

#### **NEWSLETTER**



# **Another Way to See Lives Saved at The PCC!**

Our country has seen a huge increase in the number of medical abortions happening in the last few years. Medical abortion is a two-pill abortion process. But what happens if a woman regrets taking that first abortion pill? Is it too late? By the grace of God, and some really smart doctors, the answer is no! If a woman takes the first pill and changes her mind, she can begin what's called Abortion Pill Reversal (APR). And what's even more exciting, The Pregnancy Care Center is now an APR Center! So what exactly does that mean? It means that we have everything in place to provide care for a woman who has taken the abortion pill and changes her mind and wants to choose life. Often times, women will turn to Google for help, and there they will find APR and a hotline number to call. When the APR Hotline gets a call from a woman in our area that is seeking to reverse the effects of the abortion pill, the hotline will reach out to one of our on-call and ready nurse managers. Our nurse will then get in contact with the client and schedule to see her at the center right away. At the center, she will receive an ultrasound to confirm that the baby is still alive, and if so,

immediately receive her first progesterone. The nurses will then contact our partnering OBGYN and schedule an appointment for the client to be seen by him within 72 hours. Next, the client will be sent directly to the pharmacy to fill her prescription for progesterone. The cost of the prescription will be covered by the center (thanks to your generous support), so there are no barriers to the woman being able to access the lifesaving treatment she needs. The client will also be scheduled for an ultrasound at the center every one to two weeks throughout her first trimester to confirm viability. Once she reaches the end of her first trimester and the pregnancy is still viable, the reversal is successful!

APR is 68% effective, and studies show no risk for birth defects. Over 3,500 babies have been saved through APR, and we are eagerly awaiting our first call. God is a God of second chances,

and we are grateful for the opportunity He is giving us and our clients through APR.



# THANKS TO YOU, MOMS AND DADS









PCC Client Babies captured by Amanda Clinton

## Your gift helped her choose life!

\*Becky and her boyfriend came to our center for a pregnancy test and ultrasound. They weren't planning to have a baby, but seemed happy during their appointment. We were surprised when three weeks later, Becky called and said she changed her mind and was having an abortion. She wanted to talk about her abortion options because she was very scared. Our Client Advocate, Ellen, spoke with her and answered all her questions and encouraged her to come back and meet in person. She agreed to come in, and Ellen learned that Becky's boyfriend was pressuring her to get an abortion. Becky was devastated, but also felt like she didn't have a choice. She spent time talking with Ellen, and then received a second ultrasound. The baby was moving his arms and legs around so much. Tears streamed down Becky's face, and it was evident she was torn about what to do, but her abortion was the next day. Four days later, we got a text from Becky. She decided not to have the abortion and wanted to come to the center for our Countdown to Parenthood Program! Three months later and Becky is expecting a baby boy, is halfway through our parenting program, and is doing great!

#### \*name changed for client confidentiality

# MEET SAM THE MAN!

We are thrilled to welcome Sam Kemp as our new Director of Male Education. Sam is an answer to our prayers and has hit the ground running. In his first two weeks at the center, Sam was able to meet with over 10 dads as well as join Nikki at Rockford Christian School for a Positive Choices presentation. Sam will be working hard to get our Fatherhood **Program** up running, as well as preparing to lead Guy Groups of students this fall in the schools. Please pray for Sam as he offers help and hope to the men of our community. Sam shared the following: "My mission at the center is to equip men with the tools and skills they need to become intentionally invested in their child's life, and in the process become men of integrity and purpose. Thanks to God's grace, my life has been transformed over the years, and that is my hope and prayer for the men and women who come to the center."



# **ARE GETTING THE SUPPORT THEY NEED!**

### Look what YOU did at our Banquet!

On April 7th, over 450 people gathered at The Embassy Suites of Rockford to CELEBRATE LIFE! It was a beautiful evening filled with AWE as we heard stories of hope and transformation, honored lifesaving supporters, and shared new endeavors for the future. You all came through in a huge way! Our stretch goal was to reach \$120,000 and we are so happy to report that we raised \$147,000! We are truly in AWE & WONDER over what God has done. Just think of all the help and hope we will be able to offer with this kind of financial support. We are able to get APR up and running. We will be able to serve more clients and meet more needs. God is on the move! We can't thank you all enough for your outpouring of generosity!













# Join us in prayer by becoming a PCC Prayer Warrior!

Would you like to receive text updates when we have a prayer request? It could be for an abortion-minded client that just walked through our doors for her appointment, a client who comes in for APR services, a client who needs extra prayer, or even praying over upcoming events. We know there is power in prayer, and this is one way we can partner together! Sign up online at friendsofthepcc.org/prayer-warriors, call Amanda at 815-680-5107, or email amanda@thepregnancycarecenter.org and have her add you to the list!



## Thank you for your gifts!







Rockford Christian had a "Casual for a Cause" day where the students didn't have to wear uniforms and they raised over \$700 to help further the mission of The PCC! Thank you, RCS, for all your support!!



We received what might be the largest donation of baby items we have ever been given!! It only took Boylan Central Catholic High School one week to collect all these amazing items. However, it took 2 buses to deliver everything!! We are absolutely blown away by their generosity!

# Provide support, share hope, save lives!

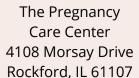
As you read this, the battle for life is happening right here in our community, as women of all ages and backgrounds face the fear and uncertainty of an unplanned pregnancy.

Your gifts to The PCC bring help and hope to those women and truly make a difference in their lives.

Thank you for sharing your love and support!

#### **3 WAYS TO GIVE**







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### SOMETHING NEW, JUST FOR YOU!

Until now, our website has held content for both clients and supporters.

However, we now have a website just for you!

friendsofthepcc.org is now the place to go to donate, learn about upcoming events, ways to partner and get involved, and even where you can learn more about the staff of The PCC.



#### **GIFTS GIVEN**

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

In memory of **Brad Moberg**Susan Moberg

In honor of **Ellie Schneider**Paul & Michele Fandel

In memory of **Linda Wekemann**Greg & Carol Ives

In memory of **Wendy Young**Dan & Rebecca Ivancich