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In 1980, Jo Anne Rohrer and Debi Sayer wanted to help women experiencing unplanned pregnancies and do what they could to help and offer support. In 1982 they began a crisis pregnancy center on Dorothy Lane in Kettering Ohio that offered free pregnancy tests and material assistance. As the Christian based organization expanded, they quickly outgrew several buildings but managed to stay out of debt. Over the years, the Miami Valley Women's Center merged with the Greene County Crisis Pregnancy center and opened a main office on West Stroop Road in Kettering as well as an office in Huber Heights and in Xenia. They now have ultrasound machines, a prayer chapel, medical services and several educational programs and support groups at each location. Their mission remains the same through the years: to offer hope, guidance, love, medical support and material assistance.
00:00:00- 00:00:19 Thank you and release form questions

00:00:20- 00:13:31 History of the Miami Valley Women’s Center

JoAnne begins in 1980 when she and a friend were called by God to help women who were in Crisis pregnancies with the “Concerned Women for America”. They began helping by offering free pregnancy tests and baby items. After growing out of many buildings in the Kettering area, they established a large center on Stroop road and have since joined with other office in Xenia and Huber Heights.
**00:13:31- 00:17:50 Childhood and adolescent years**
JoAnne's having a good childhood with loving parents. In her college years, she considered herself an atheist and contested God's existence until one day she changed and wanted to learn more about God and wanted to help women with unplanned pregnancies.

**00:17:50-00:19:51 Role models and inspiration**
Linda Shindler, Beverly Lehay and God have all been her help and inspiration in creating the center.

**00:19:51-00:22:40 Other community involvements**
JoAnne recalls the centers special events that she helps plan as well as being one of the several board members and prayer ministry leader.

**00:22:40-00:24:42 Education**
Before JoAnne started Concerned Women for America and the Women's center, she was interested in business and attended Indiana University and obtained Bachelors degree in business.

**00:24:42-00:26:59 Have your motivations with your work changed over time?**
JoAnne's burden for women in crisis pregnancies and focusing on God's will have remained her motivations, later the center would expand with ultrasounds by Dr. Stalter.

**00:26:59-00:29:28 Adding Medical services**
Dr. Stalter wanted to expand medical services and eventually every center got an ultrasound machine through grants and donations, in addition to the pregnancy tests.

**00:29:28-00:33:10 Client programs**
JoAnne summarizes a couple educational programs and support groups that the center offers including parenting classes.

**00:33:10-00:35:18 Frustrations and struggles.**
At first JoAnne thought there might be a lack of money for the center but because people's generosity, the center has not struggled. One frustration that JoAnne has experienced has been others opposing views as some think that religion and social issues should not mix.

**00:35:18-00:35:43 Would you have changed anything**
After briefly pondering the question, JoAnne replies with a simple "No".

**00:35:45-00:39:33 Most interesting or compelling experiences.**
JoAnne expresses her love for organizing the yearly fundraising gala where past clients often tell how the center has changed their lives. And ministry celebrations such as "First Fruits Worship Celebration".
00:39:33-00:40:53 Future plans
The center would like to reach out to local colleges and help women with unplanned pregnancies at Wright State and Central State.

00:40:53-00:43:00 Lessons and mission statement
JoAnne mentions lessons in hope through God, helping those in need, valuing life, and God has a plan for everyone and how this also ties in with the center's mission statement.

00:43:00-00:44:39 Men's Ministry
While the center focuses on women, they also provide education classes and support groups for the fathers of the infants including “24/7 dad”, “Doctor Dad” and “Dad University”.

00:44:39-00:50:00 Special stories and parting words
JoAnne elaborated on a few success stories of mothers who have come back 18-20 years later to express gratitude and appreciation for helping them with their teenage pregnancies. She also mentions the importance of listening to God’s will and how life can be an amazing and incredible adventure.
Interviewer: Kristi Verboon
Interviewee: JoAnne Rohrer-Miami Valley Women’s Center
Date: 21 February 2011
Time: 11:15 am

Verboon: I’m Kristi Verboon sitting with Mrs. JoAnne Rohrer of the Miami Valley Women’s Center in Kettering, Ohio, on this, February 21 2011 at 11:15 am. And I wanted to thank you again for meeting with me today.

Rohrer: You’re welcome.

Verboon: And do you have any questions about the release form you just signed?

Rohrer: No

Verboon: Ok, so let’s start with the history of the center and I’d like to know how you got the women’s center started and just all the general information of its past and where we are now.

Rohrer: Ok. Well it, um, actually two years before 1982 and it was probably before that. If you want to know my back ground, um I started a “Concerned Women for America” here locally, just concerned for the social issues of our community and wanted to get women together to speak, speak out and see how we stand, stood, on the issues. As I began that during those times when we had special meetings with women of the community, we presented a film series called “What Ever Happened to the Human Race” by Francis Shaffer and C. Efford Coop, and Francis Shaffer said, “If we’re going to say abortion is wrong, we need to reach out in love and compassion for these women who are in crisis pregnancies”. And I knew he was right, to love them and reach out to them and say we want to help you, we know this is difficult but we want to help you. And it was that point that things really, it was like the Lord was just saying; you need to do something about this. And so I shared with the steering committee for Concerned Women for America and told them what I was sensing and they felt that too and people came forward as I shared this vision and said, yeah, this is something we need to do so we began studying it and found out there was a group in Washington D.C. called The National Christian Action Council, who was helping women all over the country establish crisis pregnancy centers, which is what we called that back then, and so we met with them and went to Baltimore to see the first crisis pregnancy center that had ever opened. We went there to meet with them and see what they were doing,

Verboon: And what year was that?
Rohrer: That was, actually probably, in 1980. And so we said ok, let’s go forward, and then they offered training for volunteers who wanted to be a part of it and at that time we had the president of Christian Action Council come in and train thirty-five people how to volunteer. So we began that way and we really didn’t have a building, we didn’t really even have any money. But as we began to share the vision it was like God’s people stood up and said here’s the money and so we began to do that and in fact, we had, we were looking for a place to have the center, we found it, we found a place on Stroop Road in a basement of an insurance company, and the night we had our one steering committee the Lord brought the rain and it flooded, and so we knew that wasn’t the place to be and I don’t think that God wanted us in a basement.

Verboon: Right.

Rohrer: So then we found another place and money; people just kept giving money and we were able to rent a place on Dorothy Lane. A small, small place but we were excited about beginning this and so we would meet with women and, um, do pregnancy tests for them. And it was so small that we couldn’t even keep, we would give baby clothes and maternity clothes and baby furniture to our clients, and we couldn’t even keep that in the office, so volunteers had to keep them in their homes, and we would tell a volunteer when there was need for a crib so bring it in, and that’s the way we began. I don’t know if you want more or not or do you want me to keep going.

Verboon: Yeah! I mean, so at that point, you were offering the educational programs and support groups?

Rohrer: Well, we weren’t, we were just doing the pregnancy tests and offering emotional support and once they chose life for their child, we knew that we could never say to a women, we couldn’t keep her from having an abortion, it was her decision but we wanted to encourage her that there was help cause a lot of women come in and they just feel hopeless. They don’t have, they don’t think there is any possibility that there is hope and we wanted to give them hope and help as well. So we offered the baby furniture and the baby clothes, well God has expanded our offerings for clients so greatly now, do you want me to keep going as far as sharing that?

Verboon: Yeah!

Rohrer: Well then we moved to a bigger office on Rhan Road and that was wonderful but we were paying rent there and the board felt, it just kept going up and up, so the board felt that we were not being good stewards of God’s money and so we had never put money back to buy an office or facility but the board determined that we would never go into debt; if it was God’s ministry, that he would provide the money. So we were looking around for a place on South Dixie, it was a home that was turned into an office at the time and God gave us the money to pay
for that place, it was all paid for, it was incredible, and we were so excited cause we had more
room. Still, it wasn’t that big, it was only 1200 square feet but it was much bigger that what we
had before. As we keep growing there, we added an abstinence program, so we had to have an
office for that, we thought, wow, we need more space. From that point we were determined; we
kept looking and found a place on Stroop Road, which we are sitting in now.

Verboon: And this building was from what year?

Rohrer: It was, um, 1998. And we had, um, again decided that we were not going to go into debt,
but had decided, well, ok, were ready to move but the Lord has to provide so we did get this
building and it was all paid for from generous donations from individuals some churches and
some organizations. All the things you see in this building, which are just wonderful, they were
all donated. So the only money that we need is for the daily money for the running of the facility.
That was just on Stroop Road. Then the Lord lead us to Greene County and the people in Xenia
had a crisis center, and they were getting along okay but they were struggling, I guess they
weren’t struggling but they were in a small rental place and they were cut up and we decided to
merge and they wanted to come under the Miami Valley Women’s Center. That was in 2000, a
year after that we were looking for a place for us to buy as well and we found a wonderful place,
we had to re-furbish the whole building, but again we were not going to go into debt. Well, the
man we bought it from, he donated a hundred-thousand dollars back to us on the purchase of the
building, you will have to come visit us sometime, it was as beautiful as this place and so we said
ok, it’s wonderful, Lord, we’ll go where ever you want to take us. Then there was this crisis
pregnancy center in Huber Heights called New Beginnings at the time, and they were struggling
too, I don’t want to say Greene County was struggling too, because they weren’t. The New
Beginnings was struggling some and they asked if we would consider having them come under
us and so that’s how we got the Huber Heights Miami Valley Women’s Center. The place there
is wonderful, we are renting there but we have an ultrasound in every location now, so we do
ultrasounds for the women. God has added so many programs, we have the abstinence program,
we have medical now, as I said, so we do not only pregnancy tests but also ultrasounds. We have
in our abstinence program, is even bigger, we have “Worth Waiting For” which we train students
to go out and share the message of abstinence; we knew that the one time hitting them, was not
enough to encourage. So we have a program where we meet weekly with young ladies from
junior high, we encourage them towards healthy relationships and things like that, that’s called
GIFT. We also have an after school program in Xenia called “Stars” and it’s the same thing, just
building a relationship with these young people. Then we added a program called D.R.E.A.M,
Dare to Realize that Every Action Matters, for women that have been sexually active but we
want to encourage them that they can have second virginity and so we have a program that
courages them towards that. And, um, we have one that we know many women have gone
through abortion and they are struggling, its call A.R.M., Abortion Recovery Ministry. Helping
them through a time of healing and we feel that the only answer is really Jesus’ forgiveness. So
we share that with them. You can talk to so many of them women and tell; you can just see that their lives have been changed because of that program. We try, and God has hit the whole beginning and end of pregnancy related issues. It’s been exciting.

Verboon: Wonderful! Okay, could you tell me about our childhood, you family experience and about growing up, and if there were any experience that lead you to this work, or in your adolescent to young adult years?

Rohrer: Um, yeah, I knew that was going to be one of the questions and I was trying to think of it. I don’t believe there is anything that really lead me in my early childhood years. I had a very good growing-up childhood experience. I had parents that loved me. The thing that changed me was when I was twenty-four, much later in life, I don’t know if you want to hear that story?

Verboon: Sure.

Rohrer: I was, I considered myself an atheist, going through college and so there was probably things that I did in college that I did, that I wish I wouldn’t have done at this point, nothing like having a crisis pregnancy or anything like that, um. But there was actually one time, when I had actually graduated from college that I was talking to, actually my husband now, we were dating and I loved to debate religion and how God didn’t exist and all this. And just for a moment, I wanted to be an intellectual, and I thought intellectuals didn’t believe in God and I really wanted to be that and um, just as I was debating with my husband now, I thought, okay, if God did exist, and I remember that my parents did take me to church and brought me up in the church, what would God be like, you know, and I remember from my upbringing that we were made in God’s image; well, well I thought I know that can’t be physical, so it has to be something else, it has to be something mentally, emotionally, intellectually, you know? And I remember that it was said that God is love and it was like, all of a sudden, I couldn’t see him, and this is crazy, but it was like in my mind, I sensed God loved me. And it changed my whole view and immediately knew that God existed. I wanted to know him so desperately, this God, who loved me. Then I saw myself for what I really was. I was self-centered, I was arrogant I was so many things and thought, how am I ever going to have a relationship, I sensed that he was holy, he was perfect, how am I ever going to have a relationship with this holy God? And then I remembered from my background that Jesus had said “I am the way the truth and the light no man comes to the father but by me, you have to come through me. This is how you’re going to make yourself right with God. I died; I died for you, now you’re okay. And I immediately believed and my life has never been the same. And this is what brought this about, that’s the thing and what made this different and why God has brought this ministry in to me.

Verboon: Um okay, let’s see, did you have any role models who might have inspired your work today?
Rohrer: Hmm, I'm thinking, um I had a role model, well let me back up and say the thing that began and that wasn't here, when I started “Concerned Women for America” Beverly Lehay, I had gone to a speaking assembly that Beverly Lehay had, and she’s still the head of “Concerned Women of America” it was at Cedarville University, and that’s kind of how I got a heart for “Concerned Women of America”, so that’s how it began. I think of a mentor but this is after I began my part, I won’t even say it’s me because I look back I and see how wonderful it has been and say it wasn’t me. I haven’t done anything it was all really God and I have to give him the glory. And so he’s probably my mentor. I think the mentor that I really had along the way was Linda Shindler, the executive director here at the women’s center for thirteen years. She was incredible and much younger than I because I’m sixty-five now. But she was such an inspiration, so I guess that’s part of it.

Verboon: Could you tell me of any other involvement with the community that you have, whether it’s taking the center and putting it out there or any other community service that you’re involved with, whether it be with church or anything?

Rohrer: I spend a lot of time here, I’ve always have been a volunteer but, um, I’m on the board since the beginning, so that’s almost twenty-nine years and they finally they gave me the name, most of our board members rotate off, but they made a special exception and gave me the title of president emeritus. Um, let me think of the question.

Verboon: Any other important causes or community services?

Rohrer: Oh, I spend probably twenty hours here either doing things here or doing things at home, I’m also the secretary of the of the board so taking care of the minutes and I’m part of the committee for our yearly gala, so I work of that. And I work a lot with the “Walk for Life” which we have every year which are our two major fundraising things. I meet with our developmental department and the executive director once a week and go over what were going to do with donors. I help deliver cookies to the donors at Christmas and that’s my major focus and I could be involved in other things but I think that would just take me away from what the focus God has given me. I also oversee the prayer ministry here at the center; we really think that prayer is the covering for the ministry here. And then I do, I’m part of a church, Patterson Park church in Beavercreek I do the nursery there, but that’s not, change diapers. (Laughs)

Verboon: No, that’s important.

Rohrer: And I’m part of their prayer committee there as well, but I don’t want to stretch myself out. As I say, there is a lot of wonderful things that could be done but this is it.
Verboon: I think, I skipped a question earlier, but I wanted to ask you about your education credentials and what training you had for this.

Rohrer: I went to Indiana University and graduated with my bachelor’s degree. I worked at Green County Children Services for three and a half years. So I was in to, I got my degree in business, and I was a buyer, assistant buyer at Shilito’s, then back a long time ago, in Cincinnati. But when my eyes were opened to believe in Christ I became a Christian, a follower of Christ, I just, my whole view on life changed. And I had just thought that I wanted to have a glamour life and buying and go to New York was, wow, that was wonderful, but once I became a follower of Christ as I say, my whole view of life changed and I wanted to help people. I wanted to reach out so that’s how I got into social work but I didn’t have my social work degree because I had a degree in business, but back then they at least hired people who had their college degree. So I worked there for three and a half years then Saint Elizabeth’s hospital social services department for a year, then I got pregnant and quit my jobs and stayed home. Those are the only things I can think of my background that kind of prepared me for this.

Verboon: Ok, so back to the community involvement, have your motivations with your work and community involvement changed over time?

Rohrer: Hmm

Verboon: Whether that be your personal views of outlooks or what has changed?

Rohrer: No, well, yes and no. From the very beginning, I had such a burden for women who were in a crisis pregnancy. I believe it was a burden that God put on heart so greatly and, uh, I think as I grew, as I said we were in that little building, we only had three rooms in the beginning, small rooms, and over time, the thing that changed my heart was to see that God is able to do whatever he wanted to accomplish. We need to keep our focus on him and apart from him we can do nothing, that he’s the one going to do it and that’s why he has expanded this ministry so greatly. And I remember when we were sitting here with Dr. Stalter, who, we had gotten this building and Dr. Stalter who was our medical director and he said at that time I was retiring and the Lord is burdening me to help you start medical services. And he said now this is going to be really hard and a lot of work and I looked at the executive director and we just kind of laughed because we saw what God could do and it wasn’t that hard (laughs). And so I think I’ve grown in my faith and what God is able to do, I think that’s the big thing.

Verboon: And you mentioned adding the medical aspect, could you explain that?

Rohrer: Ok, um, we did not do ultrasounds, we just did the pregnancy tests so when we got the bigger facility, Dr. Stalter said that he wanted to see ultrasounds done. And so that’s when we
said okay, let’s go forward but we needed someone. He had a nurse who was working for him, who knew our ministry too and she said I’ll help too and she knows about all of the OSHA rules, about all of the policies and procedures so she could oversee the nurses and so that, we brought her in too. We established all of our policies and procedures and all the ultrasound procedures and the nurses, she oversees the nurses that come in and the nurses do the pregnancy tests and um. We have a medical advisory board as well now that we’ve established because we feel really strongly to have somebody over us and give us advice. So we meet quarterly and then and we run things by them saying this sounds good, should we be doing this, should we not, how should we do it and they give us that kind of advice. So we got our ultrasound here first, we go it through a father initiative program, it was a grant, then our other two ultrasounds, actually a church had given us money for an ultrasound first and um, then we out grew that and “Focus on the Family” out of Colorado Springs had a program where you could pay a small portion of an ultrasound and get an ultrasound because the ultrasounds are worth like $26,000. So we were able to then get the ultrasound for the Xenia center and the Huber Heights center.

Verboon: Okay, so then, could you take me through, how you work with these women, from whether it be a scared teenager, and the program, should I say program?

Rohrer: That’s okay

Verboon: And the process that you help her with.

Rohrer: Um, I’ll tell you this first of all, I do not work with clients anymore

Verboon: Okay

Rohrer: I used to a long time ago when we first started, so I don’t do that. But I’ll tell you we have training, twenty-one hours of training, a lot of our volunteers are not licensed councilors or anything like that, we do train them.

Verboon: As a support group?

Rohrer: Well, not as a support group but as a support person we actually call them client advocates now. So we train them, take them through all the processes, we have so many processes now. Mainly when a women comes in, they are scared, not even the teenagers, even the older women, when I say older, it would be twenty, twenty-four years old. We just want to love them, so we don’t, we’re not judgmental so they come in office or waiting room or make that appointment over the phone and make that appointment and we just want to give them hope that this is not the end of the world. We have so many programs now, making outstanding mothers program, which is a twelve week program where they’re earning baby bucks and
spending these baby bucks at the end of the twelve weeks to buy all new items for their baby. We have a kind of a retail store and new baby cribs and high chairs and outfits. So that’s one of the things, showing them look, and earning it, they’re earning it by doing things like may be getting their GED, going to a doctor’s appointment, doing a book report on some child care kind of book, get them through those kind of things. When they come in the first time, we want to listen to them, what they are struggling with, what are their fears and being a good listener and then addressing those things and helping them to think, what do they really want and helping them see that they can get that, whatever that is. And we’ve seen so many women that have gone through abortion and are just struggling and we don’t want that for them. You know, we love them and it’s not God’s plan for them either; we believe that God created this little one inside them and there is a plan and there is a purpose. So that’s, we’re full of love here, we’re full of non-judgmental, yeah.

Verboon: Looking back, in creating all of this, what are some of the obstacles or frustrations that you have faced?

Rohrer: Hmm, that’s a really good question...

Verboon: As you mentioned, with all of the buildings and growing and expanding but was there anything else?

Rohrer: There were people that discouraged us, so that was a struggle. I think that was um, of the money. You’re thinking okay, it’s a lot; it’s a lot of money. And now, God has blessed so greatly and we have not struggled with the economy, God’s people have given. But the obstacles, that was a big obstacle. Just a few people were discouraging us not to do it.

Verboon: What were their views? What did they think?

Rohrer: They just felt it was, I hate to say this, it was more of um, from a view point of we shouldn’t, as believers in Christ, we shouldn’t reach out and get in to social issues. The main thing was just to share Christ with them. But I knew we had to reach out to these people, we had to love them and that was showing Christ through them. So that was kind of a struggle.

Verboon: Okay, so looking back again, would you have changed anything or done anything differently do you think?

Rohrer: Oh, wow hmmm. (Pauses for a few seconds) That is really (Pauses)... right now… no.

Verboon: What are some of the most interesting or compelling programs, events or experiences that you have been involved with?
Rohrer: Well, I love the event that we have, we call it the gala. It’s a fundraising event that we didn’t have in the beginning but may be in the last seven or eight years. It’s a, we invite donors to come for dinner and we have a silent auction so people throughout the community give items, so people who come to the dinner do bidding on these items and that’s one way we make money. And then the other one, when we began these galas, we just had clients who would speak. People would love it cause it showed that this ministry was making a difference in the lives of people and everybody was touched by the things the clients would share. We still do that and then in the last two years, we have also had a speaker come in and it had been so, um, so neat to hear from them and be educated by them. So that’s been a special time and just organizing that all and we really try to make it a wonderful night, just beautiful and enjoyable. Let’s see... what were some of the other things?

Verboon: Um, programs events or just general experiences

Rohrer: Hmm...

Verboon: Or something that most...

Rohrer: Stuck out to me?

Verboon: Stuck out to you and impacted the community or the ministry as a whole.

Rohrer: Well I think one thing that impacts this ministry here is we started maybe six years ago? Time goes so fast to me (laughs) six maybe seven years ago. It’s getting better and better, this part of it, we have, at the beginning of the year and I coordinate this, we call it “First Fruits Worship Celebration”. And, um, all, well not all, as many that can, the volunteers and staff gather together and we have a time of worshiping the Lord and singing to him. And we here from our pastoral advisory board members, we have five pastors that are on our board, we felt that we needed a covering, a spiritual covering over this place. They give their advice, spiritual advice and that day they come and share their hearts with us and we just lay ourselves, we just say, Lord this is your ministry, we know part from you; we can do nothing. We want to surrender this and ourselves again to you this year. And that, to me, is incredible and always acknowledge again we can’t do thing on our own, that’s very special to me.

Verboon: Alright, um, let’s see. Are there any new events or projects that the ministry is taking on or anything the near future or, um, future prospects?

Rohrer: Hmm... (Pauses)
Verboon: This could be just within the center or expanded into the community or…?

Rohrer: We do want to reach out to the women in colleges more, um, Wright State especially, and Central State. Where we’re working with some people at Central State where we just want to reach out love to them and we know that there are crisis pregnancies in college campuses and that would be a big thing for us.

Verboon: What lessons do you carry away from the involvement within the community and work here at the ministry?

Rohrer: Hm… what lessons, well, there is great potential to help, that people do need help, they need encouragement, they need hope and in my mind God is the only one who can really give it to them. He has put us here to do that and we want to be faithful and show them that there is a life. They can make a difference and we all can make a difference and they just need to see that.

Verboon: Could you just give me your general mission statement and elaborate on what it means to you?

Rohrer: The Miami Valley Women’s Center values life supports families and demonstrates Christ’s love. And when I say demonstrates Christ’s love, that’s materially and spiritually. So not only we help, we give them things; diapers, formula, maternity clothes, baby furniture and clothes but uh, we help them emotionally and again my thing is it’s just giving them hope. Umm, what was the rest of the question?

Verboon: Um, it was just the mission statement and what it means to you.

Rohrer: Okay so that’s it, I mean we value life; we think life is precious, it’s sacred. To elaborate, I think that God has created this little one and there is a purpose and there is a plan for this child. And we’re asking God to use us to help these women and these men, because we reach out to men too, cause they’re a real important part.

Verboon: What do you do to help them?

Rohrer: Okay, we have a man who oversees our men’s ministry and the men, when they come in with their partners, she’s may be seeing her client advocate and he’s meeting with the men’s ministry director or one of the volunteers because we have many men volunteers. And they talk about what he wants in this relationship. What he wants if she indeed is pregnant and if he chooses, you know, if he wants to be a part of it then we have a “Dad’s University” it’s kind of a support group, we have “24/7 Dad” a curriculum, “Doctor Dad” also a curriculum that teaches
them how to care for a baby, thing like that. So that s a big part of the woman’s decision to carry this baby if the man is going to be a part of it.

Rohrer: What was the rest of that question?

Verboon: Um, that was about it.

Rohrer: Okay

Verboon: Do you have any other special stories or um, any other lessons that you would like to share? Or with everything that you have done, what have you learned and, or special things that stick out in your mind, special stories or people or experiences just in general?

Rohrer: Hmm... 

Verboon: That’s a really big question; I’m sorry (Laughs)

Rohrer: Yes! There are a lot of experiences (Laughs) a lot, um.

Rohrer: I just think, seeing, seeing how this ministry has made a difference in the lives of people, I mean I’m always hearing people come back and say “thank you for being there”. We went to, actually I didn’t go but our executive director, forward executive director went to. Actually I told you Christian Action Council, was the ones that helped us; they changed their name to Care Net. So we are a Care Net organization now, they have a conference every year for all the directors and board members or anybody else that wants to come, and at that, maybe it was three years ago, conference our executive director was there and a woman stood up and said “I’m the director of the Clinton County Crisis Pregnancy Center and it was eight-teen years ago, I came to the Miami Valley Women’s Center in Dayton Ohio and my son is alive today because of that.” And I’m thinking, I wasn’t there but she spoke at our gala and showed a picture of her son and his graduating gown and I mean, that’s an incredible story; Eighteen years and how thankful she was that she came to the center. I’ve come in and saw one of our volunteers, who have been here for fifteen years, and I saw a big bouquet of balloons, Mylar balloons you know. I said “what’s that?” and the client who was four-teen years old when she came in, she’s now twenty-one, she brought this volunteer this big bouquet of balloons to thank her that she had been here to save her baby and now introduced that child and another baby. She got married and come to know Jesus, she’s a follower of Jesus which is amazing. So things like that absolutely touch my heart.

Verboon: Okay, is there any other things you would like to add?
Rohrer: Well, it's incredible when you are willing to just let go and do whatever God has called you to do and to reach out and help, it's an amazing adventure; incredible, everyday is an adventure. So I encourage everybody to do what God has called them to do.

Verboon: Anything else?

Rohrer: No

Verboon: Well, thank you so much!

Rohrer: You are welcome!