that devalue life can feel louder. The pressures facing women can feel heavier. And the need for places like FCC, places of truth, compassion, and real support, has never been greater.

This mission has always been bigger than a building or a single organization. It's a community of people who believe that every life has value and that no one should have to walk through an unplanned pregnancy alone.

So thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your courage to stand for life in a time when it truly matters.

With gratitude,

*Mara Gorenson*

Executive Director

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*"Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies."  
—Psalm 36:5*

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## Looking to Volunteer?

We are seeking a parttime detail-oriented and organized Administrative Assistant to support our daily operations and ensure the clinic runs smoothly. In this role, you will manage scheduling, reception, correspondence, event planning, and other activities to support the executive director and the team's activities. The ideal candidate is a proactive communicator with strong multitasking skills and a commitment to providing excellence in this faith-based ministry. For more details contact Mara.

# 2026 PICKLEBALL EVENT



**TOURNAMENT WINNERS**



**A FAMILY AFFAIR! GRANDPA GABRIELSON WITH 7 GRANDCHILDREN CONTESTANTS**

The 2026 Pickleball Fundraising Tournament was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Contestants from as far as Byron MN traveled to participate in match play followed by a single elimination bracket. Thank you to all teams for joining us! Many thanks to all volunteers for assisting with the day. Congratulations to the winning team: Dink Around and Find It.

## FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE



**A FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE DAD WITH HIS TWINS**

The Father-Daughter Dance hosted by First Choice Clinic welcomed 234 attendees! Our largest dance event yet was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Dads and their daughters enjoyed music, refreshments, and crafts, along with a time to enjoy the unique and special gift each daughter is. Many thanks to all the volunteers and to First Covenant Church in Red Wing for the use of their gym.

## FAREWELL TO KATHY



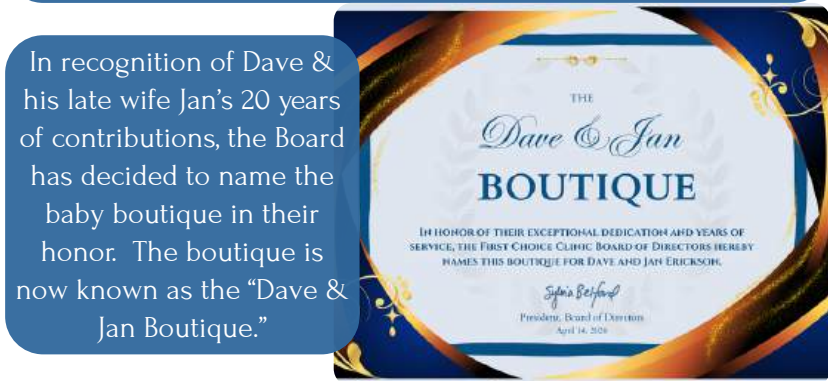
Kathy Enberg has served as a staff member at First Choice Clinic since 2021. Kathy has served as finance manager and as receptionist. Prior to serving on staff Kathy served several years as a board member, including as chair. Kathy retired from First Choice Clinic on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many thanks to Kathy for her years of service and for all that she has done for the Clinic!

## FAREWELL TO DAVE



**2026 BOARD MEMBERS**

Dave Erickson (front row, center) joined First Choice Clinic's board in 2006 as the first Treasurer. Dave attended his last board meeting in April 2026, having chosen to step away from service after 20 years. MANY thanks to Dave for all his contributions over the years!!



In recognition of Dave & his late wife Jan's 20 years of contributions, the Board has decided to name the baby boutique in their honor. The boutique is now known as the "Dave & Jan Boutique."

**RED WING WALK/RUN  
NOW OPEN TO ALL  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Join us! 2026 Events**

**NEW LAKE CITY WALK/RUN!**

**20TH ANNUAL  
WALK & RUN**

**2026** EVENT TO SUPPORT FAMILIES  
FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

**20 JUNE 2026 | SATURDAY 8:30 AM | BAYPOINT PARK**

**BAYPOINT PARK, LEVEE RD, RED WING MN**

**JOIN TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN  
COFFEE & TREATS, BRING THE FAMILY  
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**MORE INFO : 651-267-4357 [WWW.FIRSTCHOICECLINIC.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.FIRSTCHOICECLINIC.ORG/EVENTS)  
INFO@FIRSTCHOICECLINIC.ORG**

**1ST ANNUAL  
WALK & RUN  
FOR FAMILIES**

**2026** EVENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL NEEDS  
FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

**OHUTA BEACH, LAKE CITY MN**

**Saturday JUNE 20, 2026**

**8:30 AM**

**FOR MORE INFO:**

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**BRING YOUR DONATIONS OR  
NEW ITEMS AS GIFTS FOR  
WOMEN AND CHILDREN.  
GREATEST NEEDS ARE  
CLOTHING (18MOS-5T) AND  
TOYS (NEWBORN-AGE 3)**

**COFFEE & TREATS AVAILABLE  
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY**

**SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OUR 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



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**20<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY** Join us!  
**2026**  
*Open House  
Silent Auction*  
**MONDAY  
AUGUST 3, 2026  
4PM - 7PM**  
1614 W THIRD ST  
RED WING MN 55066

The silent auction runs from 6:00 PM July 20th until 6:00 PM August 3rd. Items will be on display at the clinic on August 3rd and available for pick up.

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CLINIC PRESENTS A  
FAMILY FRIENDLY

**DUELING PIANOS  
CONCERT**

**DUELING FOR FAMILIES, PLAYING  
FOR HOPE: 20 YEARS STRONG**

FEATURING  
**SWEET KEYS DUELING PIANOS**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 8TH** 5:30 PM RECEPTION  
6:30 PM CONCERT

HOSTED BY: NEW RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
240 SPATES AVE, RED WING, MN 55066

TICKET SALES  
BEGIN JULY 15TH!

TICKETS: \$25

**DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO ENJOY GREAT  
ENTERTAINMENT WHILE ALSO CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF  
SERVING FAMILIES, WOMEN, & CHILDREN!!**

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## 20th Anniversary Events DETAILS INSIDE! Join us!



**JUNE 20th**  
Run/Walks for Life  
Red Wing & Lake City

**AUGUST 3rd**  
20th Anniversary Celebration  
Open House & Silent Auction



**OCTOBER 8th**  
Luncheon Banquet  
& evening Dueling for  
Families Concert



## VOLUNTEER WITH US!

First Choice Clinic volunteers assist women and children by serving as board members, event support, or other weekly and monthly activities such as newsletters preparation, cleaning, or general office support. Contact Mara for more details!

## OUR NEEDS

- Unscented wipes
- Baby Hygiene Products
- Clothing - 12 mos to 5T
- Hooded towels & washcloths
- Diaper bags
- Toddler Shoes - all sizes
- Baby/Children's books in Spanish
- Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Amazon)
- Paper towels/Toilet paper for the clinic

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. All contributions are 100% tax deductible. New items will be accepted and can be dropped off at the clinic during normal business hours.

## DONATE TO FIRST CHOICE CLINIC



[www.friendsoffirstchoice.org](http://www.friendsoffirstchoice.org)

## CLINIC HOURS

- Tuesday 9 AM - 7 PM
- Wednesday 9 AM - 3 PM
- Thursday 9 AM - 7 PM