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HIKE FOR LIFE 2021 - BEST HIKE EVER!

Thank you to every single person who helped make the Lois Dixon Memorial Hike for Life our best hike ever!! Over 500 people gathered at the Midway Village Walking path, where they enjoyed the most beautiful morning filled with yummy treats, fun games, fellowship, remembering, and taking a walk around a path with the purpose of hiking for LIFE. This year's fundraising far exceeded anything we could have imagined. Our goal was to raise \$60,000. Thanks to so many of our hikers for reaching out to friends and family, our total raised was \$106,000! However, that does not include the \$50,000 match an anonymous donor has graciously given, so our **GRAND TOTAL was \$156,000!!!**

Thank you again to our sponsors listed below, Hike volunteers and planning committee, board, staff and Student Advisory Board for helping this truly be the best hike ever! We serve a big God, and we know He wants to see the work of The PCC continue for many years to come!



THANK YOU, GENEROUS SPONSORS!



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MARY BETH
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Bob, from Reflex DJ Services, our awesome DJ!



Audrey, who sang a beautiful original song in honor of Lois!



Our top fundraising team was Rock Valley Bible Church, who raised \$5,645, our top school was Hallstrom Homeschool Workshops with \$17,949, and our top individuals were two brothers, Xavier and Ronan Howard, with \$12,342.



We had so many yummy treats! We had fruit from Food 4 Fuel, donuts from Currans Orchard, popcorn provided by Rock Valley Credit Union, Apple Cider from Elixir Juice, cookies from Mary's Market, cotton candy provided by The Grove Church, and breakfast sandwiches provided by Chick-fil-a!



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I want you to know as I type this I am smiling! I am smiling at the cute faces on the front page of this newsletter because those are sweet babies whose mamas have found support at The Pregnancy Care Center and chose life for their precious little ones. I am smiling because of the faces seen below who are the incredible team of women I get to work with who encourage, challenge, and inspire me to be the best leader I can be. I am smiling because 2021 has not exactly been the year I thought it would be, but in many ways, it has been better than I even expected. I am still smiling from the incredible Hike for Life that happened on September 25th. It truly was the BEST HIKE EVER! I am smiling because, at the hike, we got to honor and remember a woman who has made a tremendous impact on The PCC as well as our entire community. I smile because Lois Dixon had the hope of Jesus, a love for the unborn (which led her to help begin The PCC), a gentle leadership style, and a life that was well lived. I am smiling because our supporters raised over \$150,000! I am smiling because we had over 500 people attend and walk at the Hike for Life to support the unborn and state that every life matters, and life begins at conception. I am smiling because I received word that our Hike for Life event made a special impact on a passerby: A gentleman in his sixties was out for his typical Saturday morning bike ride; the Midway Village bike path is part of his routine. However, on this Saturday, the man happened upon our event. As he was leaving the path, he saw a board member whom he knew and stopped for a quick visit. The man admitted that he had "seen the Pregnancy Care Center ministry for years" but "had no idea what they did." He said that as he rode his bike around the path, he was "reading the signs, and it opened [his] eyes." He explained that he used to be very liberal but now leaned a little pro-life. He talked about the value of every human life. Before he continued on his bike ride, he once again mentioned the signs along the path and concluded by saying, **"I've had a change of heart."** So this one man rode away from our event inspired to be a pro-life advocate after reading the signs and being reminded of our Creator's handiwork within the womb. Lives which are changed and saved, whether 6 weeks in utero or 60 years on earth, make me smile. Thank you for helping change and save lives.

Loving Life,
Tracy Breit



PCC Staff (from left): Amanda, Nikki, Ellie, Kathy, Robin, Sheila, Tracy and Vicky. Not pictured: Ellen.

GIFTS GIVEN

In memory of **Bob Calgero**
Jerry & Jacqueline Rudolph

In memory of **Lois Dixon**
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Teri & Gayle Walk

WELCOME, ELLIE & NIKKI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Ellie is our new Intern, who serves in various areas of the center! She spends a lot of time at our reception desk, but she also helps with administrative tasks and things around the center. Additionally, she is the President of our Student Advisory Board!

"It's been a dream of mine since I was a young child to work for The Pregnancy Care Center, and I'm ecstatic to fulfill that dream and get a closer look at the life-saving work happening daily within the walls of the Center....I feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to offer hope and help to our clients alongside so many wonderful ladies while learning as much as I can from them."

NEW CENTER HOURS!

Our center is extending our hours in hopes to be more available to our clients and reach more women! Beginning October 21st, we will be open from **9am-8pm on Thursdays!** Our new Stork Bus hours are **11am-2pm.**



Nikki Tibbetts joined our team in August as the Director of Education, which leads our Positive Choices program and its team of volunteers. Nikki has a background in youth ministry and teaching, as well as a huge heart for our next generation. Nikki is married to Heath, and they have three children (2 young adults and one still in high school).

Nikki says, "The most exciting part about this job is the opportunity my team and I will have to build relationships with middle school girls, help them know their worth, empower them to make healthy choices and live a life of sexual integrity." We are so grateful to have Nikki on our team!

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Nikki Tibbetts
Director of Education

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Our Student Advisory Board put on their Buses for Babies event in July and raised over \$1500, and we had tons of donations!



Our building got a major facelift! Thank you Tom Littlefield Siding for all your hard work; we love the new look!



Thanks again, Once Upon A Child, for the donation of clothes, and thanks to all those who helped us sort through the bags!



Huge thank you to Tianna Armstrong and all the time, effort and resources she put in these baskets for breastfeeding mamas!

GIFTS GIVEN (CONTINUED)

In honor of **Dave & Vickie Kieffer**
Mark & Conni Schlupp



Virginia **Livingstone** in loving memory of her husband

Shoutout to the Youth Group from Cornerstone Church in Byron, who served at the center for an afternoon!

In memory of **Audrey O'Connor**
Bob & Janine Schneider



In memory of **Kristin Schonberg**
Warren & Michelle Adam
Bunco Babes
Jane Fulton
Loren & June Heckendorn
Tammy Lannoye

Thank you to the Journey Church Women's Ministry, who hosted an amazing baby shower honoring the center!

In memory of **Helen Wille**
Eugene Wille & Family

In memory of **Grace Guerrera**
Tom & Cathy Wilcox

In memory of **Alexander J. Valadez**
Scott & Mary Miller

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Thank you Renae, Carol, Kathy, and Diane for all your help cleaning up the outside of the center, making it ready for winter!

Thank you, Hands and Feet Co-Op for coming out and helping with tasks around the center, including pulling weeds in the rain!



Thank you, Rep. Joe Sosnowski, for supporting us with funds and donated items from your Bike & Fitness Day!



Thanks to Doug Price and his incredible team at Midwest Mailworks for donating the mailing of this newsletter!

