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## "I am very happy that I have my son to love" APR mom says, despite the challenges of single motherhood



Monica's story is one of a strong woman who did not accept that there was no way out - even though she had taken the abortion pill. Monica faced fear, as everyone does, but she persevered. And now she has her son, as well as gratitude for all those in the Abortion Pill Rescue® Network (APRN) who helped her to save him.

Her Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) story begins a few years ago; she had prayed for someone to love in her life, but she had no idea what God had in store for her.

"My life completely changed in 2019," Monica said. "The year started out with me praying to God to send someone for me to love and be loved by. By the end of the year, that person had entered my life, but not in the way I was expecting."

When Monica met Sean (his name has been changed), it was a whirlwind, ending before a long-term relationship could form. Shortly after they broke up, Monica's world changed forever.

"I met Sean and things happened very fast," she explained. "A month later, I found out I was expecting a baby."

Monica described how it felt to learn she was pregnant as a single college student whose relationship with the baby's father had ended.

"I was shocked," Monica recalled. "I was still in college and Sean and I weren't together anymore. I felt so unprepared, confused, and scared."

"I told Sean the news," she said. "While I knew our situation was not ideal, I also knew I wanted to continue the pregnancy and keep my baby. However, he did not agree."

In May of that year, she found herself making a three-hour trek to the nearest abortion facility with her former boyfriend. This isn't what she wanted but she felt pressured and unsupported. Ambivalence plagued her throughout the process.

"After checking in, we had to pay for the chemical abortion," Monica said. "Sean's credit card declined twice. On the third try, when the payment went through, my heart sank. At the end of the appointment, I swallowed the first abortion pill and climbed back in the car to drive home."

After starting the chemical abortion Monica was very upset. Her abortion appointment was for 11 a.m. that day, and by 5:30 p.m. she was desperately seeking a way to undo what she did, something she never wanted to "choose" for herself in the first place.

"I couldn't stop crying and I regretted my decision" stated Monica. "I frantically searched online for anything that would help and found the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) website. Calling their hotline number changed my life."

Through the [Abortion Pill Rescue Network](#) Monica was put in touch with a local pregnancy help medical clinic and its medical director, the center director and physician quickly taking steps to assist her in starting the [Abortion Pill Reversal](#) protocol.

APR is an updated application of a decades-old treatment used to combat miscarriage. It entails prescribing a bioidentical version of progesterone, the natural hormone found in a woman during pregnancy, to counter the effects of the first pill in a chemical abortion. *(continued on page 2)*

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A 2018 peer-reviewed study of APR had positive results, with 64%-68% of the pregnancies saved through APR, no increase in birth defects, and a lower preterm delivery rate than the general population.

The first drug in a chemical abortion, mifepristone, blocks progesterone, which is necessary to sustain pregnancy. The second chemical abortion drug, misoprostol, taken a day or two after the first drug, is meant to cause the mother to go into labor and deliver her deceased child. If a pregnant woman has taken the first abortion pill and experiences regret, and she acts quickly enough, it may be possible to save her unborn child through APR. Successful reversals have occurred as long as 72 hours after the first abortion drug was taken, but results are best within 24 hours.

The APRN, which is managed by Heartbeat International, the largest network of pregnancy help organizations in the world, reports that to date, 3,000 lives and counting have been saved through APR.

It was after 8 p.m. on May 3, 2019, when the APRN contacted the pregnancy help center on Monica's behalf.

"I was out with friends when I got a call from the center's hotline volunteer, who had just received a call from the Abortion Pill Reversal Network about a woman in our area who had taken the first abortion pill and wanted to start the rescue process," Center Director Erica recounted.

The center was not yet a registered pregnancy center with the APRN, but the APR hotline nurse on call that night had recently met the center's founder at a conference and reached out to see if they could help. With multiple people working to help her save her baby, and Erica believes some extra assistance, Monica was put on the path to saving her unborn baby. "I immediately called our Medical Director, who readily agreed to meet the young woman at his clinic later that evening," Erica said. "Through God's providence and a few more phone calls, Monica agreed to get in her car and travel to the doctor's office with the hope of rescuing her baby."

Monica made it to the Medical Director's clinic and began the assessment and treatment processes just after 10 p.m., about nine hours after taking the first abortion drug. The Medical Director reviewed her medical history, found her intent to rescue her pregnancy genuine, and immediately initiated the APR protocol. He reported that Monica "was very compliant throughout the multi-step process to help rescue her child."

Seven months later, on December 8, 2019, Roman was born healthy and without any complications.

In October 2021, Monica shared how though it's challenging being a single mom, she is incredibly grateful for the APR network, the pregnancy medical clinic and its Medical Director, and the hand they had in saving her son.



"Roman will be two this December, and I cannot believe how the time has flown by," Monica said. "Life as a single mother has not been easy, but I am very happy that I have Roman to love – what I had prayed for, but certainly had not expected. I cannot thank you enough for saving me and my beautiful son, Roman."

The pregnancy help clinic registered to become an APR pregnancy center shortly after Monica's initial visit. Erica spoke in December 2021 about more lives who were going to be saved through the center's association with the APRN. "Since joining the APR network, we have had the opportunity to serve more women in a situation like Monica's," she said, "two of whom are due with healthy babies in the next month."

**Editor's note:** [Heartbeat International](#) manages the **Abortion Pill Rescue® Network (APRN)** and **Pregnancy Help News**.

## WIC Mobile Visits BPRC

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) will be onsite every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are excited about this collaboration in serving the community.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children - better known as the WIC program - serves to safeguard the health of low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating including breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to health care. There are eligibility requirements. For more information on WIC services, visit

<https://texaswic.org/>



## Born Again Emporium—Provides AED Equipment and Training



We just wanted to thank Born Again Emporium for their continued support. BPRC was recently able to purchase an AED defibrillator and provide training because of a grant given by Born Again Emporium. BAE is a thrift store in Smithville that was formed by a coalition of area churches. These churches take turns each week sorting through donations and manning the store. They are open on Friday's and Saturday's from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The funds they raise are given to area ministries.

BAE continues to support BPRC with funds to purchase car seats, cribs, mattresses, etc. They are such a blessing to many in need. We appreciate all they do for so many! Follow [BAE](#) on Facebook!

## BPRC Attends Mayor's Prayer Luncheon

On March 15, the Bastrop Christian Ministerial Alliance hosted the Mayor's Prayer Luncheon. The featured speaker was Dr. Renee Cervantes. The event attracted hundreds of Christian, business, and government leaders. The theme of the event was "Anchor Your Soul to Hope." Renee challenged the attendees to protect the lives of the unborn and reminded them that God is our Healer, Redeemer, Provider, and Judge.

BPRC was represented at the event and our mission was shared with attendees. Our mission statement is below:

*"To show God's love and grace through encouragement and support. Our desire is to preserve and protect the lives of the unborn and promote healthy families through Christ centered services to those facing unplanned pregnancy."*



Thank you to all who support BPRC with your prayers, resources, and monetary gifts!

## Texas Alliance for Life—28th Annual "Walk for Life"



Hello Pro-Life Friends,

Join Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center in supporting Texas Alliance for Life. TAL is a non-profit organization that has been changing hearts and saving lives since 1988. You may learn more about what they do at <https://www.texasallianceforlife.org/about-us/>

I volunteer at BPRC and am organizing a local "Walk for Life" in Bastrop. What an exciting time in history! I truly believe that my generation will finally see an end to the heart-breaking attacks on our most vulnerable and innocent... the babies.

My desire is to bring all area churches together for a short and fun family walk in support of the amazing difference that TAL brings to the fight for life. Simply register as a walker or sponsor a walker with a

pledge of any amount. It would be great to have a liaison from each church to make communication and coordination easier.

We will gather at the Bastrop County Courthouse gazebo for registration Saturday, June 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and start our walk at 9:00 a.m. Signs will be available, but feel free to make your own statement of encouragement for life. I can be reached by text or phone at (512) 629-5842. Please leave a message. If you would like to sponsor my walk, go to <https://page.fundeasy.com/5652494>

Thanks so much, Dana Thornton



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**NEWS RELEASE:**  
**Leaked Draft Opinion  
 in *Dobbs* Case Suggests  
*Roe v. Wade* Could Be Overturned**

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**Washington, DC** -- According to the news outlet [POLITICO](#), a draft of the opinion in the Supreme Court's decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* has been leaked. The draft opinion, written by Justice Samuel Alito, a conservative, would overturn the terrible *Roe v. Wade* decision and allow states to completely protect unborn babies from abortion beginning at conception.

Even if the February draft is legitimate, it is not the final word. A decision by the Court is expected in late June.

If the Court does overturn *Roe*, a law passed by the Texas Legislature and signed by Gov. Greg Abbott in 2021 to protect unborn babies would go into effect a few weeks later. That law, HB 1280 by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione (R-Southlake) and Senator Angela Paxton (R-McKinney), is known as the Human Life Protection Act.

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**Client Visit Statistics  
 2022, 1st Quarter**

166	Client Visits
101	Individual Classes Taken
16	Pregnancy Tests Given
116	Visits to the Boutique
1,072	Boutique Items Given

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 daily for the unborn!**



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