

# HEARTBEATS

Spring 2019



## Mission Statement

Empowering women to make informed choices about their pregnancy.

## Mandarin Center

11215 San Jose Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL  
(904) 262-6300

## Beaches Center

224 N. Third St.  
Jacksonville Beach, FL  
(904) 246-7378

## Clay County Center

105 Old Jennings Rd.  
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(904) 213-9374

## Baker County Center

368 South 5th St.  
Macclenny, FL  
(904) 259-2585

## Mobile Pregnancy Center

(904) 945-Free (3733)



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“ Now choose life so that you and your children may live ...” Deuteronomy 30:19

## A Door of Hope on the Northside

Aslan is on the move, and we sense that we are riding on His strong and magnificent back! The battle for life for the unborn is heating up in this country, and those who formerly were sitting on the fence about this issue find that they can no longer do so. With the recent decisions by the Governors of New York and Virginia to allow abortion up to delivery and not save those babies who survive the abortions, the enemies of life have gone too far. First Coast Women’s Services has a long history of making our pregnancy services accessible to women in many locations in North Florida.

**National statistics say that if a woman first visits a pregnancy resource center that 75-90% of the time she will choose life. At First Coast Women’s Services, our number is 85%.**

First Coast wants to become the first choice of all those women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy in NE Florida. Since 1994, we have cared for over 30,000 women and babies, and we have saved more than 7,000 babies whose mothers were abortion-determined, from being aborted. The first center was established by the Ashauer family whose daughter was facing an unplanned pregnancy. Since then we have grown from one center to five in North Florida. Each one of those center mortgages has been retired. We rejoice at what God has done through the love and faithfulness of many of you!

**Last year, the Board of Directors asked the Lord, “What next?” As the Board prayed, it became obvious that there were no pregnancy resource centers on the north side of Jacksonville.** Clients from there and even South Georgia had to travel long distances, passing several abortion clinics, to reach any life-affirming help. Our Mobile Center was seeing a significant number of clients at the Walmart – River City Marketplace near the airport. **Last year, 359 abortions were documented in that zip code. Three hundred fifty-nine babies or only one is one baby too many!**

A group of Christians owned land at Rivercity Marketplace and a board member asked them for their help. One of the men said that they had sold a large tract in that area, but the buyer did not buy one corner. He said that they had wondered why and now they knew. It was because the Lord was saving that land for us. (Cont. on page 2)

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They donated it. This was a confirmation that the Lord was answering prayers and going ahead of us in this vision. This new center will be built on Owens Road just off Max Leggett Parkway, just steps away from one of our city's largest new shopping areas.

**We are breaking ground on the Northside center in early Summer and it will expand the reach of our compassionate options-counseling and relevant medical services to those facing unplanned pregnancies.**

We will offer pregnancy confirmations, limited ultrasounds, same-day appointments, life education skills, healing of reproductive loss through miscarriage and abortion, and a continuum of care program after the baby is born for those who need it. Our fundraising goal for this capital project was \$998,000 and so far we have raised a little over half of that. In our second phase of the campaign we will need \$477,997 to complete the new center. We are extending an invitation to you and asking for your help to make this center on the northside available and a first choice for a woman and a man to give them access to life affirming resources. These resources can change the course of their lives and that of their unborn child.

**How you can help: If you are already a faithful donor-thank you! Please prayerfully consider how the Lord may want to use you in this special project by giving or going above and beyond your monthly or yearly contribution.** If you have never supported the ministry, now is a great time to get involved. Thank you for making a difference and standing with us for LIFE!

Because every life is valuable,  
Judy Weber



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## Northside Center Model



NORTH AND WEST ELEVATIONS  
FIRST COAST WOMEN'S SERVICES



## Women Set Free in Prison!

I have been a facilitator for the Bible study **Forgiven & Set Free** at FCWS since 2012. In the spring of 2016 I heard about an opportunity to take this Bible study into Florida Women's Reception Center in Ocala. My sister and I decided this was a path God was directing us to so in the fall of 2016 we had our first study inside the prison.



So far we have had four studies (19 women, 23 babies). We have had the great privilege of sharing God's grace and mercy with women who have been brave enough to admit to having had an abortion. They have publicly admitted their sin and asked God for His forgiveness. Their babies have been claimed and named and their souls have received restoration.

My sister Mary and I stand in awe of God's great mercy towards us. He took us to a place we never imagined, to meet women we would never have run into, and share God's heart with them.

Barbara Cush and Mary Stevens  
AHA Facilitator

### Client Testimony

#### *Letter of thanks from Florida Women's Reception Center, Ocala, FL*

Dear First Coast Women's Services,

Thank you SO much for providing freedom for women's hearts in prison! I just want to say that out of all the classes we offer to our female inmates, this one brings the most healing.

Inmates weighed down with guilt, shame, and silent pain attend the **Forgiven & Set Free** classes and their hearts are set free! I literally see the difference in their faces. Despairing, dark and lifeless faces suddenly become bright, happy and peaceful.

They LOVE Barbara and Mary who make them feel safe and loved. These inmates often want to quit the class because it is difficult to face the truth, but through the Volunteers' love, they find the courage to finish.

Thank you so very much from the depth of our hearts here in the JOY Program.

Ruthie Westfahl  
JOY Program Director

**Forgiven & Set Free Abortion Healing Assistance Program (AHA)** is a program provided by First Coast Women's Services designed to help women and men find healing from an abortion in their past. It is common to struggle emotionally, physically and spiritually after an abortion. Many people do not realize the impact an abortion has on your mind, body and spirit. Post-Abortion Stress can appear any time in your life, only to leave you feeling confused and overwhelmed. A man can also be negatively affected by an abortion because he may have pressured his partner to have one or perhaps unsuccessfully tried to stop her from having an abortion. For more information about this ministry contact us at [aha@fcwsprc.org](mailto:aha@fcwsprc.org) or 904.549.6113.



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## Mark your calendars:

Sunday June 16, 2019 —→Father's Day—Wrap Up of Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign—Send in your bottles!  
 Thursday October 24, 2019 —→Annual Life Banquet, Speaker: Ryan Bomberger—The Radiance Foundation

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Call us at 549-6104 or email [kwhalen@fcwsprc.org](mailto:kwhalen@fcwsprc.org).

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