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THE PCC OF ROCKFORD

Newsletter



SAVE THE DATE!

*A Hope &
a Future*

**CELEBRATE LIFE
ANNUAL BANQUET**

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 13TH, 2023**

**THE EMBASSY SUITES
OF ROCKFORD**

**INVITATIONS AND INFO TO FOLLOW.
CONTACT AMANDA IF INTERESTED IN
SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION.**



In 2023, The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford is celebrating 40 years of offering help and hope in the Rockford area! Our founders set out to give the women of Rockford the option of LIFE and the support they would need. For 40 years, The PCC has come alongside women and men and helped empower them to choose life. It's been an amazing journey and we are looking forward to celebrating our rich history throughout this year.

The number 40 is significant in Scripture; some trials and temptations lasted 40 days or years, but triumph comes after the trial. Will you join us this year as we celebrate the triumph we have in Christ, recognizing the strength we have because of all we have overcome and accomplished in the last 40 years? We can't wait to see all that God has in store! **Thank you for being a part of our story and helping us get to where we are today!**

SMILES YOUR SUPPORT HAS MADE POSSIBLE!



HOW YOU HELPED US SERVE IN 2022!

1,178 DISTINCT CLIENTS

3,889 CLIENT VISITS

797 PREGNANCY TESTS

982 ULTRASOUNDS

393 STI TESTS

93 COUNTDOWN TO PARENTHOOD (C2P) COMPLETIONS

Clients attended 12 sessions and received a shopping trip in our Baby Boutique!

48 NEWBORN PHOTO SHOOTS

When a client completes her 10th visit in C2P, she earns a newborn photo session with Amanda Clinton Photography! (You get to see some of those images throughout our newsletters!)

153 CLASS ATTENDEES

3 POST-ABORTION CARE CLIENTS

58 STORK BUS CLIENTS

186 POSITIVE CHOICES STUDENTS

In 2022, we had Positive Choices Groups in Belvidere South, Harlem, and Roscoe middle schools. We also had presentations at Rock House Kids, Rockford Christian, and Rockford University.

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Client Facebook and Instagram Pages

3 WAYS TO GIVE



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



THE POWER OF PRAYER

Gabriela* and her boyfriend, Adam*, came to the Center for their fourth visit in our Countdown to Parenthood program. They and their mentor, Kira, watched a video and had a very good discussion, but Kira could tell there was something going on. She couldn't tell for sure, but assumed they were having some difficulties communicating in their relationship.

As she does at the end of each of her appointments, Kira asked to pray with them. They agreed, and she got to pray a pretty in-depth prayer for both parents. After praying, Adam looked at Kira and said, "Can I tell you something? You prayed for us last time. I needed that prayer so much. Thank you so much for praying for us. We need it. I need it." This then led to greater discussion on why we need to pray and be prayed for, and also gave Kira the opportunity to share the Gospel with Gabriela and Adam, as well as some Relationship 101 thoughts on forgiveness.

Your support not only allows us to meet the physical needs of our clients, but also their emotional and spiritual needs as well!

*names changed for confidentiality

A fresh snowfall always reminds me of a fresh start or a clean slate. However, as we start 2023, I don't feel like it's a completely fresh start for us, and maybe that is because right before the turn of the year, the first abortion clinic opened in Rockford. I feel like this facility, and the second location they are trying to open around the corner from our center, cast a darkness on our city. It feels more like we're walking through the snow that is days old and no longer pure and beautiful. While these clinics might bring darkness to our city, I am reminded that Christ's light shines brighter than any darkness. My prayer is that this year, maybe like never before, The PCC will be like a city on a hill; a lighthouse to those searching for hope in the midst of their circumstances. We are taking steps and doing all we can to shine bright and reach the women and men of Rockford facing an unplanned pregnancy. We are investing your gifts in avenues which connect us straight to abortion-minded women all across our region. Thanks to your generosity, the billboard is up on the corner of Morsay and Alpine where it points people to the "hope around the corner." While some days feel harder than others, I am ready for whatever 2023 brings, and I know I can stand firm because of each one of you who joins me in this battle for life. Thank you for standing up, for being a light, and for sharing the hope we have in Christ; some of you have been standing with us for ALL 40 years of our existence, and I can't thank you enough!

Loving Life,

Tracy Breit



THE pregnancy care center OF ROCKFORD

**THINK YOU'RE PREGNANT?
WE CAN HELP.**

FREE

**PREGNANCY TEST,
ULTRASOUND & STI TESTING**

← **TURN LEFT AT LIGHT** thepregnancycarecenter.org

BLESSINGS FROM YOU!

GIFTS GIVEN



Huge thank you to everyone who bought presents and food for our clients this Christmas! It was a huge blessing to the 28 client families who received gifts! We also want to give a special shout out to Prairie Hill Elementary and their 3rd grade class—they collected so many food items for a Christmas meal for each client family!



Thank you to the First Born Ministries Women's Group for thinking of us in December! We are grateful for the many baby items you brought us!



We had a sweet visitor bring us donations he purchased with his Christmas money! Thank you for thinking of us, Micah! Your thoughtfulness is going to bless several mommas and their babies!



Thank you to those who collected items for our Center and brought them to Original Night at City First Church! We are so grateful!

In memory of **Tom Allen**
Pete and Mary Jo Keffer

In memory of **Edwin Carlson**
Rob and Janine Schenider

In memory of **Nancy Coole**
William Coole

In memory of **Grace Guerrera**
Tom and Cathy Wilcox

In honor of **Maddie Gustafson**
Ron and Debbie Gustafson

In memory of **Bruce McDonald**
Thomas and Helen Bleed
Mark and Nancy Carlson
John and Rebecca Christensen
Linette Hultman
Deborah McDonald
Susan Nickel
Robert and Nancy Payne
Virginia Snyder
Kathy Stocker
Patricia Thayer
Steven and Carolyn Ungs

In memory of **Sallie Smith**
Mary Cook

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Jane Fulton
Mark and Patricia Kolb
Joseph and Connie Mangiardi
Frank Mecum
Raymond and Joyce Moderhack
Donald and Constance Nelson
Will and Bel Passmore
Ron and Meghan Skidmore
Joe Smith
Maryann Streitmatter

In honor of **Estelle Swanson**
Joe and Beth Von Arx

In memory of **Max Von Arx**
Joe and Beth Von Arx

In honor of **Miriam Jane Von Arx**
Joe and Beth Von Arx

YOU'RE KEEPING OUR SHELVES STOCKED! THANK YOU!



Big thanks to Grammy Tammy & Becky from Country Christmas! They bless our center every year through their shopping event!



Matt and Goldie brought us a big check and lots of great baby items! Matt was the winner of a golf tournament and picked us as the beneficiary! We are so grateful for your generosity!



Shout out to OSF and their employee drive which brought us lots of donations! We are so thankful!



Thank you, Wells Fargo employees, for all the baby supplies you brought us!



Thank you, St Bridget's Church Women's Group, for the many donations you collected for our boutique!



Thank you, Knights of Columbus-St. Rita's, for the brand new Pack n' Plays for our clients!



Huge thank you to Renee, Carol, Kathy and Diane for taking care of our fall cleanup! We are so thankful for your servants' hearts!



Thank you to the Klaas Financial: Women in Motion group, who brought us lots of beautifully packed donations!



Thank you, Park City Church, for collecting baby items for us in December! We are grateful!



Shout out to Once Upon A Child for donating all of their leftover winter clearance clothes to us! They've done this several times now, and it's always a huge help in keeping our boutique stocked!



The Rockford Network of Professional Women hosted a Christmas party, and ladies brought diapers and wipes to the party for us- Thank you! They are always needed!