

WINTER 2020



THE  
**pregnancy**  
care center  
OF ROCKFORD

*Loving  
LIFE*  
in 2020

Our theme for 2020 is "Loving Life." That's what we're all about, loving life. Loving the life of the woman who is scared and uncertain, loving the life that has been knit together in their mother's womb, loving the life of the dad who says he is not ready to be a dad, loving the life of the student who feels pressured to make certain choices, loving the life of the volunteer who weekly gives of their time, and so on! As a staff and board, we are loving the life God has given us and the work we get to do each day. In 2020 we want it to be evident that we are all about LOVING LIFE! Join us today by showing God's love to the lives around you.

NEW!

# Ages & Stages

This year, we are launching a new class: Ages and Stages. In an attempt to continue our holistic approach we want to go past pregnancy and come alongside parents after the baby has been born. These classes are open to any parents with children newborn-one year old, and child care is provided if needed.

Tuesday, February 25th 5-6pm- Learn from a Pediatrician  
Tuesday, May 19th 5-6pm- Mom Spa Night  
Tuesday, September 1st 5-6pm- Occupational Therapy  
Tuesday, November 10th 5-6pm- Nutrition in the 1st Year

Call 815.997.1200 for more information or to sign up.

♡ SAVE THE DATE: ♡  
♡ THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH ♡

ANNUAL CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

AT GIOVANNI'S, WITH NATIONALLY KNOWN  
SPEAKER RYAN DOBSON. INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW.



## MALE MENTORING

Another new piece we launched in 2020 is our Male Mentoring. The PCC now offers 2 Saturday classes a month on how to be a 24/7 dad. A mentor walks alongside men and helps them learn about their role as a father.



Did you know that our center does the Baby Bottle Boomerang? Churches, businesses, school groups, and even individuals can participate by filling bottles provided by our center with their loose change- cash or checks are also graciously accepted! A little bit of change can make so much change! If you, your church or your business are interested in participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang, contact Amanda at [amanda@thepregnancycenter.org](mailto:amanda@thepregnancycenter.org).

# MINISTRY LEADERS LUNCH & LEARN FEBRUARY 12, 2020 12PM-1PM AT THE PCC

## Ministry Leaders Lunch & Learn



February 12, 2020

12-1 pm at The PCC

4108 Morsay Dr  
Rockford, IL 61107



If you are a local pastor or ministry leader, we would like to invite you to come and hear more about what we do and how you can get involved with our ministry. Call or email Amanda to RSVP by Friday, February 7th.

815.680.5107  
[amanda@thepregnancycenter.org](mailto:amanda@thepregnancycenter.org)



The staff of The PCC hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We had such a fun night celebrating with our volunteers and board with food, fun, and flannel at our annual Christmas party!

Pictured From Top Left: Robin Griffin- Co-Nurse Manager, Wymetta Crull- Center Nurse, Sheila Swanson- Co-Nurse Manager, Kathy Harms- Mobile Unit Director, Amanda Geaschel- Administrative Assistant, Trey Brown- Director of Male Education, Vicky Steege- Client Services Advocate. Bottom From Left: Simone Locklund- Nurse Manager, Karyn McDonald- Center Director, Tracy Breit- Executive Director, and Laura Sage- Director of Education

# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2020 seemed like a space age year that I couldn't even fathom when I was busy teasing my bangs just right with my aqua net hairspray. Getting through Y2K was the first hurdle before we could even begin to think about 2020. But look at us now, here we are in 2020 and my bangs have since grown out and I've moved on to using dry shampoo aerosol spray on the regular. When I hear the year 2020 I can't help but think of 20/20 being perfect vision. I can't say we have a perfect vision for the center, but I can say we have a perfect God that we are following. If we can only see the next few steps ahead of us, I will be okay with being near sighted and following our God who has perfect vision for our future. I do feel as though God has given us a simple theme for the year and it revolves around the reminder that "perfect love casts out all fear." God's perfect love is what we are called to give every single life God so perfectly created, including ourselves. So this year we are "LOVING LIFE." Which includes enjoying the life God has blessed each of us with and finding joy in giving and serving.

It means loving the life of every woman that walks through our door, whether to find out she is pregnant, or not, or if she is taking a scary first step in the healing process to work through the decision of a previous abortion.

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We are going to love the life that is within the woman and do our best to stand up for their rights. We are going to love the life of the man who comes with his own fears and worries because he is the one responsible for the life within his girlfriend. We are going to love and appreciate the life of every person that chooses to volunteer their time in order to walk the journey with our clients. We are going to love the life of and appreciate every donor that gives even a dollar to keep this ministry going.

This year is about LOVING LIFE. I have used this response when people have asked "how are you doing?" I would say, "I am loving life!" In this context, I would usually mean things are going really good, I'm having fun, and finding joy in the things around me. I want that aspect for the PCC this year as well. I want this to be a year of joy and smiling and finding the good in the midst of the sometimes hard, dark stories we hear. I'm excited for 2020 and can't wait to see all God has in store. How will you show love to lives around you today?

Loving Life,

*Tracy Breit*



The Breit Family

Danny, Garrett (7), Connor (4), and Tracy

We are proud to be a



and a member of the





## WELCOME, ROBIN!

### CO-NURSE MANAGER

Robin lives in Rockford with her husband, Mike, their two children, Jameson and Ellie, and their goldendoodle, Mabel. She previously worked as an OB nurse, childbirth educator, lactation counselor, homeschool mom, and in-home care giver. Although being a mom is her all time favorite job, being a nurse is a very close second. She is passionate about helping others, and she especially enjoys caring for and educating new and expectant parents. She loves playing games with her family, going out for coffee with her friends (even though she doesn't drink coffee), hanging out at home watching movies, and pet sitting for animals of all sorts, especially Golden Retrievers. Above all, she is most fulfilled when she is using her God given gifts of service and compassion by helping someone in need.



## WELCOME, SHEILA!

### CO-NURSE MANAGER

Sheila grew up in DeKalb, IL and moved to the Rockford area in 1999. She worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 3 years before moving into pediatric home care for 14 years. Sheila has a huge heart for others and has found so much joy whether in the nursing field or through opening her own home to those in need. She serves and loves with the heart of Jesus. She is excited to be a part of the PCC team and to serve the Rockford community. Sheila has been married to Doug since 1998 and together they have 8 children. She homeschools her kids and is a member and volunteer at her church. She is passionate about family and friendships, loves music and photography, and being out in creation.



## WELCOME, VICKY!

### CLIENT SERVICES ADVOCATE

Vicky was born and raised in Beloit, WI and then traveled around the country with her husband of 31 years, Craig, while he served in the Marine Corp. They then returned to the Midwest to raise their 4 children. Vicky enjoys reading, vacationing near the beach, bike riding, and DIY home and craft projects. Vicky has worked in the travel industry, as well as at Slavic Gospel Association in Rockford as their receptionist and travel coordinator. She was a para-professional, and most recently she was Hope Church's Children's Ministry Assistant. Vicky recently earned her degree in Business & Marketing. She has a heart and passion for serving children and families, and can't wait to see what the Lord has in store with her new opportunity at The PCC. She hopes to be a blessing to many!

# 2019 Year End

## #GIVINGTUESDAY2019 TOTAL

Wow! You guys did it. Giving Tuesday was December 3rd, and our goal was to raise \$5,000, and because of your generosity, we raised **\$7,000!** Thank you to everyone who supported our #GivingTuesday2019 campaign.

## YEAR END GIFTS & STATISTICS

We ended 2019 strong, thanks to your consistent support! Our year end campaign helped us end safely in the black and we are beyond thankful for each and every one of you that gave. Every dollar given ensures that we can continue to offer all services totally free to clients, and we could not do all that we do without your partnership! Here are a few numbers that represent lives impacted by your generous support:



Ultrasounds .....	367
Pregnancy Tests .....	434
Post Abortion Care .....	31
Mobile Unit Clients .....	74
Follow Up Visits.....	961
Positive Choices Students....	321

## QUOTES FROM CLIENTS

*"I was able to see just how great God can be!"*

*"When I became pregnant with my almost 3 year old, you guys were a shining light."*



*"It was the no-judgement encouragement and love of the ladies at PCC that kicked off this journey welcoming an unplanned babe."*

## GIFTS GIVEN

In memory of **Nancy Coole**  
Bill Coole  
Michelle Coole

In honor of **James & Nancy Gaugert**  
Deborah Gaugert

In memory of **Grace Guerrero**  
Catherine Wilcox

In memory of **Barb Knoll**  
Robert & Denise Grzelak  
Janet Jaegar  
Gary Knoll  
Linda Roehrig  
Jerome & Anita Schaff  
Dennis & Marguerite Smith  
John & Cynthia Willey

In memory of **Paul Clausen**  
Adam & Michelle Conti  
Marcy Peterson  
Clausen Properties  
William & Karen Sweet

In memory of **Dale Lang**  
Ann & Richard Anderson  
Dr. Errol & Rosemary Baptist  
Bern & Linda Binger  
Thomas & Helen Sue Bleed  
Paul Condon  
Jeffrey & Linda DeWeerd  
Dr. John & Dena Koehler  
Dr. Kelly & Julia Moore  
Kevin & Virginia Sheehan  
Jack & Linda Watts

*"Just knowing there are people that care and are willing to help is amazing. It helped me keep calm through my pregnancy and delivery."*

*"I do not feel like I am going through my pregnancy alone"*

# SO THANKFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY!



We want to say a big thank you to MomStrong Rockford! They hosted their 3rd annual Momma Market on October 19th and raised \$1,728 for our center! Thank you to all you hard working momma vendors and all those that came out to support their small businesses!



Thanks so much to London from Lulu's Bowtique and her amazing Christmas gift donations! She did all this on her own!

Thank you students from Rockford Lutheran School for organizing a bake sale to benefit our center!



Shout out to The Advantage Club Originals (ACO) and the The Hilton Garden Inn for hosting a recent Lunch & Learn- we received many donations from the event and are so thankful for all their efforts in making it successful!



Mosaic Women's Ministry from The Grove Church hosted "Showers of Praise", a powerful night of worship, that also included a showering of the center with many of our wish list items. Thank you for your generosity and support! You all have been amazing this entire year!

Thank you to Leadership Rockford, Movement Fitness and The Grove for sponsoring families for Christmas!



Big thank you to the women from First Free Rockford's Moms Day Out who stopped by with tons of baby items!



Thanks to the Try Beta Foundation! Each year, they sell Mother's Day hanging flower baskets, and give the proceeds to local non-profits. We are blessed to be one of the recipients!



Huge thanks to Tammy and Becky from Country Christmas, who prepared months for their sale and gave every cent of the proceeds to our center and the Rockford Rescue Mission! We received a check for over \$3,000! Thank you SO much for all of your hard work! We are blown away by you!



We are beyond grateful to have been chosen as a recipient of a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois with support from the Norris and Margaret Aldeen Memorial Fund for our Male Mentoring/Preparing for Fatherhood program!

Thank you Tim Fountain from Fountain Construction for rescuing us and replacing our broken storm door! We are so grateful to you for donating your time and resources!



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