

FALL 2022



News

Letter

Because of you, we get to see these smiles!

Because of you, our clients get to have a warm and welcoming place to come where they get the chance to build relationships with our mentors. Because of you, they get to be seen and heard. Because of you, they get tangible, material needs met. **Thank you for being a**

friend of The PCC! We are grateful for you, and so are our clients!

We asked some previous clients, "What did you like best about coming to The Pregnancy Care Center?"



"I was being listened to."



"Everyone who works here is kind and helpful."



"I had someone to talk to who wouldn't judge me or make me feel like I was being judged."



"Being a leader/being consistent stood out to me in the fatherhood program. Sam gave good advice, and it was a very comfortable environment."



"I liked meeting with Kira and chatting a lot about personal issues, praying, and helping me with decision making as a wife and parent (step-parenting as well). I enjoyed every session and all of the resources that are provided such as ultrasound, clothes, strollers, pictures, etc."



LOOK WHAT YOU DID AT THE HIKE FOR LIFE!

WOW! Over 600 people gathered at First Free Rockford on Saturday, September 24th for our Hike for Life. It was a fun-filled morning with lots of activities, snacks, and a walk around First Free's property to honor the beauty of life. A huge thank you to everyone who came out and also donated to The PCC through our Hike! YOU helped us raise **\$136,692!** We are so grateful for each one of you and the impact you are making through your generosity.



We also want to say another thank you to the sponsors who made our event possible!



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Our top-two fundraising schools, Hallstrom and OLSHA, battled it out for a pizza party, and they're both getting one!



This year's Student Advisory Board!





Cadence Dixon was our Top Fundraising Individual, raising \$7,425!



Rock Valley Bible Church was our Top Fundraising Team! Hallstrom was our Top Fundraising School!



Elizabeth Pluta won our Grand Prize drawing!

A PICTURE TO HOLD ON TO

This is Veronica's* first child, and although unsure about what her future is going to look like, she is very excited to be a mom. She got to have her first ultrasound here at our center when she was 6 and a half weeks along, and she treasured the ultrasound photos she got to take home. She since has had two other ultrasounds with her OBGYN and took home really great pictures of her little boy. During her fourth visit in our Countdown to Parenthood program, Veronica shared a very sad story. She shared that she had opened her home to a friend who was in an abusive relationship. This friend ended up abruptly leaving while our client was at work. In leaving, she stole numerous items from Veronica's home, including all of her ultrasound pictures. Our client was devastated. Tears fell as she told her mentor, Kira, the story. Veronica was planning on using these photos for her baby shower and of course wanted them as the beginning of her baby's photo album. The Lord prompted Kira to ask our nurse, Shelia, if there was any possibility her photos could still be in our system. Shelia checked and was able to locate the very first photos of the baby. She even had a few minutes in between clients to do another ultrasound for Veronica. Veronica was overcome with joy. We were able to send her home with not only her first photos, but also new photos at 23 weeks, in 3D. It was another small, but amazing, way that God provided for a client through The Pregnancy Care Center and all those who support us. Jesus definitely cares about all the big things in our lives, but He is also sensitive and cares for the little things that mean the world to us.



*Name changed for confidentiality

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to show her the life within! Your support keeps us going!

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Letter from the Executive Director

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I love fall! The changing of the leaves, the shift in the weather, the apple orchard (specifically the donuts), football games, blankets, fires [I could go on and on] are wonderful! As seasons change, I am always in awe of the way God created our world and placed Earth in the exact right spot to handle all the changes; our amazing Creator thought through every detail. At The Pregnancy Care Center, we go through seasons also. On the administrative and fundraising side, we flow from banquet season to Hike for Life (which was incredible—thank you to everyone who came and supported the event) to budget prep and year-end giving. This week, as the leaves are changing outside, Nikki and Sam are taking our Positive Choices program into the schools and building new relationships with local 8th grade students who need some extra encouragement and support through their trying years of change in middle school.

Recently, we made another change: we increased our marketing budget because we are receiving more and more contact from abortion-minded women seeking help and services. We are so grateful for every text, phone call, and website submission as it is an opportunity to tell the client, “Yes, things are changing for you, but we are here to walk you through this season, to love you and help you and offer you a HOPE that never changes.”

In addition to watching the changing leaves out my window, I am keeping a close eye on the abortion clinic just around the corner. This week, I watched as a fence went up around the property, and I couldn't help but think, “How sad. What must a woman feel entering that parking lot and walking inside a building that is barricaded with a fence?” In stark contrast, the PCC doors are open, our lobby is warm and welcoming, our clients are immediately greeted with compassion and kindness, and their story matters to us. These are pieces of our mission that will never change. The work of The Pregnancy Care Center is more important in this season than ever before. So, we will continue to offer HELP and HOPE daily to those who reach out to us, and we will continue to see more lives saved!

Thank you so much for partnering with us and believing in our mission. In whatever season you find yourself, I pray you see our Creator God's fingerprints and artistic touch all over your life and all around you as you take a moment today to pause and enjoy the season and your surroundings.

Loving Life, *Tracy Breit*

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So much to be grateful for!



Thank you, Mrs. Moore's and Mrs. Dalke's Anatomy and Physiology classes, for your collection of baby items! They collected these items as they studied the gestation of life in the womb!



Thank you, Tyler and his helpers from Timber Landscaping in Belvidere, for coming out and cleaning up the landscaping around our center! They saw our cry for help and didn't waste any time answering the call!



Thank you, students and parents from Forest City Christian Co-Op, for your help bundling diapers, putting together packets and folders, cleaning, and pulling some pretty huge weeds!



So grateful for St. Mary's Catholic Church of Byron and the Fr. Paul Kunkel Council #4739 Knights of a Columbus for doing a very successful Baby Bottle Campaign on their own!



Thank you, Journey Church, for throwing us a baby shower! Our Nurse Managers attended the shower, and got to bring back loads of baby supplies. Your generosity is going to bless so many of our clients



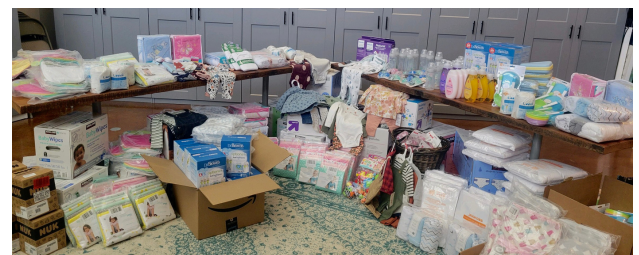
Buried behind all those baskets you'll see Tianna. Huge thank you to her for making us these baskets for breastfeeding mommas! Each year she blesses our center and clients with these baskets, and goes above and beyond putting them together!



Representative Joe Sosnowski stopped by with a big check from the 2022 Kids' Bike and Fitness Day! Thank you Joe for helping our community in so many ways!



Huge thank you to Stephanie and Brooke from Pyramid Molding Group! Your gift is going to impact so many in our community!



Shout out to Morning Star Church for using their benevolent funds to purchase so many baby items!