

2021 Community Impact Report

The Northwest Center seeks to promote the dignity of women and respect for all human life. We strive to accomplish this goal by offering the loving support and comprehensive aid necessary to enable all women to continue their pregnancies, deliver healthy babies, and care for themselves and their children.

This year marked the celebration of our 40th anniversary of serving pregnant and parenting moms. To mark the occasion, we safely gathered to celebrate and honor one of the Northwest Center's founders in September. We look forward to another 40 years of service!

During the ongoing pandemic, we continued to offer services virtually with curbside pickup of baby items. We adjusted to new safety protocols and were able to welcome back volunteers in person.

In 2021:

769 individuals were served (**330** women, **13** men and **426** children).



2,284 service visits took place. These included “Step Up” appointments (one-on-one goal-based counseling sessions), pregnancy tests, curbside item pickup, Safe Sleep training, resume and job help.

1,061 individuals were connected with critical resources such as prenatal care, childcare, and employment services.

3 women and **3** infants were provided transitional housing in our maternity home and **7** former resident families who successfully completed the program were provided ongoing emotional and material support.

98,297 items of basic material support for mom and baby were distributed. This included:

- **62,476** diapers
- **30,563** items of clothing, toiletries, other baby & maternal supplies
- **3,895** pull-ups
- **692** units of baby food
- **306** cans of formula
- **297** children's books
- **68** pack 'n plays

59 mothers were educated about safe sleeping for newborns. More than **1,000** volunteer hours were logged.

Pregnancy Center

Our pregnancy center is a community outreach program where women learn to identify, discuss, and solve the many challenges surrounding pregnancy and motherhood. In a strictly confidential, non-judgmental, and supportive atmosphere, women we serve are given factual information on all the life-affirming choices open to them and the resources to follow through on those options.

Services provided at no cost include:

Pregnancy Testing

Options Counseling

Linkage to Community Resources

Goal Planning

Parenting Education

Material Assistance



Maternity Home

Our maternity home is a comprehensive transitional housing program which provides pregnant women experiencing homelessness with a loving, supportive, and safe home for up to 18 months. Residents work with our staff -including a licensed clinical social worker – to deliver healthy babies, achieve personal goals and progress toward self-sufficiency. The goals include transitioning to the role of mother, developing healthy support networks, completing education and/or job training, obtaining employment, improving financial management, and finding housing.

Since our founding in 1981, The Northwest Center has served 60,143 women, men, and children in the Washington, DC area. The center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit and all donations are tax-deductible.

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