

SAVE THE DATE *ZoeCare's Annual Banquet* OCTOBER 10, 2019 with *Abortion Survivor & God's Girl* **GIANNA JESSEN**

To learn about Gianna, please visit
www.friendsofzoecare.org/banquet.

Since Virginia's Governor made remarks about infanticide after a failed abortion, the country has been abuzz about the value of life. To some, it may feel like this is just a political talking point, but for **Gianna Jessen**, this issue is very personal. Gianna was born during a failed abortion and was left on the table to die. By God's grace she survived! It only takes a few seconds in her presence to be captivated by her zeal for Jesus and her love of life despite the many obstacles she has faced. **You won't want to miss Gianna's inspiring keynote address at ZoeCare's Annual Banquet on October 10, 2019. Mark your calendars now!**

Stay tuned for more information in the months ahead.

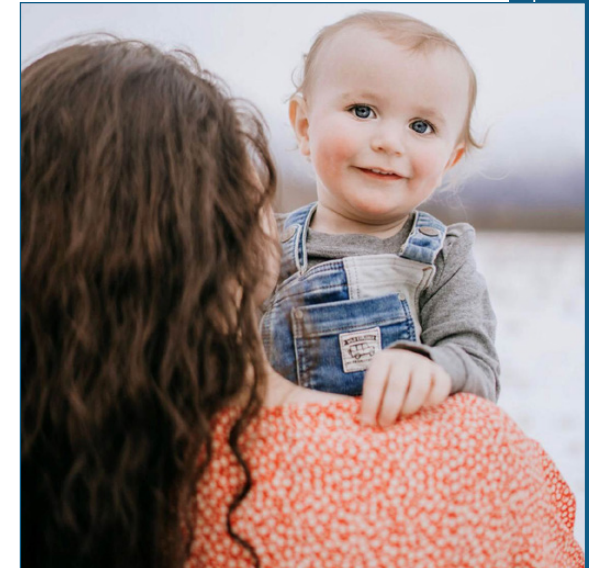


Hope in a Heartbeat

by Kyndall Hinkle, 45North Director & Jeanine Allen, Mom2Mom Director

Julianna settled on the table preparing to see the ultrasound. Her husband Jeffery was next to her holding her hand. Julianna wiped tears from her eyes. They both felt a weight of guilt, having decided that abortion was the best option. While they both wanted to be parents someday, they did not see how they could parent at this time. Jeffrey was about to head off to basic training in the Air Force. Julianna had been dealing with an undiagnosed neurological disorder which caused vertigo and fatigue. And to add to it, they had very little money. The positive pregnancy test was overwhelming; they had only been married a week.

As the nurse turned on the screen and prepared the probe, Julianna leaned back on the table. In a matter of moments, the ultrasound image appeared on the screen with a flickering heartbeat. It immediately hit Jeffery — this was his baby. He looked at his wife with hope in his eyes. Maybe they could do this. She also had new thoughts of hope. If Jeffery supported her, maybe they could parent this child.



Unplanned Blessings

On March 28, we packed Gallatin Valley Cinema's largest auditorium for the opening night of Abby Johnson's biographical film **Unplanned**. We enjoyed a night with friends watching a powerful, memorable film that provides an enlightening look into the abortion industry. A special thank you to the evening's underwriters, **Mattress Mill** and **Hayden Truck Repair**.

Wondering how to respond to *Unplanned*? Visit www.friendsofzoecare.org/unplanned for some ideas.

After the ultrasound, the nurse and patient advocate spoke with each of them about their health concerns and financial uncertainty. They shared with them the risks of abortion, both physically and relationally, and community resources that could help in their situation. Julianna and Jeffery realized they were both thinking the same thing. They couldn't possibly end the life of their baby. Julianna wiped away tears of guilt and cried new tears of hope. The room filled with smiles.

At the end of the appointment, they were both very grateful for the hope and support they received from ZoeCare.

Today, Julianna and Jeffrey have a beautiful, healthy little boy. Although Julianna's neurological disorder has not improved and Jeffrey is often gone with the Air Force, their baby boy gives them strength. He is the biggest blessing in their lives. ■



Thank you Emily!

With sadness, we announce the departure of Emily Marks, one of ZoeCare's nurses. Emily served as a part of ZoeCare's capable medical staff for four years and provided grace and compassion to every patient she served. Her previous work in an obstetric office, and a mother of two small children herself, prepared Emily to bring valuable knowledge of pregnancy and the struggles of motherhood to the job. Appropriately, Emily has taken a position in which she'll be able to work with new mothers across the Gallatin Valley. She will be sorely missed. Thank you, Emily!

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 meet for a cup of coffee and learn how you can make a difference in the lives of future generations.

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Word from the Front Lines

by Chris K. Grinnell, Executive Director

The battle rages on. Sometimes it's easy to forget that our battle is not against flesh and blood – people, organizations or laws – but against the spiritual forces that want to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). At ZoeCare, we pray every morning that the Lord will equip us to fight the good fight. Here is the latest from the trenches.

The core of what we do remains serving young women struggling with unplanned pregnancies. About a third of those women explicitly state their consideration or intention to have an abortion. We rejoice at mothers like Julianna (see the cover story) who, once set on abortion, have embraced life wholeheartedly.

We also rejoice at the growing number of partners who accompany pregnancy patients. Nearly 40% of pregnancy patients bring their boyfriend or husband! Men are a crucial component in the life and health of a child, and as more walk through our doors, more will become engaged in the life of their child.

Our mentoring programs are where new moms and dads can grow and receive the one-on-one support they need to grow as new parents. This year we have added nine more *Mom2Mom* and two *beingDAD* mentors.

45North, ZoeCare's relationship training and sexual education program, is reaching more and more

middle and high school students. We have shared the message of healthy relationships and abstinence outside of marriage to about 450 students between four different schools so far this year. In addition to speaking to more schools, *45North* is growing into more and varied venues. As a result, we have embarked on the challenging task of creating our own in-depth curriculum for schools and churches.

Safe Harbor, our newest ministry that trains church members to help support those in their congregation struggling with unplanned pregnancies, is well on its way. Peace Lutheran Church and Journey Church have become our first Safe Harbor churches, with several more close on their heels.

ZoeCare is on a journey this year toward accreditation with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), which will put us in the company of the top 10% of all ambulatory clinics in the United States. This process is elevating all of our medical, safety and education services to a new level of excellence and is strengthening all that we do. See the article on the next page for more on our journey.

Through the ups and downs, victories and struggles, Jesus continues to show up and change lives at ZoeCare. Thank you for being a part of what He is doing. ■

Becoming nationally accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) is a lot of work. It requires adhering to strict regulations, documentation of all our processes, regular training in HIPAA compliance, safety, infection control, risk management and many others. So why go through the trouble?

In a word: *Excellence*.

We are called to serve Jesus with our very best. And in everything we do, we want to give our patients the very best service. Meeting the standards for accreditation is the natural extension of our desire for excellence.

Accreditation provides an accountability to be the best. We will join the ranks of the top 10% of all ambulatory clinics in the country. The AAAHC seal shows our commitment to excellence. Accreditation will provide trust.

Why Accreditation?

by Chris K. Grinnell, Executive Director

Do you know who *isn't* accredited? Abortion clinics and their local affiliates. One more thing accreditation will do for ZoeCare is elevate us above our detractors to a place above reproach. ZoeCare has been fully medical since 2007 but that doesn't stop attacks from detractors who target our supposed lack of real medical expertise. Becoming accredited by the AAAHC (one of the largest national, secular third party that only accredits medical clinics) will be a contradiction to those who will want to discredit us.

We are well on our way toward our goal. Thank you for getting behind us in this vital endeavor. ■



ZoeCare's mobile app

We are excited to introduce ZoeCare's new mobile app, available now on Google Play and the Apple App Store. Stay in the know with up-to-the-minute prayer needs, events and notifications, all within arm's reach on your cell phone. The ZoeCare app will alert you when we have a patient in crisis and will guide you in how to pray. Please download the app today!