

1982 Living Alternatives began pregnancy testing from the home of our founding director. Within a few months, it became clear the need was great and with a small volunteer team, the Crisis Pregnancy Center moved into a professional office in Tyler. The center continues operating today and offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, emotional support, community referrals, and practical assistance. The center touches more than 1,000 lives every year.

1983 The need for housing for pregnant teens became clear, and with the help of the local community, a small, fire-damaged four-bedroom home was purchased at a greatly reduced cost. This home served 106 women from 1983 to 1990.

1987 Living Alternatives established the state-licensed Loving Alternative Adoption Agency to help women to plan for a truly Christian adoption for their unborn baby. The adoption ministry has placed more than 300 babies in loving Christian homes and continues to offer support services to the birth and adoptive families.

1993 The current Fatherheart location on 40 beautiful acres became available, and it was purchased for \$300,000.

1996 Thanks to community contributions, Fatherheart's mortgage was paid in full and came a year-and-a-half earlier than planned!

1997 Fatherheart underwent renovations that included converting the garage into a multipurpose room and adding living quarters for house parents. Today, the home is almost 10,000 square feet, has 12 bedrooms and seven bathrooms, and is a state-licensed facility.

1998 Life Skills and Christian Living program began at the home. A visible change in the attitude and character of the girls is a credit to this program.

1999 A fully accredited chartered school began operation on the maternity home property. The school gives opportunity for residents to earn high school credit as they complete studies at their own pace. (GED preparation is also provided on site.)

2002 A mobile home became the temporary housing for the AfterCare program. Here, girls continue to live and be disciplined in a home setting designed to meet their changing needs.

2003 Seeing an ever-increasing demand for parenting classes and baby items for our Pregnancy Resource Center clients, Building Blocks opened its doors as an "earn-while-you-learn" program. Clients earn points for attending mentoring sessions, which they exchange for baby items.

2007 The Building Blocks property was purchased and opened next door to our Pregnancy Resource Center.

2008 KEEPS Boutique was built on the Fatherheart grounds. This ministry enhances two already established aspects of Living Alternatives: teen girls and foster care. KEEPS brings the good news of Jesus Christ to teen girls who are in state foster care homes as it provides new, in-style, and in-season clothing without charge.

2010 This year was the official launch of the "FORthe1" program which operates under our Loving Alternative Adoption Agency license. FORthe1 is a response to America's orphans in foster homes who are waiting for a loving adoptive family. FORthe1 works with local family court and attorneys of children in foster care to identify and vet Christian families invested in adoption.

2017 Childbirth Services started with free child-birth classes and a certification training program for Doula's (birth coach). Smith County is #1 in infant mortality and #4 in maternal death in the State of Texas. Early intervention for at-risk mothers is critical to improved birth outcomes. CS collaborates extensively with other community agencies who share this demographic.

2019 Stay-In-Touch Program was implemented to follow any at-risk woman who seeks a pregnancy test. Even a negative test. The pressures for single women in today's world often exceeds the relief that a negative test may bring. Connections continue with women who are many times marginalized, disenfranchised, and alone.

2020 The new 6,000 sq. ft. Axia Center opened as a state-of-the-art facility. Five of the seven Living Alternatives programs operate out of this Center, which includes the Pregnancy Resource Center, Medical Ultrasound track, Building Blocks, Childbirth Services, and the Stay-In-Touch program.