

Life Matters^{at AWC}

Because
Love Changes
Everything



At AWC, love is more than a theme; it's the heart of everything we do. Over the past nine months, our focus on love has guided us to take a closer look at the culture around us and the unique challenges that mothers and fathers face today. We know that truly reaching hearts means meeting people where they are, speaking into their experiences with compassion, relevance, and hope.

With that in mind, we were happy to participate recently in Lancaster's first Maternal Health Summit, where our goal was to shift the conversation toward how we can improve maternal outcomes in our community. We also joined in the associated community baby shower, offering practical resources and encouragement to mothers as they prepared to welcome their little ones.

We've also refreshed our website to better respond to the questions, values, and needs of today's culture. By tailoring our online presence, we hope to connect with women and men at the very moment they are searching for answers—showing them that life-affirming care and real support from a dedicated team are just a click away.

As the needs of our community grow, so does our team. We are excited to welcome two new team members who bring passion and dedication to our work, and still have a few key open positions for those who feel called to make a difference. Joining our team is an opportunity to be part of a life-affirming mission that enables families to thrive.

Looking ahead, our goal is simple yet ambitious: to reach even more mothers and fathers across our community. With your partnership, we can expand our services, provide compassionate care, and offer support that empowers families to flourish.



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Executive Director

Health & Safety Classes

Equipping Families with Confidence

At A Woman's Concern, we believe education is empowerment. This summer, our Health & Safety Classes have helped dozens of moms and dads gain parenting skills that bring peace of mind to any growing family.

These classes, taught primarily by our nursing staff, continue to draw larger and larger groups each week. You know it's a great turn-out when you peek in and see Nurse Wanda teaching a full house with eight moms, two dads, two kids, and a student nurse shadowing our lovely team!

From infant CPR and safe sleep practices to car seat installation and preparation for childbirth, these classes

offer a lifeline to parents preparing to welcome a new baby with confidence.

Each class is offered in a supportive environment where parents not only learn but also connect with others facing similar challenges. Participants leave feeling equipped, confident, and encouraged, and ready to keep their little ones safe and healthy. And often, what's learned in class truly makes a life-changing difference.

Brandon* and his wife recently shared how grateful they were for the information they were provided on pre-term labor. When his wife unexpectedly went into labor early, they knew exactly what was happening and called their doctor right away, allowing the doctor to help protect both mom's and baby's health.

Your generosity makes this possible. Every class, every skill learned, and every family helped is because of you. Thank you for giving parents the confidence and tools they need to keep their little ones safe and healthy.

* Name changed



Knights of Columbus Show their Love for Life

We are thrilled to share the impressive news that the **Knights of Columbus** in the Lancaster area have successfully raised the funds necessary for AWC to purchase a new, state-of-the-art ultrasound machine, PLUS six years of ultrasound maintenance! This generous gift ensures that A Woman's Concern can continue offering a service that not only saves lives but protects the health of expectant mothers.

For many women and men, an ultrasound is the moment when fear begins to fade, and hope takes root. But the value of this imaging goes beyond reassurance, it is critical for **maternal health and safety**. It is essential to protect a woman's well-being and here's why:

- ▶ **CONFIRM PREGNANCY & LOCATION**

An ultrasound confirms that a pregnancy is inside the uterus. *Ectopic pregnancies* can be life-threatening if undetected.

- ▶ **DETERMINE GESTATIONAL AGE**

Knowing the accurate stage of pregnancy is essential for making safe medical decisions and planning appropriate care for both mother and baby.

- ▶ **IDENTIFY MULTIPLE PREGNANCIES**

Some women are carrying twins or more—something only an ultrasound can reveal—so that care can be tailored to their unique needs.

- ▶ **PROTECT MATERNAL HEALTH**

Understanding the pregnancy's stage and location enables timely intervention and the right medical support, safeguarding a mother's health and the lives of all involved.

At AWC, we believe that providing free, confidential ultrasounds is one powerful way that we show love, share truth, and empower parents. The Knights of Columbus have been instrumental in supporting this part of our mission from the very beginning. They provided funding for AWC's very first ultrasound machine—the first machine provided by the Knights in the entire state of Pennsylvania! Now, their extraordinary generosity is at work again, helping us expand access to life-changing care.

We are so grateful to all those who gave to the Knights' fundraisers throughout the area and have made this gift possible! Because of their commitment and your support, more women will experience that unforgettable moment when love becomes visible on a screen and safety is ensured through our compassionate care.

Growing Our Team New Faces & Open Positions

We're celebrating the addition of two new team members who will help AWC Build Strong Families that Cherish Life here in Lancaster. Join us in welcoming **Lara Sweeney** and **Rebecca Groff**!



- ▶ Rebecca will be working with our medical services team as our new Patient Care Advocate



- ▶ And as the Office Coordinator, Lara will be ensuring our day-to-day operations run smoothly so we can serve families with excellence.

BUT we're not done yet! We still have two key positions open, and we're looking for passionate, mission-driven individuals to join the AWC team.

If you, or someone you know are ready to make a difference, visit **FriendsofAWC.com** to apply!





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November 8, 2025

at the Star Barn | 1 Hollinger Lane, Elizabethtown, PA

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A special THANK YOU to all our sponsors and supporters for standing with AWC!!

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