

FIRST CHOICE CLINIC

NEWSLETTER



20 Years of Faithful Support

For 20 years, you have stood faithfully beside First Choice Clinic and we want you to know how deeply grateful we are. Your generosity, prayers, encouragement, and commitment have made it possible for us to walk alongside women and families during some of life's most challenging moments. Every year, every client served, and every life impacted has been made possible in part because you chose to believe in this ministry and support the work God has called us to do.

As we celebrate 20 years, we celebrate you, the faithful donors who have helped make this journey possible. Thank you for standing with us, for believing that every life has value, and for helping families find hope, practical support, and a path forward. We look forward to continuing this mission together for many years to come. Thank you for being an essential part of our story!

I look forward to seeing each of you at one (or both) of our events on October 8th.

With Heartfelt Thanks,

Mara Gorenson
Executive Director

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● Did you know?

Ultrasound services offered at First Choice Clinic can make a meaningful difference. A recent story shared by Pro-Life Action Ministries illustrates how compassionate support and the opportunity to see and hear her baby changed one woman's decision.

On August 3, Pro-Life Action Ministries shared on its website that a baby was saved through a mobile ultrasound unit serving the Minneapolis Uptown area. A sidewalk counselor encouraged a woman who had arrived for an abortion to pause and reconsider. She chose to do so and visited the mobile pregnancy center van with an ultrasound parked across the street.

After the ultrasound, the sidewalk counselor spoke with her as she left the area. "She showed me a picture of the ultrasound, which showed her baby as a small dot on the screen. She said she was able to hear the baby's heartbeat." The sidewalk counselor then gave her a brochure, connecting her with a pregnancy center closer to home for continued support.

20th Anniversary Events



The Red Wing Parade was a great success! Thank you to our volunteers!

For the first time in several years, First Choice Clinic had a spot in the Red Wing River City Days Parade. On August 2nd, 16 volunteers, board members, and staff members walked in the parade handing out information about the clinic and our services. A team of two carried a banner followed by a UTV pulling a small trailer with the Healthy Families, Stronger Together float theme. Many thanks to all who helped organize the float and for the volunteers who handed out the flyers while sporting orange t-shirts for the clinic!

2026 Silent Auction & Open House raises over \$2000

The 2026 Open House was held on Monday, August 3rd at First Choice Clinic starting at 4pm in the evening. In addition to tours, visitors were provided a delicious meal and kids games were available. The Silent Auction items were on display after being available for bidding online for several weeks. Bidding closed at 6pm that evening and many winners were able to pick up their items at the clinic that evening. Thank you to all volunteers, staff, and board members for contributing to this year's event!

Congratulations to all the winners of the Silent Auction items. Thank you for your donations!



2026 Silent Auction donors:

- Cannon River Winery
- Godfather's Pizza
- Green Bay Packers
- Hair Designs by Tammy
- Kelly's Tap House Bar and Grill
- MN Twins
- MN Vikings
- Muddy Duck
- Rancho Loco, Cannon Falls
- Red Wing Cinema
- St James Hotel
- ...and many individuals who shared their crafts, home business items, or created gift baskets.

Our Needs

- Unscented wipes
- Size 5-8 diapers
- Fall/Winter clothing - 12 mos to 5T
- Potty chairs
- Toddler step stools
- Baby mitts

Thank you for supporting First Choice Clinic!

Healing of our Hearts

Join us for the 10th Annual Mass of Remembrance!

This is a special Mass for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child through any means, including illness, accident, suicide, stillbirth, abortion, miscarriage, or suffered due to infertility. Hospitality and refreshments will be available after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in prayerful support on **Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 PM** at St. Mary of the Lake in Lake City. The Church is located at 419 W. Lyon Avenue in Lake City. Call the church office for more information at (651) 345-4134



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**LUNCHEON BEGINS AT NOON - DOORS OPEN
AT 11:30AM**

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Info inside!

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

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CLINIC HOURS

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

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.