

SUMMER 2020



2020 Virtual *Loving Life* Banquet

You are invited to The Pregnancy Care Center's VIRTUAL Celebrate Life Annual Banquet, from the comfort of your own home! Join us on Facebook or YouTube as we share our mission and vision, honor our Life Saving supporters, and hear our client Kaitlyn's inspiring story.

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Premiering @ 7 PM

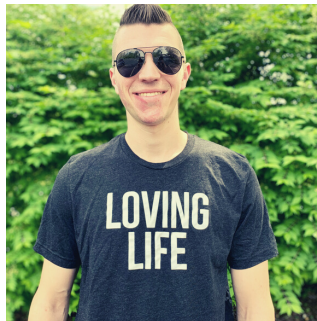
Facebook: Friends of The PCC of Rockford

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Loving Life T-Shirts



Loving Life T-shirts for sale! Shirts are \$15 each. All proceeds benefit the continued ministry of The PCC of Rockford.



Email amanda@thepregnancycenter.org if interested in purchasing a shirt!

Save the Date! Hike for Life 2020

Saturday, September 26th
Midway Village
Walking Path

Stay tuned for details of how we will be mindful of social distancing and state guidelines, yet still hike for an amazing cause! If you're interested in being a sponsor of the Hike for Life please email tracy@thepregnancycenter.org



Stay up to date about events like these and so much more on our new facebook page:
Friends of The PCC of Rockford

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Monday, March 16th started out like a normal day at the center but as the day went on and new reports were heard, things began to shift. The volunteers that serve so graciously on Mondays are let's say "wiser" and potentially more at risk for COVID-19, so they didn't feel comfortable being out and we sent them home. By Tuesday we were pivoting and stopping education/follow up type appointments, but wanted to remain available for pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. The days following are a blur. We had 2 weeks where we didn't see any clients at all and our staff was working from home. Still mentoring and connecting with clients over the phone, but nothing was happening in the center. We eventually felt it was time to at least re-open for pregnancy tests and ultrasounds because the calls continued to come in and the panic in these women's voices was easily heard. Statements like, "I have lost my job, I can't provide for a baby right now." "This virus is scary, I don't want to bring my baby into a pandemic." As we have had the opportunity to speak with these clients and they can hear the peace and hope in our voices, we've seen several clients change their minds and choose life. One client, who was feeling very overwhelmed with life and her circumstances, was introduced to Jesus by one of our staff members and she now has an eternal hope that will never fail. There is still so much good coming out of this time.

However, I also know the enemy is hard at work. On Tuesday, May 12th a brand new Planned Parenthood was opened in Waukegan, IL amidst the state's strong stay at home orders. Our governor has daily been on the TV reporting that in the name of protecting the value of human life we must shelter in place and businesses and churches should remain closed. Yet, this brand new facility, which gained it's building permits under shell company names, was allowed to open for elective medical procedures like abortion. Illinois already has two of the largest Planned Parenthoods in the country, one of which was opened earlier this year outside of St. Louis. This new facility in Waukegan was strategically placed in hopes of seeing clients from Wisconsin as both Missouri and Wisconsin have more strict laws when it comes to abortion. This should bring about righteous anger within those of us who choose to stand for life. And that is why now more than ever we are striving to do all we can to meet the needs of our clients by opening more fully, and to continue to offer not only help and hope to those facing an unplanned pregnancy, but also honest education about their options and the risks and long term effects of their decisions.

We are in need of more volunteer mentors. Women to come alongside another woman and look her in the eyes (even if that is over a mask) and tell them truth. Show them love. Offer them hope. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering with us at The Pregnancy Care Center? Now is the time that we must stand for life and for us that means standing beside our clients in their most vulnerable moments, no shame, no judgement, just love and grace.

I also want to express how extremely grateful I am to God for His continued provision through these uncertain economic times. His provision graciously comes through each of you and I am daily reminded of God's goodness and humbled by the amazing supporters and partners we have at The PCC. We have seen a slight decrease in giving and we are praying that the switch from an in person to virtual banquet will not be detrimental to our overall budget. Our banquet is the largest fundraising event of our year, so I invite you to consider making a donation to sustain our ministry at this year's virtual banquet on June 25th. I seriously can't thank you all enough and I am praying for God's blessing over you and that you would stay healthy as we continue LOVING LIFE in 2020!

Tracy Breit



SUMMER PLANS

Although it will need to look different this year, we are getting ready to host our third annual Summer Celebration!

Summer Celebration

AUGUST 15, 2020

This year will be a drive thru event for our community. We will give out diapers, wipes, clothing, a family activity bundle with craft supplies and food items. We are accepting donations of diapers up to size 5 and gently used clothing up to 5T for this event. Please call our center at 815.997.1200 if you have any questions about ways to support or volunteer at the Summer Celebration!

BABY BOUTIQUE

Our baby boutique inventory is getting low, and we are in need of several items. Below is our **Wish List!**

- *CRIB SHEETS
- *WASHCLOTHS
- *NEW CLOTHES SIZES NEWBORN-2T, ESPECIALLY BOYS
- *GENDER NEUTRAL & BOY BABY BLANKETS
- DIAPER CREAM
- PACIFIERS
- FORMULA
- *HOODED TOWELS
- *DIAPERS (SIZE NB-5)
- BABY WIPES
- BABY WASH & LOTION
- *MOST NEEDED

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND IN PACKAGING.

OTHER GENTLY USED OR NEW BABY ITEMS NEEDED:

- PACK & PLAYS
- STROLLERS
- ACTIVITY MATS
- CAR SEATS (SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY)
- HIGH CHAIRS
- BOUNCER SEATS
- BUMBO SEATS
- BABY SWINGS

POSITIVE CHOICES

Positive Choices had another great year, even though it was cut short! We had a total of 25 girl groups in 13 schools and a total of 13 guy groups in 9 schools. We were able to share many sweet, encouraging, and fun moments with the students. However, due to some unfortunate circumstances, we had to end the program early. It was very difficult not being able to finish, especially not having a proper goodbye with the students. Still, our team of incredible volunteers were grateful for the amazing time they had with them! If you could be in prayer that Positive Choices is able to remain in the schools for this upcoming year, we would greatly appreciate that!

-Laura Sage, Director of Education



PC Volunteers Rachel LaMay & Sarah Kloster

THE STORK BUS

We hope to have the Stork Bus back out in the community very soon. Our plan is to utilize the bus to raise awareness about The PCC as well as stock it with diapers and emergency pack items to give away to those in need in our community. For the time being we will keep all of our pregnancy test and ultrasound services only in the center for client & staff safety reasons.



THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT!

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Thank you so much, Central Christian Church of Rockford for collecting diapers and formula!



Thank you MOMS Club of Rockford for your donation of diapers and diaper cream!



Thank you to Barb Fry for making us masks!

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



GIFTS GIVEN

In memory of **Cade Cedareaf**
Janell Cedarleaf

In memory of **Grace Guerrero**
Catherine Wilcox

In memory of **Virginia Hamlett**
April Carlton

In memory of **Jim Mays**
Al & Sue Cowan



Thank you Christ the Rock Lutheran Church for your donation of baby toiletries!



We are so grateful to be chosen as a 2020 grant recipient by the

Rockford Cosmopolitan Club! Because of this grant we are able to purchase a full year's subscription to Bright Course curriculum!



We are beyond grateful to Stateline Church for blessing us with a very generous donation from their 587 Project during this COVID-19 crisis.