



Salida Pregnancy Resource Center
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Serving women, men, babies and families since 1989



Life Lines Newsletter

God Bless the SPRC Volunteers!

In the United States April is recognized as National Volunteer Month each year. Originally the volunteer recognition was limited to one week which was mandated by President Nixon in 1974. Some of you might remember in 1990 President H. W. Bush founded the 1000 Points of Light Campaign to call more Americans to service. At that time the celebration of volunteering was expanded to a full month. This recognition celebrates the millions of Americans who make their communities stronger. Volunteering is critical to most nonprofit organizations and without volunteers many would be unable to provide services to their communities.



According to *AmeriCorps*, from September 2020 to September 2021 the number of Americans who formally volunteered was 60.7 million. There were an additional 64 million who volunteered informally. Volunteers add so much to our communities and the interactions we have in our daily lives. Think about the last time you were in a healthcare institution, a school, your church or the Salida Pregnancy Center. Undoubtedly volunteers were there working to promote and assist with the mission of that particular, nonprofit organization.

Why do people volunteer? There are many reasons but these four top the list:

1. Volunteering makes us happy. Helping people releases serotonin and makes people happier. We all have a natural need to give and to help others. A British study examined 70,00 people & found that people who volunteer once a month are happier and less stressed.
2. Volunteering lowers blood pressure because it gets people moving and more engaged.
3. Volunteering improves self-esteem and makes us more confident. Volunteers feel good about what they do and what they have accomplished each day.
4. Volunteering builds leadership and teamwork skills. It also helps people practice what they know.



But what is it that leads people to volunteer at Pregnancy Help Centers like the Salida Pregnancy Resource Center? Why would individuals spend time encountering some of the darkest times in the lives of women and men? Why endure cultural ridicule and disrespect for serving others? And in the current climate, threats to safety are ever-present. Since the Dobbs decision and the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, violent attacks against Pregnancy Centers are a reality. Despite these concerns what motivates the volunteers to return to centers each day?



For Christians it is love, agape love, that keeps them returning. This is the sacrificial love that Jesus demonstrated for us, laying down his love for his friends. These volunteers show kindness, compassion and agape love, providing options counseling, abortion

recovery programs, parenting classes, and emotional support. They offer the material assistance and community resources needed by families. Some volunteers serve off-site providing technology support, laundry, bookkeeping, and as members of the Board. *All are the hands and feet of Christ.* There is a place for YOU at SPRC with us.



Quarter 1, 2024

Community Impact

Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023

Client Visits	541
New Clients	43
Shopping	261
Parenting Lessons	56
Value of in-kind Donations	\$12,831
Volunteer Hours	1,344
Value of Volunteer Hours	\$42,739



How You Can Support SPRC

PRAYERS

Monthly Donations

Online donations can be made at www.friendsofSPRC.com

Donate by mail:
Box 1363 Salida

Volunteer at the Center

In-Kind Donations:
of new and gently used clothing, baby items, no used car seats.

Diapers size 3 & 4

Postage Stamps

Printer Paper

30-gallon trash bags

Small bottles of water

Healthy snacks for families.

SPRC Hours

Monday: 10-3

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 12-5

Thursday: 12-5

Friday: 11-4

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Closed all Federal Holidays



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Colorado Legislature

Many bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate as of this writing in late February. Some of these bills have pro-life intentions and others are supporting the Culture of Death that prevails in our beautiful state. Below is a brief summary of ones that are of interest to us. As you look at these, please remember that **elections do have consequences**. The actions of the individuals we put in office, whether state Senator, Representative, Governor or the state Attorney General, have an impact on families, education, religious liberty and our entire culture. Following are some of the most notable bills that have been introduced this session:

SB 24-083 Relinquishment of Child in Newborn Safety Device
Sponsor: James Callaway Smallwood jr.

This bill authorizes a fire station, hospital or community clinic, emergency center to install a newborn safety device on its premises for parents who voluntarily relinquish their child per the state Safe Haven Law. The Safe Haven Law in Colorado has been effective in providing an option for desperate parents to relinquish a newborn without being charged with child abandonment. While the intent of this bill is honorable it would mandate the installation of these "baby boxes" in every facility. These devices cost thousands of dollars to purchase and install. The advantage of the "baby box" is anonymity for the parents. Designated facilities, hospitals and fire stations currently can accept relinquishment of infants without the "baby box" as described in the bill.

SB 24-068 Medical Aid-in-Dying
Sponsor: Joann Ginal

This bill makes additions to the physicians assisted suicide law Proposition 106 (2016). The bill would reduce the waiting period from 15 days to 48 hours, permit nurse practitioners to prescribe life ending drugs, and end the requirement for Colorado residency to participate in our state. Physician assisted suicide victimizes the most vulnerable in society, the elderly, disabled, chronically ill, by ignoring the dignity and value of every human life.

HB 24-1124 Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation
Sponsor: Matthew C. Soper

This bill makes all 501(c) non-profit organizations, and persons within those organizations subject to fines for discriminating on the civil rights law in Colorado. This statute was amended in 2021 to include "sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, included in the protected classes. That law in 2021 made an exception for religious organizations that are primarily used for religious purposes. Adding "non-profits" to this list of organizations specifically puts religious schools, hospitals, ministries, in violation of this new public accommodation law. There are many concerns with this bill, including First Amendment freedom of expression and conscience, religious liberty protections for non-profits and will place very heavy restrictions on faith communities' ability to function outside the church building.

HB 24-1106 Require information about Abortion Pill Reversal
Sponsor: Scott T. Bottoms

This bill would create the "Abortion Pill Reversal Information Act" which would require a physician or others assisting the physician to provide state-prepared information about abortion pill reversal to a woman seeking an abortion by means of the abortion drugs. The information would include the telephone number and website address where a woman can find the resources to obtain abortion reversal assistance. The act would also make it a deceptive trade practice to fail to provide the required information about abortion; pill reversal.

There are many other bills of interest in the legislative process including HB 24-1136 Healthier Social Media Use by Youth; SB 24-064 Attorney General Duties to Prevent Mis- & Disinformation; HB 24-1224 Personhood of Living Unborn Human Child; SB-24-049 Content of Material in Libraries.

To review any of the bills that have been introduced this session or to locate your legislators go to the website: www.leg.colorado.gov. You can also search for "Colorado General Assembly 2024". There is a wealth of information here and the site is quite easy to navigate.

Some of the analysis of these bills is copied from the emails distributed by the lobbyist for the Colorado Pro-life Coalition

Coming Events :

March 16 Elks Community Baby Shower; SPRC will participate with give aways and information.

March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day to all Irish and to those who wish they were!

March 31 The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

April 11 Community open house and book signing for Author John DiGirolamo.

April 20 Spring Fling Ladies Brunch and silent auction (famous Longaberger baskets).

May 12 Mothers' Day; Baby Bottles in churches.



Happy
Easter

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