



WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

2020 YEAR END

2020 reminded us what an amazing, constant, faithful God we serve. His promises are true, He will never leave us nor forsake us. The Pregnancy Care Center felt the Lord's presence every step of the way through one of the craziest years our world has faced. To say we are blown away by your generous giving last year is an understatement!




The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford
2020 Year in Review

SAVE THE DATE!
**2021 VIRTUAL BANQUET WITH
SPEAKER RYAN DOBSON!**

THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 7PM

**PREMIERING ON FACEBOOK
AND YOUTUBE**

 Friends of The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford

 The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford

YEAR END GIVING: \$136,436!

If you would like to receive a physical copy of our 2020 Year in Review, please contact Amanda at 815-680-5107 or amanda@thepregnancycenter.org. You can also find a downloadable PDF copy on our website at <https://thepregnancycenter.org/newsletters>.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS

This past Christmas, members of our community adopted 20 of our clients' families to shower with gifts. 89 people total were blessed with items from their Christmas wish lists!



CHRISTMAS AT THE PCC

Although we couldn't celebrate as we usually would, we were excited to host a Drive Thru Volunteer Christmas Party to say thank you to our volunteers for all the ways they served in 2020. The Pavilion at Aldeen made a yummy boxed dinner for each person and as a thank you for preserving life each volunteer took home some of Grammy Tammy's famous jam!



CLIENT PHOTOS - LIVES SAVED AT THE PCC

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How precious are these little ones and their parents?

We are so grateful to have walked alongside each of these families and thankful they found help and hope at The PCC. Amanda Clinton has graciously volunteered her services for photoshoots for our clients. Once a client completes the 10th of 12 visits in our Countdown to Parenthood curriculum, they receive a voucher for free photography!



GIFTS GIVEN

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's cold outside, like really cold. I grew up in Oklahoma, so these winters when the snow comes and seems to never melt are still hard for me. I don't like wearing a coat either, so that doesn't help my situation. If I have to be outside for more than just the walk between the center and my van, or letting my new dog out into the backyard, I get grumpy and start whining pretty quickly about how cold it is. I think it's because if I am outside for more than a few minutes I feel like the cold has surrounded me and if I stay in that place, there is no way I will warm up. It's crazy how quickly the idea of warmth seems impossible and I think I won't ever have feeling in my toes again. I have to think that when a woman takes an at-home pregnancy test and sees two solid lines or the word pregnant, and that was the last thing she wanted to happen, her thoughts spiral downward quickly. She feels like her future is ruined, there is no hope of finishing school or getting the job she wanted. She doesn't know how she could afford such a thing. Her soul feels cold and finding warmth doesn't seem possible. In January, we started a new marketing endeavor to make sure that girls that were experiencing these fears and concerns would be sure to find us. We are working with Choose Life Marketing and doing paid search through Google on words like abortion, abortion pill and pregnancy test. Our number of abortion minded calls has increased by nearly 50% already. Our prayer is that not only would they call, text or reach out through our website, but that they would schedule a pregnancy test and ultrasound at our center. We want the opportunity to be a place of warmth for these women who feel like they are stuck in a cold, dark place with no options. We want our center and team of staff and volunteers to feel like a warm hug of compassion, grace, love and most importantly HOPE.

When you support The Pregnancy Care Center you are making a difference and taking action in the pro-life movement. Your prayers, donations of items and financial gifts bring warmth to the women and men that walk through our doors. Multiple times in the last few weeks I have heard clients express, "Wow, I can't believe you do all of this for free." Our services being no cost to them lifts a burden they were trying to figure out how they would carry. We love that we can tell them about you, our awesome supporters, who want them to know there is hope and that they are loved and prayed for. In spite of what our country is facing here at the beginning of 2021, I am encouraged to know that God is on the throne. Now more than ever we must stand up for LIFE, but do it in a way that is wrapped completely in love and brings warmth to the cold world around us. How will you join us in our mission of bringing help and hope today?

Loving Life,

Tracy Breit

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In memory of **Robert Brady**
Carol Anderson
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In memory of **Nancy Coole**
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Paul & Lois Dixon
Mike Grisanzis
McBee Family
Bob Schneider Family
Marcia Valadez

In memory of **Hourihan, Porod & Quinn Families**
Robert Porod

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Mobile Medical Unit is in need of a new garage space! We are so grateful to Temple Baptist (now Crosspoint Church) for providing us with a place for our Stork Bus to call home the past five years. However, having recently merged churches, they need their space to store their own vehicles and we need to find our bus, Piper, a new home! She's a Mercedes Sprinter, and is 24ft. long, 7ft. wide and 10 ft. tall. Ideally the space would be insulated if not heated, so water lines don't freeze. Her home needs to be easily accessible, yet secure. At Temple Baptist our Mobile Unit Director had the garage code and was able to take the bus in and out as needed- this worked really well. We are hoping for it to be centrally located if possible and for a budget friendly rental cost. Free storage of course is amazing, but not expected.



Do you, your church, or your business have a garage space or storage unit that could become Piper's new home? If so, please reach out to Tracy at 815-680-5101 or tracy@thepregnancycenter.org. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT!



Country Christmas is a shopping event that takes place each November with hundreds of handmade items, Christmas gifts, jams, and more. Grammy Tammy opened her home with COVID guidelines in place and still raised over \$2000 for the center!



Thank you to Child Initiative International for their huge donation of diapers, wipes, toiletries and formula! Your generous gift has already blessed so many people in our community!



Thank you Carol, Kathy and Diane for taking a whole afternoon pruning and cleaning up our landscaping before all the snow came!



Thank you to the ladies of Cornerstone Church Beloit for all your donations!



Shout out to Armin for putting together a shed for us. We are loving having more storage!



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