Charlotte, a lovely young woman who came to Amnion for pregnancy support, shares her experience, “I was surprised at what I saw on Amnion’s Ultrasound and immediately felt a bond with the baby I was carrying. Soon after my ultrasound, I had some lab work done that was ordered by my physician. The lab work showed that I had a condition that could be very harmful to my baby and the physician’s office recommended that I consider abortion. Other friends also recommended an abortion. Devastated, I called Amnion who encouraged me to wait and find out more about my situation before moving forward. I wanted to give this baby every opportunity to live but was very concerned about the dangerous situation for my baby. I met with Amnion Client Advocate, Latoya, who encouraged me to wait, pray, trust and seek answers. This photo is me with my beautiful, healthy newborn!”

Charlotte’s full story is very inspiring and she credits the prayers of her counselor and others for the miracle of her baby’s life. [Charlotte will tell her full story at Amnion’s Fall Banquet on October 13th. See details inside this newsletter.]

During Charlotte’s pregnancy, she had many questions about pregnancy, labor and delivery, and asked about how she could prepare. Continued Pg 2...
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Like Charlotte, we often see clients who request more information about their upcoming delivery or what to expect after the baby is born.

We are delighted to announce that Amnion now offers an innovative educational program, Earn While You Learn (EWYL), a complete curriculum covering the first trimester to the toddler years. The first lessons (DVD’s, lessons, discussions and homework) give the client a glimpse into the life growing inside them and the amazing developments happening along the way. The program continues with parenting lessons, discipline and the toddler years.

There is also a complete module for fathers and a Bible Study. Amnion will be setting up a “Baby Boutique” complete with clothing, diapers, and other baby supplies. Parents earn “baby bucks” as they work through the lessons, attend programs and counseling sessions, etc. The baby bucks can be used in the new Baby Boutique. Clients will personally select from a large list of topics to help them learn and grow as a new parent. The more they learn and participate, the more baby bucks the clients can earn. It’s a wonderfully innovative win-win program that is being used by pregnancy centers nationwide.

Amnion’s Client Advocate, Latoya, enthusiastically supports this new program, “This curriculum offers a wonderful way to provide an array of tools that can be tailored directly to the client’s specific interests. I feel that this program will offer many opportunities to build relationships with the clients we serve and provide practical help for them to grow in many areas of their lives.”

Amnion’s new Earn While You Learn curriculum is made possible through a grant from an anonymous EWYL national donor.

Help stock our Baby Boutique!
- New infant clothing, sizes 0-24 months
- Baby Socks
- New & Gently used clothing
- Boy’s clothing 12-24 months
- Gift cards: Home Depot, Lowes, Target, Walmart, Staples, or Grocery Stores

Volunteer Moment... Amalia Robinson

I have known about Amnion most of my life through Crossroads Community Church. My family has made it a priority to help with the Baby Bottle Campaigns and Amnion’s Walk for Life. The ministry is especially close to our hearts since my brother is adopted and my parents have always emphasized helping mothers and children in this situation. Because of Amnion I have become more aware of unplanned pregnancies in general. One time in particular a young girl about my age came into the office, and that moment struck me. I have come to appreciate that anyone could become pregnant and have to make difficult choices.

Through my volunteer work at Amnion I am now more compassionate with my peers who are outside of my usual circle of friends. I have also learned to answer the phone or greet people and speak the truth in love to glorify God.

Amalia Robinson contacted our center with an interest in volunteering two afternoons a week. She has been a real blessing to the center answering phones, completing administrative work and also cheerfully completing any needed task. Amalia is a rising senior at Ridley High School who plans to attend college. Her passion is challenging herself to learn new things and understand other points of view. She currently resides with her multi-cultural family in Folsom.

Our two-year veteran Development Coordinator, Louise Maravich, has retired! She and her husband are preparing to move to North Carolina. We will miss Louise and wish her the very best in this new and wonderful phase of her life. Louise has been very instrumental in building partnerships with local churches and encouraging new volunteers. She is passionate about prayer and undertook leadership of Amnion’s Prayer team. Louise has done an incredible job in her work at Amnion, and recently has been busy orienting our new Development Coordinator, Heidi Farinas!

Heidi has felt a calling to serve non-profits from a young age and has worked with an education foundation, an organization serving Katrina victims, and with church projects. She has a passion for sharing the love and hope of Christ. Heidi lives in Blue Bell with her husband, Marc, and daughters Isabella and Lily.

“God has gifted me with a passion for building relationships, event planning and organizing. I have always felt a calling to work for non profit organizations where my work is rich and fulfilling. I feel so blessed for the opportunity to work for Amnion and contribute to spreading the love of Christ,” said Heidi.

In her spare time, she reads, kayaks and is a youth leader at her church, Fairview Village Church.
AMNION MEDICAL SERVICES... WHAT’S NEW?

When you consider that Amnion is often the first medical contact for clients when they consider that they may be pregnant, you can appreciate how vital these services are. Amnion has recently partnered with the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) Program.

The abortion pill method consists of two pills that are taken 48 hours apart—this method can be medically reversed by intercepting the pill sequence with an injection of an oral dose of progesterone, which if administered quickly enough, preserves the baby. Further doses of progesterone are needed through the first trimester.

This reversal protocol was developed in 2008 by Dr. George Delgado. The success rate is approximately 55-60%, and as of June 2016, 175 babies have been saved with about 100 more “on the way!” APR is a program of Culture of Life Family Services, with a network of over 300 physicians to assist women who call a 24/7 hotline.

Amnion’s role in joining with APR is primarily one of supporting local APR providers by offering referrals, client support, counseling, follow up ultrasound services, and material assistance.

For more information on APR: hotline: 1.877.558.0333, online: abortionpillreversal.com

In addition, Amnion now offers a comprehensive pre-natal vitamin program which supports the health of both the fetus and the mother. This is especially important for cases involving poor nutrition. Look for more details on this important program in our next newsletter.

AMNION 33rd Annual Fundraising Banquet
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016 | 6:30PM

I will give them Comfort and Joy instead of sorrow.
Jeremiah 31:13

Plan to join us this year as our RealEd drama team will give you a chance to see the youth education program in action. Leah Raup, a local young woman who experienced God’s love and healing through Amnion will tell her story of forgiveness and grace.

Our banquet provides much needed funds for our services including RealEd, ultrasounds, testing, counseling services and parent education. This is a perfect opportunity to share Amnion with any one you know that would be inspired to contribute to the center’s great work. Table hosts are always welcome and appreciated. Table hosts invite friends, welcome guests to their table, & share their love of Amnion.

For more information contact Heidi Farinas, hfarinas@amnion.org or 610.622.9832.

Client Advocate... Latoya Cohen

Amnion staff, clients and volunteers have been blessed by the services of Latoya Cohen, as a client advocate, for five years. Latoya brings with her a joyful spirit and faithful following of God’s path. Recently, she traveled to her birthplace in Jamaica to care for a lifelong friend and her newborn.

“As I prepared for this trip, I asked God to give me a calm spirit as I planned the details and thought of the family’s need, and to use me as His hands and feet to be a blessing to all I met. Knowing that baby items are expensive and hard to obtain in Jamaica I brought along some essentials for mother and baby. My friend, a single mother of three separated from her husband, has the sole responsibility of caring for her family. As I cared for my friend and her beautiful newborn, I brought many of the skills that I have learned at Amnion. Mothers in crisis are deeply in need of emotional support and reminders of God’s promises. I listened to her financial fears, concern for her children, heartbreak of being abandoned by her husband, giving her guidance and often praying with her.

My friend chose life. As in the United States, many others are encouraged to abort their babies. They face mounting pressure from their friends and family. Once a woman aborts, she is left to handle the stress of having an abortion, including depression and loneliness that goes along with it.

Returning from Jamaica, I was melancholy about leaving my family and dear friend behind. I was encouraged to have been a blessing, but overwhelmed by how much more there is to be done for women and their babies there and here. Each day God blesses me with strength and knowledge to help women. I know I am just one small part of His plan, but I will love, encourage, educate and share God’s promises with each woman I meet.
Opens in theatres: October 7, 2016 - Jesse Dean is a recently discharged soldier who had a rough upbringing, but because of his wife, found God and is totally devoted to his faith. He and his wife move to Philadelphia to allow him to take a job as an outreach leader at an old church whose membership has been declining. A personal incident regarding a neighboring abortion clinic occurs and he immediately engages with not a lot of encouragement from the church or his wife. Does he take the easy way out and move on or does he put everything on the line?

This film encourages people to stand up for what they know is right, particularly as it takes God’s truth into society to address social issues.

THIS FILM IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

To encourage women, men, and families to choose life when confronted with unintended pregnancy, to provide hope and healing to those suffering from past abortions, and to encourage adolescents to form healthy relationships and to save sexual intimacy for marriage.

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To end abortion in Delaware, Chester, Philadelphia, and Montgomery Counties by...

- Providing honest, confidential, high-quality counseling and other support services to women, men, and families confronting unintended pregnancy and grief over past abortions;
- Teaching adolescents in schools and churches how to form healthy relationships and to preserve sexual intimacy for marriage; and
- Partnering with parents, churches, crisis pregnancy centers, and other community organizations to inform the public of the truth about abortion and life-affirming alternatives.