



Exciting Opportunities in the Midwest

Wichita and the surrounding area have been without an abortion provider since 2009. No one has stepped in to fill the void...until now. Julie Burkhart, founder of Trust Women (TW), worked with Dr. Tiller for many years and got her feet wet in abortion care during the so-called "Summer of Mercy." She also worked in abortion care in Seattle, WA. Julie established TW to help women continue to have access to reproductive health care; namely abortion access in the Midwest and South, where women often face a lack of providers. The clinic they are working on opening is in Wichita, Kansas.

Approximately 3,000 women now have to drive three hours away to obtain abortion care. Current statistics from the state health department show that, since 2008, there has been a 26.2% drop in abortions in the state of Kansas. That's approximately 2,700 women who are traveling outside the area or who are not receiving medical attention. This is simply unacceptable.

Women have had consistent abortion care in Wichita since *Roe v. Wade*. It is inexcusable that women in 2012 are not able to receive the care they desire. We find this to be intolerable and are working diligently to restore access.

TW is seeking OB/GYNs or Family Practitioners for the startup of a reproductive health care facility in Wichita. Practitioners should be experienced in first and early second trimester abortion care on a locum tenens basis, with potential for a long-term arrangement. Availability is part-time, coverage, back up, with possibility for permanent primary position.

We are also looking for nursing staff who have a commitment to women's health care and who are similarly experienced, such as ARNP's and RN's. Candidates must feel secure with working in a frequently vocal anti-choice environment.

The medical facility is projected to open between mid-November 2012 and January 2013. The medical clinic will be a NAF member and will apply for an ambulatory surgical center license. We will operate with high standards – excellent patient care, commitment to quality staff and being a trusted presence in our community.

This is an effort that comes from the heart. If this touches *your* heart, please contact us at 316.425.3215 or at jburkhart@itrustwomen.org. The reopening of services in Wichita will not come without challenges, but those challenges will be overshadowed by helping women regain the opportunity to fully control their reproduction in a community where they have been denied those rights for far too long.

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