



YOU HELPED HER GET UP AND WALK AWAY!

*Amy came to The PCC for a pregnancy test and ultrasound. Her test was positive, but at that point she was too early for an ultrasound, so she was scheduled to come back in two weeks. When she came back for her ultrasound, our nurse Robin was able to find a clear picture of her beautiful baby. Amy was amazed at what she saw. Amy's mentor, Karin, took time to process the reality of what she was seeing, and Karin was hopeful that she would choose life. We are so very grateful for the opportunity we have to show our clients their baby, after only 6-7 weeks. During Amy's second follow-up with Karin, she stated that this pregnancy was not at all what she had planned. She was unsure how a baby could fit into the future plans she imagined for her life. Amy shared that the father of the baby was not supportive of her going forward with this pregnancy.

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Join us at our Hike for Life!

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

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AT

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PERHAPS YOU WERE CREATED
FOR SUCH A
TIME AS THIS

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*AMY'S STORY CONTINUED

Karin and Amy talked about how even though this pregnancy was a surprise to her, it was not a surprise to God. We offered another ultrasound which the father would be able to attend. Amy showed up for that appointment; he did not. The second ultrasound was even more telling than the first. How amazing is the growth of a baby in utero and not only seeing, but hearing, the heartbeat. After that ultrasound, Amy decided to sign up for our Countdown to Parenthood program.

She came to her first two appointments, but the next two appointments came and went without her showing up. Karin reached out to her and learned that due to outside pressures and the fear of the future, she had changed her mind and had scheduled an abortion. She would be 22 weeks along at the time of the abortion. Our hearts sank. Our team and PCC Prayer Warriors prayed that God would show up.

In talking with her client, Karin let her know that no matter what she chose to do, The PCC would walk alongside her. We were there for her. Amy came in to meet with Karin one final time to talk about all of her options before her abortion appointment. Parenting, abortion, or choosing parents for her child. Karin wanted her to make sure she knew what her patient rights were if she did move forward with the abortion, including her right to leave at any time, even if she was as far as being on the table.

The morning of Amy's appointment came, and Karin texted her to let her know she was praying for her. Later that afternoon Amy responded with "Thank you, I appreciate that." Karin asked her how she was doing, and she responded with, "I'm on the table and I'm scared." Karin reminded her that this is a lifetime decision, and if she had any reservations, she had the right to get off that table. Karin heard nothing back. At that moment, Karin and our nurse Sheila went before the Lord on behalf of this young mother and for this little baby.

This mother and her child had been, and were that day, covered by the prayers of many.

A few days later, Karin was able to meet with Amy. The Lord showed Himself Mighty and Faithful. Amy was still pregnant! Amy had been on the table, in the position, ready, and the doctor was approaching her. Amy was suddenly overcome with emotion and found the courage to say "No, STOP!" And she proceeded to get off the table and leave! Minutes away from ending the life of the child, she bravely got up and walked out!

This baby boy will have life. His mom was, and is, courageous. She is doing amazingly well. She has great plans for her future. She is strong and is embracing her choice to parent. She continues with our Countdown to Parenthood program and at the same time is renewing her relationship with Jesus. Karin says, "I wonder what the Lord has planned for this little boy that there was such a battle in the heavenly places for his life. Can't wait to see." We can't wait to see either, but for now, we are rejoicing and praising God for one more life saved.

*name changed for confidentiality



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED?

Are you wanting to get involved and be a part of the work The PCC is doing? Right now, we have needs in several areas! If you are interested in volunteering in any of the following ways, please reach out to the person listed in each area. **Training is provided for each volunteer role.**

POSITIVE CHOICES LEADERS — MALE & FEMALE

Help facilitate girls and guys groups once a week in middle schools during the school year.

Contact: Nikki Tibbetts, Director of Education: nikki@thepregnancycenter.org
Sam Kemp, Director of Male Education: sam@thepregnancycenter.org



MENTORS — MALE & FEMALE

Meet and build relationships with clients and help them process their options as well as work through our Countdown to Parenthood Program.

Contact: Vicky Steege, Center Director: vicky@thepregnancycenter.org
Sam Kemp, Director of Male Education: sam@thepregnancycenter.org



NURSES

Performs ultrasounds and administer pregnancy and STI testing. Must be a licensed RN.

Contact: Robin Griffin, Co-Nurse Manger: robin@thepregnancycenter.org
Sheila Swanson, Co-Nurse Manager: sheila@thepregnancycenter.org



STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Are you 15-21 and have a heart for the prolife movement and a desire to learn more about non-profit leadership? Apply for the Student Advisory Board by August 31st.

Contact: Tracy Breit, Executive Director: tracy@thepregnancycenter.org



OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Give financially.

Collect items for our baby boutique.

Become a PCC Prayer Warrior.

Scan to find out more information.



LIVES ARE BEING SAVED!

God is at work each and every day at The PCC! So far through June of this year, we have:



DONE
438
PREGNANCY
TESTS



GIVEN
543
ULTRASOUNDS



SEEN
62
LIVES SAVED



SERVED
652
DISTINCT WOMEN



SERVED
37
DISTINCT MEN

ROE V WADE & OUR NEW NEIGHBOR

June 24, 2022 will be a day we remember for quite some time. That was the day many have prayed for and dreamed of for nearly 50 years: the day that Roe v. Wade was overturned! In the weeks leading up to this decision (especially after the leak of the opinion), my inbox was full of emails about how to prepare for this day and the steps to take to ensure our center was safe from some who would not be happy about this decision.

So, we did all the things--we made security enhancements around our center, we contacted the Rockford Police Department to have extra patrol, we checked in with our insurance company. We were prepared and expectant. Then, on that Friday, the decision was shared. What a monumental day! Many celebrated and rejoiced in what they saw as a huge victory. Some have expressed anger and concern. For me, I was so grateful, but I had moments where it felt hard to celebrate, knowing that Illinois would now see a huge increase in women coming to our state to seek abortions.

But when it comes down to it, for The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford, June 24th was a Friday spent seeing clients, doing pregnancy tests, giving ultrasounds, educating women and men, and building relationships just like any other Friday. And each day since that decision, we have continued our mission of offering help and hope to every client who walks through our doors. Yes, it seems our mission is all the more critical now, but the actual model of what that looks like each day is not changing.

Unfortunately, a few things are different. We have been made aware of an abortion doctor who has purchased two buildings in Rockford and is working tirelessly to get them open to provide services, to not only women in the Rockford area, but also for women he would have previously seen in Wisconsin. The opening process at one of the buildings has already been halted as the building has been condemned by the city. The other building, I can literally see from the window in my office. It is right around the corner on Maray.

At the time of my writing, it is not open, but we know this doctor will not stop until he has established a way to offer (at the very least) medication abortions. I can't help but think, though, if there is going to be an abortion clinic in Rockford, why not make it as close as possible simply because I would love to have the opportunity to tell women there is HOPE for them right around the corner!

Thus, I do think it will be imperative for us to increase our marketing budget yet again and especially the amount we are putting towards pay per click ads. If a woman in our area is Googling abortion, I want her to find us first! I truly believe God has created and established The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford with a unique purpose for such a time as this. Just like Esther, we will stand up for lives that are often overlooked, we will trust God and listen closely to the Holy Spirit for what our next steps should be. I am so grateful that we have our Abortion Pill Reversal services up and running for such a time as this.

We will continue to pray fervently, keep our eyes on Jesus, and stay focused on our mission. God has got us, and we will keep standing for LIFE regardless of what decisions are made. Thank you for standing with us and supporting us through it all.

Loving Life,

Tracy Breit

Tracy Breit, Executive Director





More than a Mentor

Recently, we had a client start our Countdown to Parenthood program when she was 34 weeks pregnant. Since she didn't have much time before her baby would arrive, she came multiple times a week so she could get through the 12-session program. A few months after her baby was born, she brought him in to visit with her mentor, Kira. At this visit, this new momma told Kira, "**This is his second home. You're his second family.**" Our Nurse, Robin, recently had an interaction quite similar with a client as well. After giving a client her repeat ultrasound, the client said, "**I wish I could stay and hang out with you guys. I love it here.**" What a privilege it is for our mentors to build

relationships with their clients, to be that support person, friend, and even family, at a time when they need it most. When you support The PCC, you get to be a part of that family too!



We are Grateful!



Thank you, KB Chiropractic, for the many donations you brought in!



Shout out to Maywood's Awana for collecting so many baby items!



Thank you, Madelynn, for your thoughtfulness to us! She sold handmade crafts, lemonade, and snacks at her family's garage sale and donated a portion of the proceeds to our center!



Thank you, OSF's On-Call Unit, for thinking of our center and bringing us diapers and other needed items!

Your Support Keeps Us Going

We say it over and over, but it really is true. You are the reason we're here. Because of your support, we get to offer help and hope in our community.

Every day, we get a phone call or a text message from someone who is seeking an abortion, an ultrasound, or baby supplies. Every day, we get to tell the person on the other end of the phone what services we offer, and that they're completely free of charge. Every day, we get to welcome them through our doors and remind them they're not alone.

When you give to The PCC, you're a part of our every day.

3 WAYS TO GIVE



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GIFTS GIVEN

In memory of **Cade Cedarleaf**
Janell Cedarleaf

In memory of **Lois Dixon**
Jason Folkerts

In honor of **Claire & Greta**
Patty Bakkef

In memory of **Jenny Grundl**
Joe & Beth Von Arx

In memory of **Dr. John Leonard**
Linda Houghton

In memory of **Michael**
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In memory of **Carole Santiago**
Jerry & Jacqueline Rudolph

In memory of **Frank Shappert**
Betsy Easton
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In honor of **Karin Shaver**
Cheryl Peters