

Our Core Values

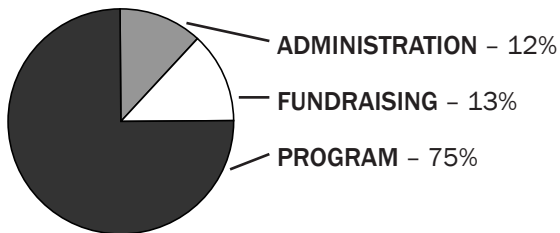
As much as we may have grown and “evolved” over the years, our core values remain the same. We’re still committed to –

- **THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE:** We will address all threats to human life – to unimplanted embryos, the preborn, the terminally ill, the disabled.
- **EVANGELISM & COMPASSION MINISTRY:** We will build the Kingdom of God by articulating the biblical pro-life message in word and deed.
- **THE WORD OF GOD & PRAYER:** We will rely on these God-given resources for direction, guidance, and help.
- **THE LOCAL CHURCH:** We will equip and mobilize God’s people around the world for effective pro-life ministry.
- **FINANCIAL & MINISTRY EXCELLENCE:** We will maintain the highest standards of ethics and integrity.

financial overview

2008 INCOME:	\$364,066
2008 EXPENSES:	\$365,361
2009 BUDGET:	\$394,000

how funds are distributed



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*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*

*growth
& changes,
opportunities
& challenges . . .*

BFL THROUGH THE YEARS

*Abortion has
been legal 11
years in the U.S.
Since 1981,
Dutch law has
allowed doctors to
ethanize patients
without fear of
prosecution.*

*'Surrogate
mothering' enters
our vocabulary.*

*Abortion advocates
around the world
hail development
of the abortion pill.*

1984 On July 31, Baptists for Life formally organizes in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our vision is to not only say abortion is wrong, but to also offer alternatives.

1985 In March, BFL hosts a training seminar for pregnancy care center volunteers. Then, on May 13, the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Greater Grand Rapids (now Alpha Women’s Center) opens its doors to clients. The CPC operates for a few years under BFL’s “umbrella,” then achieves independence in 1988.

1987 BFL works with churches and individuals around the country as they address life issues and offer alternatives to abortion. Before long, BFL has associates in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana, as well as other Michigan cities. In October of 1989, we host our first “leadership summit” with representatives gathered around a table. In 1990, the BFL family of pregnancy care centers and maternity resource centers reports having served over 8,300 women; 72 have prayed to receive Christ.

Jack "Dr. Death" Kevorkian plies his trade in a beat-up van, ultimately claiming responsibility for 130 deaths.

1991 In October, BFL purchases its first ultrasound machine for use in PCCs. In 1993, we donate one to Alternatives Women's Care Center in Kalamazoo. In later years, we acquire sonogram equipment for centers in Romania, Peru, Ecuador, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines.

Technology brings unborn life into greater focus, allowing doctors to search and destroy "defective" babies before they're born.

1992 The ministry of BFL is presented over 200 times in Sunday schools, worship services, pastors' meetings, Christian school assemblies, and state and national fellowship meetings.

1995 Staff members conduct board retreats for PCCs in Pennsylvania and Indiana. They help boards develop strategic plans, understand governance issues, and adhere to good fundraising principles.

Abortion is linked to breast cancer. Partial birth abortions come to light.

1996 In January, BFL makes its debut on the world wide web. Later that year, we organize our services to PCCs under a new division called Partners in Ministry. We start sharing specific requests with prayer partners; the list grows to 500 by 2001.

As Americans embrace fertility technology, a ewe in Scotland gives birth to Dolly, the cloned sheep.

1997 At the annual Partners in Ministry Leadership Summit in July, BFL welcomes guests from South Korea, Romania, and South Africa and begins to see abortion as a worldwide problem. Later that year, BFL staff and board members travel to Romania. *Standards for Excellence*, a manual to help PCCs improve their operations, is published and we begin publication of the *Biblical Bioethics Advisor*.

1998 BFL partners with mission agencies to train missionaries for pro-life ministry. By 1999, the New Life Prenatal Center in Lima, Peru, is proving that PCCs are effective church-planting tools. Our volunteer training manual is translated into Spanish and Portuguese.

Stem cell research makes news and Oregon legalizes physician assisted suicide.

1999 Over the past two years, BFL has been developing LIFT, a program designed to combat the euthanasia movement and train church members to care for the chronically and terminally ill, and their loved ones. A manual is developed and the first training is conducted in April at Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rapids.

A map of the human genome is published.

2001 In April, the first *Life Matters* copy-ready bulletin insert is sent to churches, replacing our newsletter *Lifelines*. Throughout the years, BFL has produced four-color inserts for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and ships them to churches and PCCs across the country. By 2006, sales of SOHLS inserts exceed 300,000 per year.

Pro-abortion forces attack PCCs as 'fake clinics.'

2002 Our first conference in South America becomes a biennial event drawing PCC representatives from Ecuador, Bolivia, Argentina, Colombia, and elsewhere on the continent. The *PCC List* email newsletter is sent to 300+ who want to be kept up-to-date on news, information, and resources affecting PCCs. A similar email newsletter – *LIFT List* – is launched for Christian caregivers in 2007.

There are an estimated 42 million abortions each year worldwide.

2003 In April, BFL takes the LIFT training to South Africa where it will be used with patients dying of AIDS. Also that month, BFL staff members travel to India to train nationals in pregnancy care ministry. What may be the first evangelistic PCC on the subcontinent opens in August.

2004 BFL helps launch Alliance for Life of Michigan, a statewide coalition with the purpose of strengthening its member PCCs in the face of increasing challenges.

Terri Schiavo's feeding tube is removed and she dies 13 days later.

2005 Our first foray into the Asia-Pacific region is a trip to the Philippines where 90 pastors, their wives, students, and missionaries are trained in pro-life ministry and abstinence education. Seventeen-hundred public school students learn about sexual purity over three days. The Comforter's Centre in Kampala, Uganda, is our first associate on the African continent. In 2006, International Training Consultant Evelyn Stone conducts training conferences in Liberia and Kenya.

The Supreme Court upholds the right of states to ban partial birth abortions.

2008 The Baby Bottle Boomerang is embraced as a fun and effective fundraising tool. The writing phase of *Powered by God: A Pure Life, Your True Image* is completed; this curriculum teaching sexual purity and respect for life for 4th-6th graders is still in need of publishing and marketing partners. In September, we host our first LIFT Caregiver Summit.

Chinese scientists clone human embryos for stem cell research.