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Annual Report 2025



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Life Matters is dedicated to encouraging, equipping, and strengthening pregnancy center teams as they *care for moms and dads, build families, and fight for life every day.*

Oftentimes, these teams pour all of their resources into caring for others, leaving them with little time, budget, or options to train and support their own teams, let alone defend themselves before legislators or pro choice opposition.

That's why our team is committed to champion and serve them so that they can, in turn, serve others.

Life Matters Worldwide doesn't just go to help one mom, baby, or care center, we serve a collaborative network of pregnancy care centers who are making a life-saving impact across the state.

Under our leadership, the Michigan Coalition for Pregnancy Wellness was launched in an effort to unite and strengthen the work of the 78 pregnancy centers and collaborate with our pro-life allies throughout the state of Michigan.

Pregnancy center coalitions now exist in at least 38 states. There is a need for leadership, unity, and collaboration. Life Matters has been asked to lead this national collaborative.

We have said, “YES!” to this call, we are thankful for the strong foundations laid by our predecessors as we return to the initial vision to our nation for life.

National reach...Local impact!

NEXT STEPS

National reach...Local impact!

Twenty-two states have voted to protect life at different points in pregnancy (since the overturn of Roe). That is the good news. **Six states however, including Michigan and Washington, D.C., impose NO term restrictions.** There have been over 1 million abortions in 2024 nationwide.

We have to do more to make abortion unthinkable.
We have learned so much in the past two years, while launching and leading the Michigan Coalition for Pregnancy Wellness. The Life Matters team has been a key resource throughout Michigan and the Midwest for other coalitions and pregnancy centers. Thirty-seven other states have active coalitions who are currently working independently from one another.

There is a critical need for structured leadership, intentional collaboration, and established strategy that will amplify their collective efforts.

Life Matters has been asked to lead this national coalition initiative and we have said, "YES!" By providing leadership to these state coalitions, we can explore shared experiences, launch effective strategies, increase professionalism, give them a voice legislatively, and strengthen them spiritually.

As a result, more lives will be saved, more moms, dads, and families will be cared for, more states will come to life, and we will get closer to making abortion UNTHINKABLE!

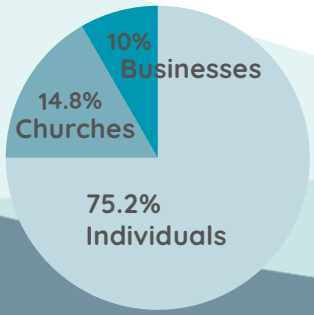
Together we can restore a culture of life in every community.

2024 REVENUE
$312,169

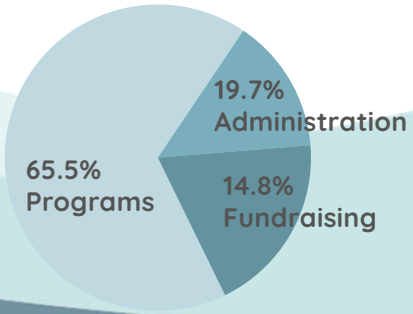
2025 BUDGET
$353,200

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INCOME SOURCES



EXPENSES



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(formally Baptist for Life)

Timeline

1984 Baptist for Life Formed;
Name changed to Life Matters Worldwide in 2012

- **1984** Mary Jayne Borrello organizes a meeting with Baptist leaders to unite concerning life issues.
- Baptist For Life formally organized.

Materials for Churches

- **1986 BFL publishes Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** bulletin inserts
- **1993** Launch of Center for Biblical Values with Mark Blocher
- **1994** Launch of Life Images under the leadership of Donna Harris
- **1987** Center for Biblical Bioethics and Living In Faith Together (LIFT) Programming launched
- **2014** Powered by God 4th-6th grade curriculum launched

Training and Programs for Pregnancy Care Centers

- **1985** BFL held a counselor and volunteer training for the Pregnancy Resource Center and the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Greater Grand Rapids
- **1989** BFL holds its first annual Leadership Summit
- **1996** Partners in Ministry launches
- **1997** BFL publishes Standards of Excellence
- **2024** PCC Assessments and Cultural Trainings

Executive Director title later changed to President

Mark Blocher 1984-1993
Ray Paget 1993-2003
Tom Lothamer 2003-2018
Eric VerStraete 2018-2020
Carolyn Doyle 2021 to present

Affiliations and Coalitions

- **1985** BFL begins Crisis Pregnancy Center of Greater Grand Rapids.
- **1986** Name changed to Alpha Women's Center and in 1988 established independence from BFL
- **1986** BFL spreads to other states with representatives and affiliates
- **1997** BFL begins an international outreach with a trip to Romania, and international representatives are welcomed at the annual Summit.
- **2004** Helped launch Alliance for Life of Michigan, a state-wide alliance of evangelistic pro-life ministries.
- **2023** Life Matters Worldwide leads the formation of the Michigan Coalition for Pregnancy Wellness (MICO), which launched membership in January 2024
- **2025 Life Matters launches leadership of a national coalition** uniting and supporting State Coalitions. ***National reach, local impact.***

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