



2022

ANNUAL REPORT



A WORD FROM HERBIE NEWELL

President & Executive Director



Reflecting back upon 2022, the Lord's presence was abundantly evident, working through Lifeline's ministry to meet the needs of vulnerable children and families. We begin 2023 confident that God will continue to sustain this ministry while staying true to His promises. The prayer for this new year is that the God of all creation will give us ample opportunities to reflect His glory to the vulnerable and to the nations.

While we celebrated the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision in the landmark Dobbs V. Jackson Women's Health Organization case, we know that much work still lies ahead. During this new time in our nation's history, Lifeline stands ready and able to serve the growing needs of the women facing unexpected pregnancies. We will continue the fight for life and protect women, children, and families.

Lifeline officially relocated to the new permanent International Headquarters in Birmingham, AL during August 2022. This ministry center will provide a stable foundation for Lifeline's continued growth in the United States and worldwide.

With 140 million orphaned children worldwide and over 450,000 vulnerable children in the United States, this work is far from over. We increasingly need partners who are willing to invest their time, talents, and resources as we look ahead to what the Lord will accomplish in 2023 and well beyond for His glory to be displayed to the most vulnerable.

2022 IMPACT



Adoption

International: 111 international applications in 2022
121 children home in 2022 to 83 adopting families

Domestic: 75 Children Placed



Pregnancy Ministry

740 women inquired about our services

Served expectant moms in more than 30 states

Partnered with over 150 pregnancy centers to provide life-affirming options to women



Family Restoration

Foster Care: Trained 204 current foster and adoptive parents and professionals through continuing education

Harbor Families: 22 new host families trained

Family Restoration: 167 Families Count graduates



Global Orphan Care

1710 children impacted through (un)adopted

493 key influencers trained

32 countries served



Education and Counseling

2003 counseling sessions provided

441 Parent Coaching sessions

147 families attended Rooted in Love

120 Bridge Screening/Tutoring/IEP Mentorships

Camp Empower/Bridge Camp: 290 Campers/60 Buddies

9 Trauma Informed, Cognitive Focused Training/Conferences

MEDIA COVERAGE

Since the overturning of Roe V Wade in June of 2022, Lifeline has had the opportunity to weigh in on pro-life issues via these news outlets.



2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



Adoption

Begin international adoption programs in several additional countries of need and expand foster care adoption to several more states.



Global Orphan Care

Engage with more global churches caring for orphans in their own communities, helping them to partner with U.S. churches, and supporting them with training and strategic resources.



Pregnancy Counseling

Grow Lifeline's 50-state pregnancy counseling initiative to support more women with life-giving options across the nation in the face of post-Roe complexity.

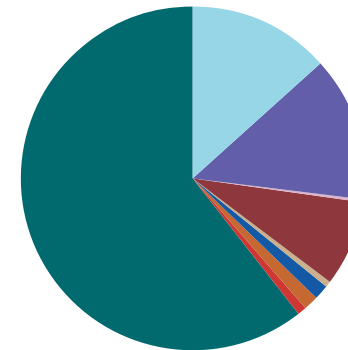


Education and Counseling

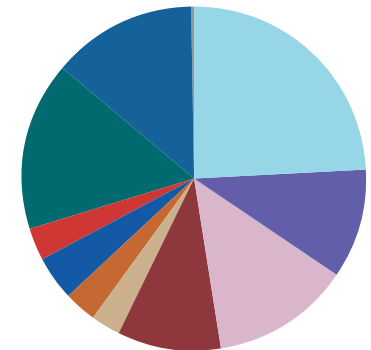
Multiply to serve more vulnerable children with learning differences and their families through assessments, tutoring, IEP/504 consultations, and camp intensives.

FINANCIALS

INCOME



EXPENSES



INCOME

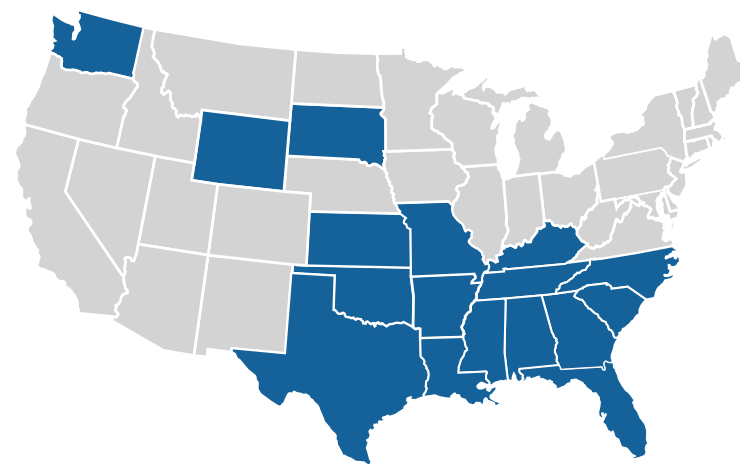
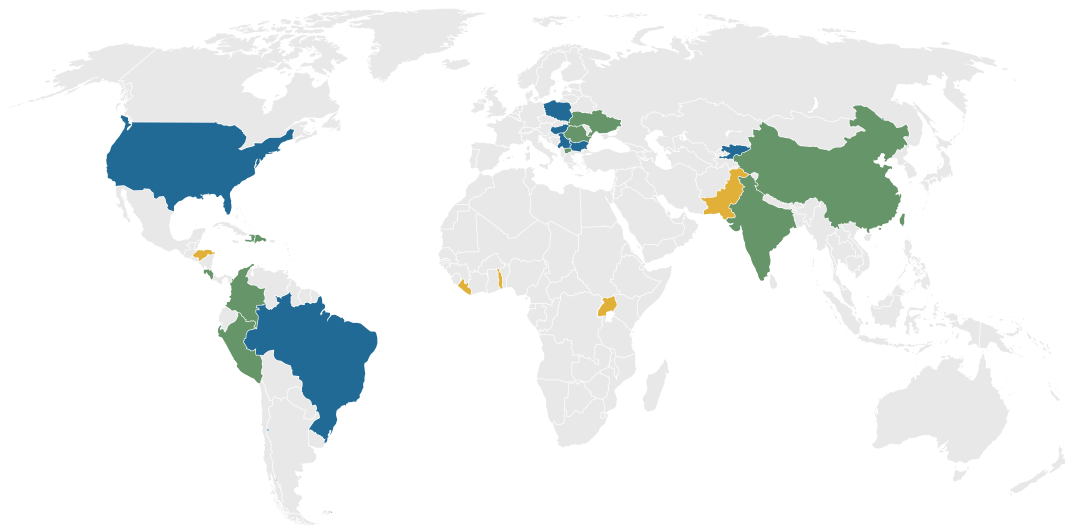
	2022 Income		2023 Budget	
International Adoption	\$2,080,261	13.4%	\$3,787,644	20.9%
Domestic Adoption	\$2,126,223	13.7%	\$2,286,044	12.6%
Pregnancy Counseling	\$63,456	0.4%	\$50,000	0.3%
Global Orphan Care	\$1,242,751	8.0%	\$746,506	4.1%
Foster Care	\$99,119	0.6%	\$392,400	2.2%
Counseling	\$231,260	1.5%	\$571,714	3.1%
Education	\$198,274	1.3%	\$243,650	1.3%
Church Based Programs	\$103,429	0.7%	\$145,000	0.8%
Development	\$9,427,535	60.7%	\$9,534,310	52.5%

EXPENSES

	2022 Expenses		2023 Budget	
International Adoption	\$3,802,824.28	24.39%	\$4,612,811	25.64%
Domestic Adoption	\$1,608,984.42	10.32%	\$2,173,742.50	12.08%
Pregnancy Counseling	\$2,011,792.27	12.9%	\$2,731,516.49	15.18%
Global Orphan Care	\$1,544,467.34	9.9%	\$1,243,954.73	6.91%
Foster Care	\$423,216.58	2.71%	\$990,129.64	5.50%
Counseling	\$478,742.33	3.07%	\$711,218.37	3.95%
Education	\$669,520.17	4.29%	\$723,006.67	4.02%
Church Based Programs	\$442,728.95	2.84%	\$1,033,445.61	5.74%
Development	\$2,510,686	16.1%	\$1,818,165	10.11%
Administrative	\$2,101,067.67	13.47%	\$1,951,914.99	10.85%
Miscellaneous	\$31,954	0.2%	\$399,703	2.2%

Total	\$15,594,030	\$17,989,905
Fund Balance	\$53,676	\$167,066

WHERE WE SERVE



INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Brazil	Kyrgyzstan
Bulgaria	Latvia
Honduras	Macedonia
Hong Kong	Poland
Hungary	Taiwan

INT. ADOPTION & (UN)ADOPTED

China	India
Colombia	Peru
Costa Rica	Romania
Dominican Republic	Ukraine
Haiti	

LICENSED STATES

Alabama	Oklahoma
Arkansas	South Carolina
Florida	South Dakota
Georgia	Tennessee
Kansas	Texas
Kentucky	Washington
Louisiana	Wyoming
Mississippi	
Missouri	
North Carolina	

GLOBAL ORPHAN CARE

Liberia	Guatemala
Togo	Burundi
Uganda	Democratic Republic
Pakistan	of Congo
Lesotho	Ethiopia
Zambia	Kenya
Zimbabwe	Argentina
Mexico	Belize
Venezuela	Chile



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FLORIDA

2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

12

PREGNANCY
RESOURCE
CENTER
TRAININGS

58

EXPECTANT
MOTHER
REFERRALS

06

CHURCHES
COMPLETED
FAMILIES COUNT
CLASSES

44

FAMILIES
SERVED

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Host 6 adoption meetings.
- Take part in 120 church partnership meetings.
- Host Families Count regional trainings and train 5 new churches.
- Partner with 1 church to launch Heritage Builders and Worthy.
- Grow Lifeline Florida positions.



LIFELINE ALUMNI FAMILY

“ You must be intentional about your motivation. Birthmoms don't create our families, we give birth moms the peace of mind that they are not a commodity, but rather an extension of our family. And, when she hands over her most precious treasure to you, she must be able to know that when she lays her head down at night, we are keeping our promise to her.”

-Lifeline Adoptive Mom



MELISSA KOWEISKI

Melissa joined the Lifeline team in April 2021. She grew up and currently lives in St. Johns County, Florida and

serves as the Florida Director of Engagement. Melissa received her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Leo University. She spent 16 years as a teacher and administrator in the public school system prior to joining Lifeline. Melissa has been married for 28 years and has 4 children: Noah-24, Joshua-21, Sarah-19, and Rebekah-15. She and her husband recently adopted their 4th child from Bulgaria. Melissa enjoys going to the beach, spending time and playing card games with family and friends, and crafting when she has time. Melissa truly enjoys her role at Lifeline and considers it a great blessing to be the hands and feet of Christ to reach communities across Florida and to spread the love and hope of Jesus Christ to the vulnerable.

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GEORGIA

2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

65

CHURCHES
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED

55

EXPECTANT
MOTHER
REFERRALS

20

CHILDREN
HOME

253

FAMILIES
SERVED

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

ADOPTION

- Assist 10 Christian families in beginning their domestic adoption journey.
- Assist 18 Christian families in pursuing international adoption.
- Facilitate 6 domestic adoption placements.

PREGNANCY MINISTRY

- Counsel and serve 60 women in unexpected pregnancies.
- Conduct trainings at 25 Pregnancy Resource Centers.
- Conduct trainings at 10 medical facilities.

FAMILY RESTORATION

- Train and equip 5 new churches in our Families Count ministry.
- Launch Harbor Families and Heritage Builders programs in Georgia.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

- Engage 15 new churches in partnership.
- Be present in 10 churches for Orphan Sunday or Sanctity of Human Life Sunday celebrations.
- Engage churches in southeast Georgia to love and serve vulnerable populations.

NORMAN FAMILY, Georgia Alumni



“We’ve always shared a common heart for the nations. Both individually and together we have been able to participate in international missions, serve refugee families, and develop close relationships with people from all over the world. Early in our marriage we felt God leading us to grow our family both biologically and through international adoption. We said ‘yes’ and started with an informational meeting with Lifeline. Through our ongoing relationship with Lifeline we’ve been equipped to say ‘yes’ to serve the vulnerable in many of Lifeline’s ministries: international adoption, (un)adopted sponsorships, Families Count, and the Colombia hosting program. We’re continually amazed by the way that God has taken our small ‘yes’ each time and created huge blessings for others as well as our own family. Our son Joshua has now been home for 4 years and is a daily reminder of God’s heart for the nations. We are now pursuing our second adoption in India and can’t wait to meet this sweet child that God has chosen for our family. We love Lifeline for providing believers with so many ways to say “yes.” How will you say ‘yes?’”

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HEIDI HUNTER

The Lord created me to be a wife and mother and to love and serve children. Our Georgia team is devoted to loving and helping children and their families and women and men in unplanned pregnancies. We are praying earnestly for the Lord to continue to anoint us and equip us to help every child have a mother and father to love them and point them to Jesus. We are grateful to partner with the Body of Christ and manifest the gospel to the vulnerable.



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KANSAS

2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

33

CHURCHES
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED

238

EXPECTANT
WOMEN
SERVED

08

CHILDREN
HOME

40

FAMILIES
SERVED

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

PREGNANCY MINISTRY

- Expansion of services at the Lifeline Pregnancy Center in Topeka to include:
 - Adding a second examination room with a sonogram machine,
 - Begin providing STI testing to clients,
 - Expanding volunteer base.

ADOPTION

- Assist 6 Christian families in beginning their domestic adoption journey.
- Assist 12 Christian families in pursuing international adoption.
- Facilitate 2 domestic adoption placements.

FAMILY RESTORATION

- Train and equip 3 new churches in our Families Count ministry.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

- Engage 20 new churches in partnerships.
- Be present in 12 churches for Orphan Sunday or Sanctity of Human Life Sunday celebrations.

BEFORTS FAMILY, Kansas Alumni



“The question arises very quickly in the adoption process, are we willing to claw into God’s faithfulness and throw ourselves beyond ourselves and into an unknown? Taking each step in blind faith. Some days that’s exhilarating, the awesome wonder of what God’s going to do next. And some days it was just plain terrifying. Faithfulness is hard but the end purpose is always worth it. For our family it was that little girl on the other side of all that faithfulness.

One of those steps for our family was heading to India with our 4 children in tow and picking up our girl before the process was finished. We got an apartment, figured out where to buy food and settled in for an unknown waiting period. For just under 2 months our family laughed, struggled, and grew together. Our bio children’s worlds were expanded exponentially, and it also gave us the opportunity to fall in love with our daughter’s culture. We ate all the food, went to church, prayed with strangers, attended weddings, wore the clothes, explored, and fell in love with the people. And ate some more food.

It has now been 6 months since we picked up our sweet Dhanya and we can no longer imagine a life without her. I will not say that we haven’t had hard moments, because they are there, but sometimes we falsely believe that hard and bad are the same thing - they are not. We easily shy away from the thinking “we must be doing something wrong for it to be this hard,” but it wouldn’t be hard if we didn’t love, and it wouldn’t be a God story if it were all easy.”

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NATE BRUNS

Nate Bruns serves as the Kansas State Director of Lifeline Children’s Services. Nate desires to grow Lifeline’s partnership with the local church to serve families with the love of Christ, so that they can experience gospel transformation.



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MISSISSIPPI

2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

42

CHURCHES
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED

79

EXPECTANT
MOTHER
REFERRALS

17

CHILDREN
HOME

23

FAMILIES
SERVED

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Serve 18 families pursuing domestic or international adoption.
- Counsel 40 women facing unexpected pregnancies.
- Utilize our church partner network to assist the Mississippi Department of Child Protective Services with foster family recruitment and training.
- Recruit 3-5 new churches to offer our Families Count family reunification program.



STEVENS FAMILY, Mississippi Alumni

“ We have received the richest blessings through adoption. We have had the privilege of watching as the Lord has taken an orphaned child from across the globe, and placed him into our family. Early in our dating days, Casey and I talked about adoption and were both persuaded that we would grow our family through adoption one day. Two years into our marriage we submitted paperwork to Lifeline and 1.5 years later brought home our seven-year-old son. It’s now been six years since Alek has been ours! In his six years of being a Stevens he has become “big brother” three times, a title that I am positive he was born to have. Only the Lord could orchestrate such a thing. One of the first things I remember about Lifeline was their goal to bring children into Christ-centered families. What we have witnessed in adopting through and advocating for since that time is a testament to just that. The diligent work of Lifeline both domestically and around the world has not only brought the fatherless a home but brought them the gospel. We will never get over the fact that the Lord has allowed us to partake of this richness, to personally see the unmistakable beauty of the gospel through adoption. I don’t know of a better picture of His steadfast love towards us than this. Adoption has changed our lives forever.”

JOHN NOBLIN

John joined Lifeline in June 2019. He has lived in Jackson, Mississippi, all his life, except for seven years in Oxford, MS for undergrad and law school at Ole Miss. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology as well as a Juris Doctorate. John is married to Jill, who is originally from Nashville, and they have two daughters- Keavy and Clayton. John’s three simple joys are faith, family, and friends. Everything else in life just decorates those three. “My favorite thing about working at Lifeline is being part of an organization that is so gospel-focused.”

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NORTH CAROLINA

2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

26

CHURCHES
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED

55

EXPECTANT
MOTHER
REFERRALS

13

CHILDREN
HOME

267

FAMILIES
SERVED

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

ADOPTION

- Help 35 families begin the adoption process.

PREGNANCY MINISTRY

- Serve 60 vulnerable women in unplanned pregnancies.
- Provide 20 trainings for Pregnancy Resource Centers/Medical Facilities, and 3 Regional Trainings for Pregnancy Resource Centers.
- North Carolina Pilot of Worthy, a church-based mentoring ministry to vulnerable women.

CHURCH COLLECTIVE MEETINGS

- 30 Active Church Partners.
- 10 Churches equipped with wrap-around ministries to care for the vulnerable.
- Church Coalition Collaborative Meetings.
- 5 Churches engaged in Global Orphan Care initiatives (Mission Kid, Stand for Orphans, Child Sponsorships).

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- \$31,000 raised for Global Orphan Care through (un)adopted.
- \$510,000 in giving to support ministry work.
- 10 Gatherings for Good to share the mission and vision.
- Ongoing support and continuing education to local DHHS staff and the families they serve.

BATTISE FAMILY, North Carolina Alumni



“ We are the Battise family and we are so thankful for our two energetic, cheerful sons! We knew adoption would be part of our family story but for many years God said “not yet.” He was faithful to fulfill the desire He placed in our hearts when He said it was time to go in 2020! We researched a number of agencies but Lifeline immediately clicked. We appreciated that they cared not only for adoptive families but also for vulnerable children who would not be adopted and for vulnerable biological families that needed support to remain together. We officially began the process in August 2020. Going in, we were not sure if we would pursue domestic or international adoption but the Lord led us step-by-step until it was clear that our kids were in Hungary. For over a year everything went smoothly but at the end of 2021 we experienced a major setback. The Lifeline team responded with so much compassion and we knew they truly felt the loss with us. They allowed us the time we needed and in early 2022 the Lord again called us to move forward. We were unsure what to expect but it wasn't long before we learned about two precious little boys and in July we met our boys, Richard (6) and Ezel (3)! We loved our eight weeks in Hungary. Throughout our time in country Lifeline continued to provide great support so we could focus on bonding as a family. Daily walks to the playground, trips to the grocery store, and ordinary meals became treasured moments as we learned more about each other. We've now been home for several months and we are so proud of our boys for bravely adjusting to such a life-altering change. Every day we apply what we've learned from Lifeline pre-adoption education and Parent Coaching. It has been especially helpful to have practical examples of how to focus on connecting before correcting as we all learn how to be a family. There is no denying that loss and grief are a real part of adoption but there is also great joy. We feel it every time a little hand is held in ours or we get a kiss on the cheek with an “I love you.” Sometimes it is bittersweet, like when we know they are grieving but they trust us enough to.”

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ERICA SPIVEY

Erica joined the Lifeline team in July of 2021 and serves as the State Director for North Carolina. She brings a variety of experiences to our team in marketing, business development, communications, teaching, and mentoring. She enjoys helping others connect their heart's passion with meaningful work and stewardship. Originally from Columbus, Ohio, Erica now calls North Carolina home. She is married to Darrin and they have four children, a daughter-in-law, and a son-in-law. Erica enjoys running and bootcamp workouts with friends and helping others to make healthy, lifestyle choices as a Nutrition Coach and Personal Trainer.



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SOUTH CAROLINA

2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

74

CHURCHES
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED

45

EXPECTANT
WOMEN
COUNSELED

36

FAMILIES
GRADUATED FROM
FAMILIES COUNT

17

CHILDREN
HOME

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Serve 160 women in unexpected pregnancies with life affirming, gospel-centered counseling.
- Help 32 families start the adoption process.
- License 20 new foster parents.
- Equip 4 churches to launch Heritage Builders to support teens aging out of foster care.
- Launch Families Count with 8 new churches to help families reunify with their children in foster care.
- Provide 10 in-person trainings to churches, hospitals, pregnancy centers, and families.

BAUER FAMILY, South Carolina Alumni



“ We brought our son, Elias, home from India in Jan 2021. Given his significant medical needs, it was a difficult transition home. We grieved in many ways and questioned God’s plan for our family. Through the difficulty though, God has brought us to the end of ourselves and to a deeper dependence on Him. He is so faithful. Despite ourselves, He began calling us into special needs adoption again. When we did not think we had the capacity to parent any more children, I (Aubrey) read the bottom of a Lifeline email asking readers to pray about becoming a special needs domestic adoptive family. God softened my heart towards being open to this possibility and I prayed about it. Ryan also began praying about it over the course of several months. One morning at church early this summer, the Lord orchestrated several events in an amazing way. Without any particular reason and without my knowledge, the thought of adoption was heavy on Ryan’s heart that morning. It just so happened that there was a special announcement about the call to fostering and adoption. We were also being introduced as new members. After being prayed for, another member of the church who we didn’t know well came up to us and mentioned that he felt that the Lord had something to share with us. What he mentioned spoke directly to Ryan’s heart and was a clear confirmation from the Holy Spirit that we should adopt again. Christ’s strength is perfected in our weakness and His ways are higher than our ways.”

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CATHY LEEKE

Cathy Leeke serves as the South Carolina State Director. She and her husband Jonathon became foster parents with Lifeline in 2015 and through her personal passion made the transition to Lifeline professionally in 2017. In addition to the 16 foster children who have been served through their fostering ministry, they are the parents of three biological children.



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SOUTH DAKOTA

2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

18

CHURCHES
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED

11

EXPECTANT
WOMEN
COUNSELED

08

CHILDREN
HOME

26

CHILDREN
HOSTED THROUGH
HARBOR FAMILIES

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

PREGNANCY MINISTRY

- Grow Pregnancy Counseling team to serve 50 women in unexpected pregnancies.
- Conduct trainings at 4 Pregnancy Resource Centers.
- Conduct trainings at 2 medical facilities.

ADOPTION

- Assist 6 Christian families in beginning their domestic adoption journey.
- Assist 4 Christian families in pursuing international adoption.
- Assist 3 Christian families in pursuing foster care adoption.
- Facilitate 3 domestic adoption placements.
- Facilitate 1 foster care adoption placement.

FAMILY RESTORATION

- Expand Harbor Families ministry by training and equipping 25 new Harbor Families host families in the Sioux Falls area.
- Launch Harbor Families ministry in Rapid City and Spearfish.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

- Engage 13 new churches in partnership.
- Be present in 13 churches for Orphan Sunday or Sanctity of Human Life Sunday celebrations.

WEIDENBACHER FAMILY, Lifeline Alumni



“Sioux Falls family Chad and Jen were empty nesters. Those empty-nest days have been put on hold, however, because God called Chad and Jen to adopt through Lifeline's Foster Care Adoption Program. Chad and Jen are now providing a forever home for a sibling group of five children who possibly would have spent the rest of their childhoods in foster care. Please pray for this family as they navigate this profound life transition.

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CHUCK JESPERSEN

Chuck joined Lifeline in August of 2021 and serves as the State Director for South Dakota. He and his wife, Ellen, have four children and live in Sioux Falls. A graduate of the University of South Dakota, Chuck served in church ministry for 15 years. He also worked in fundraising and development for rural health care and senior care. He is committed to helping the helpers by inviting people to utilize their time, talents, and treasure to make a difference for the gospel in the lives of others.



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TENNESSEE

2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

51

CHURCHES
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED

47

FAMILIES
SERVED

13

CHILDREN
HOME

38

WOMEN RECEIVED
PREGNANCY
COUNSELING

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Advance Pregnancy Counseling efforts in Nashville, Knoxville, and Memphis.
- Grow Families Count® and Heritage Builders church-based training to 50% of Tennessee Counties.
- Expand church engagement relationships to fulfill Lifeline's core mission to serve vulnerable children.

STANISIC FAMILY, Tennessee Alumni



“ We were married in 2014 and have always known that we wanted to expand our family through adoption. We are originally from Southeast Europe. I immigrated in 2000, when my parents moved here, and Slavko moved to the U.S. after we were married in 2014. In late 2019, we decided to start the adoption process. We chose Lifeline as our adoption agency and felt led to Hungary because we wished to share the special connection with our home continent's cultures with our future children. COVID-19, as we all know, shut down the world, and, with it, our plan for adopting quickly. We continued praying for our adoption throughout the wait and remained strong by focusing on Isaiah 41:10 -- “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Fast forward and in late 2021 we learned about Hungarian siblings: Panna and Noel. We felt that they were meant to be part of our family and on May 9, 2022, we met Panna and Noel for the first time. They hugged us so tightly, with their little hands and arms, and it was like we had known each other for years. We bonded and connected while spending the next two months in Hungary living as a family of four.

We thank God every day for placing our children in our lives and trusting us as their parents. God helped us stay calm, patient and cheerful in the wait! The joy of becoming a family, even though there were times when it felt like forever as we waited for Panna and Noel, showed us God's faithfulness. We would like to thank Lifeline for the help in making this wonderful journey possible!”

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CHRISTOPHER LEIST

Christopher Leist holds a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University and a Master of Arts from American Military University. His passions are sharing the gospel, serving Jesus Christ, loving his family, and helping families and churches serve their calling to vulnerable children. Chris and Stefanie are grateful parents of thirteen - nine adopted from China - living on a West Tennessee Farm.



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TEXAS

2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

36

CHURCHES
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED

13

DOMESTIC
ADOPTIONS

06

INTERNATIONAL
ADOPTIONS

126

WOMEN RECEIVED
PREGNANCY
COUNSELING

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

ADOPTION

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PREGNANCY MINISTRY

- Grow Pregnancy Counseling team to serve 44 women in unexpected pregnancies.
- Conduct trainings at 30 pregnancy resource centers and medical facilities.

FAMILY RESTORATION

- Train and equip 4 new churches in our Families Count ministry.

FAMILY RESTORATION

- Engage 7 new churches in partnership.
- Be present in 18 churches for Orphan Sunday or Sanctity of Human Life Sunday celebrations.



BURLESON FAMILY, Texas Alumni

“Lifeline has been such a blessing to our family. We’ve been challenged, equipped and encouraged by the team at Lifeline from day one. They’ve truly modeled and helped us understand God’s heart for all people in the adoption triad.

In only a way God can, He transformed us from a selfish view of adoption to a greater view of our God’s sovereignty. We are so grateful for our daughter and for those that we have crossed paths with on our journey to her. The education and care Lifeline has provided us on our journey was and is a gift from God.”

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR MINISTRY:

VICKYE SCHULTZ

Vickye joined Lifeline in April of 2019 and serves as Lifeline’s Texas State LCPAA/ Director of Client Services. She has had twenty-three years of prior experience in managing adoption programs and previously maintained child-placing agency licenses in 11 States. Vickye not only has a heart for adoption, but she and her husband Ed are also adoptive parents. Today, their children are adults, and this year Vickye and Ed have become grandparents as they welcomed twin boys to the family. Vickye loves Lifeline’s gospel-centered services that provide hope to vulnerable women and children. When asked about her job at Lifeline, Vickye commented, “It’s a blessing to serve alongside our caseworkers who live out the gospel each day as they serve others.”



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2022 MINISTRY-WIDE IMPACT

07

CHURCHES
ACTIVELY
ENGAGED

16

CHILDREN
FOSTERED

25

FAMILIES
PRE-APPLIED
FOR SERVICES

11

CHILDREN
ADOPTED

2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

PREGNANCY MINISTRY

- Share upcoming Worthy Mentorship Program with Spokane area individuals, churches, centers, and more to serve vulnerable women.

ADOPTION

- Assist 2 Christian families in beginning their domestic adoption journey.
- Assist 8 Christian families in pursuing international adoption.

FAMILY RESTORATION

- License 15 Christian families to provide foster care.
- Train and equip 2 new churches in our Families Count ministry.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

- Engage 5 new churches in partnership.
- Be present in 5 churches for Orphan Sunday or Sanctity of Human Life Sunday celebrations.

CASEY & STEFANIE, Washington Alumni



“Fostering is hard work and you don’t realize how much help and support you will need. We know that not only does God have our back, but so does the amazing staff with their desire to work through God’s love as well.”

HEATHER CAIN

Heather Cain is Lifeline’s Washington State Director and lives in Spokane, Washington. She is from Texas and most recently lived in Colombia, South America, which is where she first heard about Lifeline. She graduated with her B.A. in psychology from The University of Texas and her M.A. in Counseling from Texas State University. She and her husband have been married for 14 years, and they have two amazing little girls and a new puppy to keep them busy! She loves being outside and in nature, and you can often find her hiking, skiing, on the lake, or running the trails. She also enjoys being a part of the worship band at church.



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