

Prayer Points

We are extremely grateful for your prayers that are essential to the work we do every day.

To subscribe to our weekly prayer emails, visit firststeptolife.com/pray.

Please pray for the following:

• **Women at Risk for Abortion:** Please pray that women in our community who are most vulnerable to abortion will find Assure as their **first step to life**, come in for appointments, and ultimately choose life, for themselves and their babies.

• **Spanish-Speaking Initiative:** Pray for God's wisdom and direction as we seek to expand our outreach to the Spanish-speaking community. May we be guided clearly in our next steps to serve this vital population with excellence and grace.

• **Life Matters Broadcast & Podcast:** Pray that our Life Matters radio broadcast and podcast will touch hearts and transform minds across our state. Ask the Lord to inspire listeners to support Assure and take bold steps in standing for life.

• **Imagine Banquet Praise:** Thank the Lord for an inspiring and successful annual Imagine Banquet! We are grateful for the encouragement and support shared during this special evening.

Tessa's First Step to Life: From Desperation to Determination

Tessa reached out to Assure Women's Center in a state of urgency, seeking a chemical abortion after confirming her pregnancy and undergoing an ultrasound at another facility. Though overwhelmed, she agreed to come in for a pre-abortion screening. Living with her parents and experiencing her first pregnancy, Tessa was grappling with immense financial pressure and emotional turmoil.

Her support system strongly advocated for abortion, even threatening her housing stability should she choose to parent. Compounding her distress, the father of the baby pressured her to abort and even threatened custody if she did not comply. Despite these challenges, Tessa returned to Assure for repeat appointments. Each visit provided her an opportunity to see her growing baby on the ultrasound and receive compassionate support.

Over time, the visuals and conversations began to reshape her perspective. With each follow-up, her confidence in choosing life strengthened. Ultimately, Tessa's fear transformed into resolve - she chose to parent, empowered by the care and clarity she found at Assure.

All of the services we provide at Assure help women facing unexpected and unsupported pregnancies see that all of life matters to God – theirs and their baby's. We show compassion and strength in a non-judgmental environment, enabling women to take a deep breath, slow down, and see their pregnancy as a gift.

When they have all the information they need and time and space to process, they are encouraged to take that **first step towards life** for them and their babies!



ABOUT US

Mission Statement

To be the **first step** for women facing an unplanned pregnancy, transforming their fear into confidence by addressing their physical, spiritual and emotional needs, and equipping them to make healthy, life-affirming decisions.

Partner Website!

Keep abreast of the latest Assure happenings by visiting our partner website at firststeptolife.com. This website serves as a resource for you. It features photos, videos, upcoming events and much more.

Check in to view the amazing results made possible by your support of Assure Women's Center, subscribe to our newsletter, view past newsletters, and request urgent prayer emails.



Tour Schedule

Tours of our Hartford Office, located at 6510 Sorensen Parkway, are open to the public on the following dates and times. Please RSVP your attendance by calling the Advancement Office at **402-390-9700** and asking for **Michelle Scollard** or sign up online at firststeptolife.com/tour.

Tour Opportunities:

Jul 22 6pm* | Aug 26 12pm | Sep 30 6pm

* The July 22 tour is our first Bilingual Vision Tour. If you speak Spanish and want to use your unique gift to help others feel seen, heard, and supported, join us at 6pm!

Patient Statistics

January – May 2025

Appointments Scheduled · 879
Appointments Kept · 701
Positive Tests · 640
Negative Tests · 55
Life Choices · 452
Percentage of Women at Risk for Abortion Choosing Life · 70%
Patients Rated Abortion Determined · 44%
Patients Rated Abortion Minded · 31%
Clients Attending Parenting Class · 41
Clients in Advanced Classes · 30
Clients in Life Basics Classes · 10
Baby Boutique Visits · 274

Leadership

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Assure First Step TO LIFE

First Step to Life

By Toni Clarke · Executive Director

For many women, the **first step** after a positive pregnancy test is filled with fear, confusion, and isolation - especially when the pregnancy is unexpected or unsupported. That's where Assure Women's Center steps in. We believe no woman should walk through those early moments alone.

Our mission is to be the **first step** for women facing an unplanned pregnancy, transforming their fear into confidence, by addressing their physical, spiritual and emotional needs, and equipping them to make healthy, life-affirming decisions.

We accomplish this by offering free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and options consulting to help women make informed and empowered decisions. These services are the **first steps** of her journey - steps that lead from uncertainty to clarity, from fear to strength. Every visit is filled with compassionate care, a listening ear, and the assurance that she matters.

Our kindhearted staff and volunteers walk alongside women during these pivotal moments. But we couldn't do it without you - our generous community of supporters. Whether you're a monthly

donor, a volunteer, or a prayer partner, you are part of her **first steps**.

As we navigate the cancel culture and social media, we're working to meet the unique needs of two different groups: those who need help and those who want to help.

Our patient-facing website, assureomaha.com, speaks directly to women facing unexpected pregnancies. It's warm, reassuring, and easy to navigate. It focuses on services, privacy, and getting women the answers they are seeking. The tone is hopeful and judgment free - inviting her to take that **first step to life**.

On the other hand, firststeptolife.com, our donor-facing website, is built for champions like you. It's a space for you to see the impact of your support, learn about upcoming events, make donations, and stay connected. The language is mission-driven, focused on the life-changing work we accomplish together.

We believe that both websites serve one mission: to offer hope in the face of uncertainty.

Each pregnancy test administered, each ultrasound performed, and each conversation held is possible because

someone like you gave or volunteered. You're investing in transformation. Her journey may begin in fear, but with your help, it doesn't end there.

Assure is positioned to be the **First Step to Life** for women in our community. I invite you to continue walking with us. Share our story. Invite others to learn more. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/firststeptolifeomaha. And consider giving again, knowing that your support becomes someone's turning point.

At the heart of our work is a simple truth: the **first step** can be the hardest, but no one should take it alone. Through compassionate care and the faithful support of our donors and volunteers, we walk with women through some of their most vulnerable moments - offering truth, hope, and love.

"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." — Proverbs 16:9 (ESV)

Together, we are helping women take the **first step to life**... and trust that God will lead the rest.

Toni

Church Spotlight

Christ Community Church has long been recognized in Omaha for its unwavering commitment to LIFE. That commitment was powerfully demonstrated this past April when nearly 60 staff members dedicated their morning to serving at Assure's north office.



The group enthusiastically jumped into action, dividing into teams to tackle a variety of projects. One team deep cleaned both of our waiting rooms, ensuring a fresh and welcoming environment for our patients. Another group supported our Support Services by crafting blankets and organizing essential supplies. A third team rolled up their sleeves to declutter and reorganize the Advancement Team's basement storage space.



In just two hours, the teams brought energy, joy, and determination to every task - cleaning, hauling, sorting, and organizing. Their cheerful hearts and busy hands made a tangible difference.

Dante Edwards, Assistant Director of Missions at Christ Community Church, coordinated the project. He shared, "Sometimes it feels like the

complex problem plaguing the unborn and their mothers is too big for one person to affect, but the [CCC] team members have conveyed that getting to serve Assure and help upkeep the facilities really felt like service that meant something."

We are deeply grateful for the continued partnership of Christ Community Church. Their hands-on support helps sustain the work for LIFE in our community and reminds us all that even the smallest acts of service can have lasting impact.

For more information about how your church can get involved, please contact Michelle Scollard at michelle@assureomaha.com or call 402-390-9700 ext 2013.



Volunteer Spotlight

At Assure, we meet abortion-minded women right where they are, providing the crucial pre-abortion screening and the honest, compassionate information they need about all of their pregnancy options.

Mary Harper loves that Assure's marketing intentionally reaches women most at risk for abortion. She first encountered Assure in 2021, when Lorelee Hunt Byrd invited her to the Imagine Banquet. Moved by what she heard, she signed up for a tour and by the end of it, she was ready to say "yes" to becoming a volunteer patient advocate.

Mary has now served faithfully for over three years, offering not only her time, but also her generous financial support. What she treasures most about working with Assure's patients is that "we treat every woman with love, support, and respect. That's what these women need the most. They need information - and that's what I can give them.

"When women feel that love and get the facts, they can finally take a breath. That space, that peace - it helps them make a choice for life."

Volunteering at Assure has deepened Mary's own faith and perspective: "Jesus is our salvation and our source of eternal life. That truth has settled into me more and more, because I get to talk about it every week with patients."

And Mary says the community at Assure - both staff and volunteers - is one of genuine love, care, and purpose. "Every time I'm in an ultrasound, no matter what stage, I realize: every human life is a miracle. It's astounding, everything that's happening biologically and on a cellular level; it boggles the mind. And I have a PhD in this stuff! It's always a miracle."

There has never been a better moment to step into this mission. Join Assure's team of passionate volunteers and be a part of a woman's **first step to life**, for herself and her preborn baby.

Learn more and sign up to volunteer at firststeptolife.com/volunteer.

Mary Harper



2025 Imagine Banquet

Thank you to everyone who attended, prayed, and gave to help make this year's Imagine Banquet a night to remember! Our keynote speaker, Allie Beth Stuckey, delivered a compelling call to action, urging each of us to boldly stand for life in a culture of confusion and fear.



Because of your generosity and passion for life, we raised more than \$500,000 by June 13th, unlocking an additional \$120,000 to help us reach more women facing unsupported pregnancies!

We heard a powerful testimony from a young mother who, despite immense pressure from her family and boyfriend to abort, took her

first step to life at Assure Women's Center. Today, her daughter Sophia is a bright, joyful reminder of why this work matters.

We were also excited to share a new video that highlights the distinction between our patient-facing website, AssureOmaha.com, and our supporter site, **FirstStepToLife.com**. This video helps clarify why we have two websites and how to use both of them. Scan the QR code to watch the video.



A special thank you to our sponsors, whose generosity made this event possible. Your



partnership not only covered the cost of the evening, but helped ensure every dollar raised went directly to serving women and saving lives.

Mark Your Calendar: Assure's 40th Anniversary Celebration!

We're already looking ahead to our biggest celebration yet! Please save the date for our 2026 Imagine Banquet on **April 2, 2026**, an unforgettable evening marking Assure's 40th Anniversary with special guest **Tim Tebow!**

Being the First Step to Life for Spanish-Speaking Women

Every week, women walk through our doors, looking for help and hope during an unexpected or unsupported pregnancy. But for many Spanish-speaking women in our community, language becomes a barrier to finding that hope.

We never want language barriers to stop women from taking their **first step** toward a life choice.

To remove this obstacle, we are praying for several **Spanish-speaking women to serve as volunteer Patient Advocates**. These trained volunteers walk alongside patients through their appointments, offering support, encouragement, and clarity during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. Advocates are the heart of what we do - building relationships, listening with compassion, and pointing women toward hope and life.

If you or someone you know is bilingual and has a heart for women and preborn babies, we'd love to talk with you! Patient Advocates are women who are at least 19 years of age, able to serve 2½ to 4 hours per shift, three times a month, and willing to make a one-year commitment. Training is provided.

To learn more, visit firststeptolife.com/volunteer.



Business Spotlight



We're excited to welcome Stevens Capital Partners as a new supporter of Assure Women's Center. Founded by David Stevens, the Omaha-based firm offers personalized wealth management with a deep commitment to values and community impact. As first-time sponsors of our Imagine banquet, we are very grateful to David and his wife, Natalia, for their support.

David, a Certified Financial Planner™ and Certified Exit Planning Advisor, leads the firm's Private Client division, helping families and business owners align their finances with their purpose. Natalia, Director of Operations, brings a passion for outreach and believes that "we all succeed when we care for people."

"True wealth isn't just about what you accumulate - it's about what you give, who you empower, and the legacy you leave behind," David shared. We're grateful for the Stevens family's partnership as we help women and families take their **first step to life**.

To learn more about Stevens Capital Partners, visit stevenscapitalpartners.com.

Tributes

Honorary and Memorial gifts are ways to honor and remember someone while also furthering the mission of Assure Women's Center.

To learn more about Assure's Honorary and Memorial Gifts Program, please call our Advancement Office at **(402) 390-9700**.

HONORARY

For Mary Ann Adams
Michael Harris

For All Moms
Scott & Linda Sullivan

For Babies Saved Through Assure
Valerie Booher

For Chris Beck
Gladys Boeckner

For Paisley Cain
Paul & Megan Cain

For Baby G Girl
Edward & Michelle Whitcomb

For Susan Hennings
Amy Hennings

For Abel, Ezra, & Annie Johnson
Jordan & Stasia Johnson

For Kathy Larsen
Chuck Larsen III

For Chuck Larsen III
Dr Charles & Kathy Larsen

For Carieneal Mitchum
Carol Clough

For Dr Alicia Mizner
Hermine Ellison

For My Daughter Daisy Marquez
Freddy & Ashley Marquez

For My Grandsons Ian & Callum
Mary Harper

For Neal, Adopted Child
Robert and Dr June Eilers

For Our Beautiful Granddaughter
Jeff & Kari Bro

For Our Children and Grandchildren
Dave & Chris Schlesiger

For Our Grandchildren
Larry & Linda Johnson

For Prescott boys, wives, & grandchildren
Stephen & Dawn Prescott

For Betty Ristvedt
Phillip & Jesse Ristvedt

For Melissa S
Allison Casavant

For Mark Cameron Schiffman
Mark & Deb Schiffmann

For Single Mothers
Mount Sinai Church

For Jane Waldo
Nathan & Jillian Waldo

For Larry & Steven Young
Velvet Danielson

MEMORIAL

For Mary Abler
Wilma Abler

For All Aborted Babies
Hope Spies

For My Baby
Anonymous

For Lyle Bardsley
Don & Pat Schleiger

For Wynelle Bockman
Jerry & Renae Magill

For Samuel Braun
Kate Braun

For Kristy Brazda
Anonymous

For David & Shirley Brandert
Melanie Brandert

For Patrick & Julie Bruning
Mark & Linda Chitwood

For Diane Day
Eternity Church

For Patrick Farrell
Don Fletcher

For Kathleen Gerber
Harry Knobbe Feedyards

For Keisha Hassenstab
Janice Havranek

For Bruce & Lisa Hayes
Keith & Lori Holt

For Ryan Horner
Mark & Janna Hosek

For Christie Huggins
Gary Kaup

For Jane Knobbe
Janet Knoell

For Karen Knoell
Lois Kreitman

For Judy Kruger
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For Gwen Sheen
Donna Sommerer

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Amy Tinley

For Bradley & Jessica Urban
Eric Van Roekel

For Cliff & Alisa Vanderpool
Barbara Vasek

For Jamie Vaughn
Deanna Wermersen

For Catherine & Kevin Wilbur
Gracey & Kyle Wulf

For Annabelle Faith Buttermore
David & Courtney Perkins

For Deborah Cannon
Andrew & Joanne Raymond

For Charlotte DePue
Michael Harris

For Lexie Elsey
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Jerry & Renae Magill

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For Rebekah Rose
Brenton & Christina Pyle

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Don & Pat Schleiger

For Bev Taylor
Karen Bowling

For Chet Thomas
Ben & Jennifer Hunter

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Jon & Beth Hansen

For Jane Welty
Doug & Jody Petersen

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