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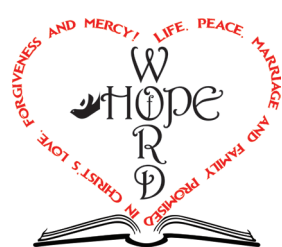
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## Life Newsbytes

A new report from the Abortion Care Network (ACN) shows that since 2012, over one-third of independent abortion facilities (IACs) in the US have shut down. More than 100 have closed since 2015, and 41 closed in the past two years alone. The ACN is a national organization that claims to represent independent abortion providers and allies. The organization's report claimed that despite a handful of independent abortion facility openings, there has been a decline of nearly 34% of IACs within just the past eight years, down from 510 in 2012 to 337 as of November 2020 ... According to ACN, while independent abortion facilities make up about 25% of abortion facilities in the United States, they commit the majority of abortions (58%, or three out of every five abortion clients). ACN only tracks independent abortion facilities and does not include Planned Parenthood, the largest single provider of abortions in the nation, in its reporting. (*Live Action News*, 12/10/20; *CLR LifeWire*, 12/17/20)

For those who have had an abortion—a **Word of Hope**.



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## Speaking up For Life

“As this New Year begins and you make resolutions of things to do for yourself, consider ways in which you could spend one hour a week helping someone in need—at a crisis pregnancy center, a hospice house, a nursing home, etc.” *Rev. Scott Licht, Lutherans For Life*

“But the value of children as treasured human beings demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus reflects a God who cherishes the least, the last, and the most vulnerable ... As the Christmas season gives way to Epiphany, Christians around the world are invited to worship the Child Jesus Who was worshipped by kings. And all are invited to wonder and consider the mystery of a faith that proclaims the weakness of God and the foolishness of God to be strength and wisdom. The One who said, ‘Suffer the little children and do not hinder them from coming to me’ is the God revealed in a Child.” *Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries*

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**Since 1973: 61,628,584 abortions in America**

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