

Recognizing Our Community Partners & Supporters



Exciting growth is happening at Women's Life Center as we prepare to launch ultrasound services, expanding the support available to women facing pregnancy decisions throughout Brunswick County.

For many women, learning they are pregnant can bring uncertainty, questions, and important decisions. Ultrasound services provide valuable information while creating opportunities for education, support, and compassionate conversations during an important season of life.

Having access to this care close to home allows women to receive additional information and guidance as they consider their next steps. It reflects our commitment to expanding care, increasing access to resources, and strengthening support for women and families throughout southeastern North Carolina.

This exciting step forward would not be possible without the generosity of our community. We are grateful for the grants, donations, partnerships, and financial support that helped make this program a reality.

Community Partners & Supporters:

Church Partners: Andrews Chapel Global Methodist Church • Generations Church • New Life Church • St. Brendan Church • Trinity United Methodist Church

Community Organizations: Armed Forces Retirees Association / Carolina Low Country SC-1 • Knights of Columbus

Ultrasound Service Grant Partners: Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation • Focus Broadband • South Brunswick Islands Rotary • Lifelink of North Carolina

Individual Community Supporters (\$500+ Annual Giving): Mardel Ritter • Cynthia Hughes • Misty Palmer • Paula & Heath Byerly • Kimberly Ruth

Their support has helped provide equipment, training, and resources needed to launch this important service and ensure women have access to additional care, information, and encouragement close to home.

Every ultrasound performed represents an opportunity for a woman to receive support, information, and compassionate care during a significant moment in her life. Together, we are expanding care, strengthening support, and creating new opportunities for women and families throughout Brunswick County.



Volunteer Spotlight

Angelique Ward Compassion in Action

When you meet Angelique Ward, it's easy to see her heart for serving others. Although she has only been volunteering with the Women's Life Center for a few months, she has already become a valued member of our volunteer team.

Angelique assists in a variety of ways throughout the Center, but one of her favorite places to serve is the Baby Boutique. There, she helps organize and distribute essential items such as diapers, clothing, baby supplies, and other necessities to families who need a little extra support.

"I was drawn to the Women's Life Center because of its commitment to serving women, children, and families with compassion and practical support," Angelique shares. "The mission aligns closely with my values of helping others and strengthening our community."

For Angelique, the most rewarding part of volunteering is witnessing the impact that simple acts of kindness can have on a family facing challenges.

"The most meaningful part of my experience has been seeing the relief and gratitude on a parent's face when they receive resources that help meet their family's needs," she says. "Something as simple as a package of diapers, a baby outfit, or even a listening ear can make a significant difference during a difficult time."

Through her volunteer experience, Angelique has gained a deeper appreciation for the struggles many families face and the importance of coming together as a community to support one another.

"Volunteering has reinforced the importance of kindness, service, and community support," she says. "These things are more important today than ever before."

We are incredibly grateful for Angelique's compassionate heart, servant leadership, and dedication to the families we serve. Volunteers like Angelique help ensure that every woman, child, and family who walks through our doors feels welcomed, supported, and valued.

Thank you, Angelique, for making a difference one family at a time!



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or via email: info@womenslifecenter.org



GROWING STRONGER FOR THOSE WHO MATTER MOST

Client Story

For Destinee, motherhood is more than a role. It's a calling.

"Becoming a mother was the best thing that ever happened to me," she shares. "Ask any mother, and she'll tell you that the moment you hold your child, your life takes on a whole new purpose."

As a proud mother of three young children, including her newest blessing born last year, Destinee is committed to giving her children the very best version of herself. She understands that caring for her family starts with caring for herself.

"In order to be the best mommy I can be, I have to be the best me I can be."

That desire for growth led Destinee to the Women's Life Center, where she found more than resources. She found encouragement, accountability, and a team of women who genuinely care about her success.

"The amazing women at the Women's Life Center are helping me do just that," she says. "Whether it's learning financial accountability, working through challenges, or discovering the root of issues I'm facing, they're always there."

For Destinee, the support she receives goes far beyond practical assistance. It is the consistent encouragement and belief in her potential that has made the greatest impact.

"They cheer me on and help me become better than I was yesterday."

Like many mothers, Destinee balances the daily demands of raising young children while working toward personal goals and building a strong future for her family. Through parenting support, mentorship, and ongoing encouragement, she has gained confidence and practical tools that help her navigate life's challenges with hope and determination.

Today, Destinee is proud of the mother she is becoming and grateful for the support system that continues to walk alongside her journey.

"I am so thankful and proud to be a young mother raising young children, especially with their loving support."

At the Women's Life Center, we believe every mother deserves encouragement, education, and a community that believes in her. Destinee's story is a beautiful reminder that when women are supported, families are strengthened, and futures are changed.



Youth Human Trafficking Prevention Initiative



Prevention and advocacy efforts continue across southeastern North Carolina through collaboration between community leaders, educators, service providers, and law enforcement committed to protecting vulnerable youth and strengthening prevention efforts across our region.

Stand Against Trafficking USA (StATUSA) was recently awarded an \$8,000 grant from the St. James Service Club to expand youth human trafficking prevention education throughout Brunswick County. This initiative was developed through recommendations from the 2025 Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Conference and reflects the coalition's ongoing commitment to prevention through education.

As technology and social media continue to evolve, traffickers increasingly use online platforms, gaming sites, messaging apps, and social media to target vulnerable children and teens. Many young people have never received education on how to recognize these tactics or protect themselves online. Prevention begins with education.

This initiative was developed through recommendations from the 2025 Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Conference and the collaborative efforts of community partners committed to protecting local youth. By training local educators and community partners, the program will create a sustainable model for delivering prevention education to students year after year.

Through this initiative, StATUSA and the Southeastern NC Human Trafficking Coalition will train local educators and community partners to deliver evidence-informed trafficking prevention curriculum to middle and high school students throughout Brunswick County. The program is expected to launch during the 2026-2027 school year and provide prevention education to approximately 450 students annually.

The goal is simple but powerful: equip young people with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize warning signs, understand online safety risks, resist grooming tactics, and seek help when needed. Through early intervention and prevention education, we can reduce vulnerability and empower youth to make informed decisions that protect their future.

Next Coalition Meeting (Virtual Only)

June 3, 2026 | 4:00 PM

Topic: Youth & Caregiver Human Trafficking Prevention Education

To attend virtually and receive the Zoom link, please email Allysa McKenzie at allysa@statusa.org.

Training Opportunities

STATUSA offers training to help professionals and community members identify and respond to trafficking.

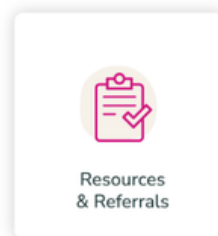
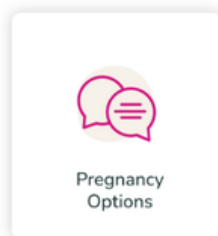
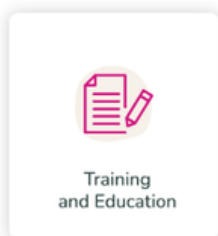
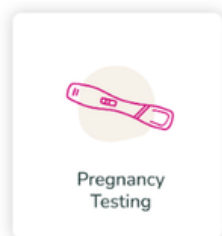
For more information, contact Allysa McKenzie at allysa@statusa.org.

Free Ultrasound Services Coming Soon

Women’s Life Center is seeking pregnant women in their first or second trimester to participate in complimentary ultrasound appointments June 29 through July 2, 2026. Participants will receive a free ultrasound, keepsake photo, and a free gift while helping launch this new community service.



Our Services



Your financial support helps provide free pregnancy services, client advocacy, material assistance, and prevention education across southeastern North Carolina.

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