

# LIFE CONNECTIONS

*Connecting You to The Heart of SLS*



The Stillwater Life Services annual fundraising banquet will be held on March 8th at the Conoco-Phillips OSU Alumni Center. Our goal is to excite those who are already aware of what God is doing through SLS and to attract and inspire new donors and volunteers.

This year's theme is "Past, Present, Future"; therefore we are highlighting three powerful client testimonies as a glimpse of the transformation that has taken place in many of the clients that have sought our help because of the crisis they were facing.

Tuesday, March 8, 2016  
Check in begins a 6:30 pm  
Event ends at 9:00 pm  
OSU Conoco-Phillips Alumni Center  
Please RSVP by March 2nd to:  
Stillwater Life Services  
1509 W. 8th Ave, Stillwater, OK 74074  
405-624-3332  
or  
[Register Here](#)

## Meet the SLS Team!



Nile Abele  
Executive  
Director



Lori Hatfield  
Center  
Director



Leslie

## Counted Blessings

by Lori Hatfield

"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed.  
When you are discouraged thinking all is lost.  
Count your many blessings name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

There are words from one of my favorite hymns that I find myself singing nearly every day. Sometimes it's just a familiar tune and other times I find myself actually listing out those blessings and giving praise to God. I praise and thank God daily for His grace because I don't deserve it yet I humbly accept it. I thank him for my husband and

Paddock  
Nurse



Meesun Adam  
Client  
Services  
Associate



Morgan  
Schaefer  
Administrative  
Assistant



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October 22, 2016  
3rd Annual  
Color of Hope  
Walk/Run benefitting  
Stillwater Life Services.  
Make plans now to attend this  
exciting event!

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financial donation, visit our  
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<http://bit.ly/SLSgive>  
or mail your donation to our  
office at  
1509 W. 8th Avenue  
Stillwater, OK 74074**

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Donor Website:

[www.slspartners.org](http://www.slspartners.org)

Client Website:

[www.stillwaterlife.org](http://www.stillwaterlife.org)

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for our children as I can't imagine my life without them. I thank him for placing me in a ministry that He obviously chose for me and for the people in my life with whom I am able to share these moments.

As the new Center Director for SLS, I already find myself daily adding to this list of praise. Just this past week we had several positive pregnancy tests. These results aren't always a blessing to be counted--at first. Those babies were not planned and this news came as a sad realization rather than a joyous occasion to these girls. They felt that due to circumstances in their life, they had no other option than to abort their baby. Our staff showed them love, compassion and educated them with the options they had. They counseled the girls and encouraged them to take time to truly search themselves and not to make a life altering decision without all the information. Two clients received ultrasounds so they could see their baby and hear its beating heart.

Today I am thanking God for two new lives and for their mothers' selfless choices to not only carry their babies to term, but to parent and count it all joy! Today I rejoice in the life God has entrusted to these new mothers.

Because of the financial support of our supporters, these ultrasounds were available. Because of our volunteer mentors, these new mothers have someone to walk them through their journey. Because of our prayer warriors, these billows and discouragements were laid at the feet of Jesus. These are all counted blessings I add to my list.

I am excited and also count it a blessing to serve God by serving this community as a part of Stillwater Life Services.

Count Your Blessings, words by Johnson Oatman, Jr., music by Edwin O. Excell pub. 1897

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## Be Intentional

by Nile Abele

Intentional - the dictionary definition is "done in a way that is planned or intended". At Stillwater Life Services we are intentional in our efforts to reach out with the love and hope of Jesus Christ to the clients he sends our way. We are intentional in the

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**Our Mission:**

Stillwater Life Services exists to promote a Christ-centered view of life and sexuality by offering hope and healing to women, men, and their families so they are enabled to make positive, life-affirming choices.

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Check out our newly updated website [slspartners.org](http://slspartners.org)



way we provide a safe, non-judgmental, confidential environment for any and all who find themselves in need of our services. We are intentional by listening to their story and intentional to make every effort to help them work through whatever messy and chaotic crisis pregnancy situation they are currently involved in.

In the same way we need volunteers who are intentional in their willingness to sacrifice their time and efforts to help make a difference in the lives of the clients we serve; and we need intentional donors who will give with a passion to help us maintain financial stability. Be intentional - go to [slspartners.org](http://slspartners.org) to make it happen!