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Life News

EQUIPPING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO LIVE WELL AND VALUE LIFE
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JULIA'S BRAVE CHOICE FOR LIFE

The names and some minor details of the following story have been changed to protect the identities of those involved.

When we first met Julia she was in a four-year stable relationship with Robert. They both worked in the construction industry. Julia already had one daughter from a previous relationship. They came into ZoeCare to confirm the viability of their pregnancy. As they talked separately with patient and partner advocates, they verbalized their intent to continue the pregnancy even though it was unexpected. Due to the early nature of the pregnancy, an ultrasound was not performed. We gave community support and provider referrals to them both. When Julia was discharged, she was looking forward to her appointment with the OB provider.

On a weekend two months later, Julia reached out to the on-call nurse and gave an update to her situation. She shared that she and Robert recently broke up and now she felt under enormous financial pressure. As a result, she was strongly considering abortion. Julia made an appointment with ZoeCare for a few days later. During that appointment, Julia was very open with the nurse and patient advocate about her situation and all of the stress she was feeling. She requested information about abortion. The nurse provided Julia with evidence-based literature for her to review concerning her options in depth as well as information on fetal development and other related topics. Together, the patient advocate and Julia worked through a decision guide that facilitated Julia in understanding her thoughts on the options before her. She also evaluated and rated the importance of each benefit and risk of each option. Because Julia shared that she has a faith

*...for you created my
inmost being;
you knit me together
in my mother's womb.
I praise you because
I am fearfully and
wonderfully made...*

*Your eyes saw
my unformed body;
all the days ordained
for me were written
in your book before
one of them came to be.*

– Psalm 139:13-14, 16

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JULIA'S CHOICE CONTINUED

background and that abortion is contrary to those beliefs, the nurse encouraged her to read her Bible during this time of uncertainty and they read portions of Psalm 139 together.

During the course of the discussion, Julia mentioned that she had had a couple of ultrasounds since her first visit at ZoeCare and that she had not been able to see the baby during the procedure. She said she did not feel at all connected to the baby. During this visit, the nurse performed another ultrasound and Julia became teary eyed at what she saw on the screen: the sweet profile of her baby's face, the occasional wiggles and turning of her baby, and the rhythmic clapping of the baby's heart.

Julia left ZoeCare feeling connected to her pre-born child and confessing that she is now planning on carrying this pregnancy to term despite the challenges! ■

WELCOME MOLLY!



ZoeCare welcomes our newest staff member Molly Wilmington to serve as **ZoeCare's Community Engagement Director**. Molly brings to this position pregnancy care leadership through her 10 years of volunteer work in Waco, Texas, two years of serving on

staff at St. Catherine Family Health Care (now our ZoeCare-Belgrade location), and four years of volunteering at ZoeCare banquets. In Waco, she served with the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Central Texas, on the board of Pro-Life Waco, as an advisor to the Baylor University Students for Life of America, and as the co-leader of a healthy relationships education ministry in Central Texas. Molly brings four years of experience working with volunteers, agencies, and churches through her previous job at Love INC. Molly is excited to work with ZoeCare's partners and supporters to help transform our community to embrace the intrinsic value of all human life. ■



BELGRADE UPDATE

The sign is up, the doors are open, and patients are being served in ZoeCare's Belgrade location. We've given away diapers, strollers, and other baby supplies from our extensive momma boutique. Ministry is happening.

Due to shortage of workers, we are open only one day per week in Belgrade. We need to hire an Office Manager and a Spanish-speaking Clinical Assistant to expand our hours as we want. That will come. We believe the Lord has much more in store for us.

Keep praying for ZoeCare-Belgrade and the vital work being done there. We're just getting started.

To learn more about ZoeCare's open job positions, please visit:
www.friendsofzoe.org/jobs ■

LEAVE A LEGACY

You can help save lives for years to come! Please consider a charitable gift to ZoeCare:

- **Put ZoeCare in your will or trust**
- **Designate ZoeCare as a beneficiary in a retirement fund or life insurance policy**
- **Give the gift of stock**



Your impact on innocent lives can be felt for decades to come! Please call Cindy at (406) 586-9444 to learn how you can *make a difference in the lives of future generations*.

ZOECARE'S 2022 ONLINE AUCTION

Don't spend your money and time waiting in department store lines on Black Friday, or lining the pocketbooks of big box stores. *Come to ZoeCare's 2022 Online Auction!* Featuring the greatest collection of items yet, this year's auction will include items big and small, something for everyone and any budget! And the best part is that 100% of the money raised will directly go to saving lives of the pre-born in 2023! Here are just a few of the types of items that will be auctioned off.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 @ 8:00 AM – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 @ 8:00 PM
To learn more and register to bid, visit www.friendsofzocare.org/auction.

LEGO SETS



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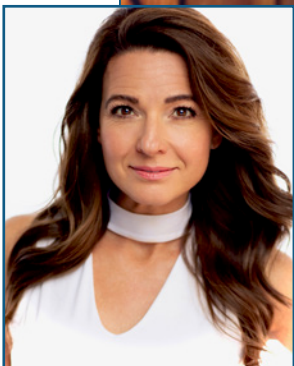
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PRAYER NEEDS

Thank you for praying for this ministry. We experience answered prayer every day. Here are some specific needs we have:

- 1. Our Patients** - Inflation, gas prices, and community unrest – the hardship that comes from these hits the most vulnerable the hardest. Many of our patients are struggling. As a consequence, more and more of our patients are tempted to abort their child. Please pray that the Lord would be their provider, give them hope to be parents, and pave the path toward life for their pre-born child.
- 2. Open Job Positions** - We are still in need of some staff and volunteers to expand ministry at ZoeCare-Belgrade and Bozeman. Please pray that God would send the needed people to fill these positions. (To see ZoeCare's job openings, visit www.friendsofzocare.org/jobs/.)
- 3. ZoeCare-Belgrade** - Please continue praying for ZoeCare's new location in Belgrade. We are getting our name into the community and ask for your prayers for more patients and a strengthening of connection with the community.



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