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Newsletter



SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT...AN ANSWER TO PRAYER!

Thanks to the generosity of several local businesses who donated their labor, along with Redeemer Church who helped cover costs, we now have a permanent home for our Stork Bus! This has been months in the making, and God has provided and answered prayer for The PCC. Having the Stork Bus housed in our parking lot will not only help with accessibility and save money on storage costs, but it also allows for us to utilize the Bus in new ways. Stay tuned for more Stork Bus updates to come!

The garage also provides us with more storage space, answering yet another prayer! Shout out to John from Martin Building for all his work to get us our garage!



SAVE THE DATE!

CREATED IN HIS IMAGE

HIKE FOR LIFE 2023

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2023
AT FIRST FREE ROCKFORD

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.
CONTACT AMANDA IF INTERESTED IN
SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT FUNDRAISER AT
THE ROCKFORD RIVETS GAME

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

The PCC has been invited to go to the Rockford Rivets Faith and Family Night on Friday, June 30th, as a fundraiser! We would like to invite you to join us at the game! The game starts at 6:35pm. Tickets are \$12 each. **When purchasing tickets, make sure they know you're there for The PCC! If ordering tickets online, use promo code "PCCFUN" at <https://rockford-rivets.nwltickets.com/Buy/Tickets>**

YOU'VE MADE AN IMPACT IN THESE LIVES!



FAREWELL FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRACY BREIT

THE IMPACT IS GROWING!

I will just keep saying it: God is in control and Jesus is enough. This chapter of serving as Executive Director of The PCC has been an amazing one. I remember that when I first started, I didn't know what I was doing. But God kept reminding me, "I don't call the equipped; I equip the called." And that is truly what He did.

Throughout 2019, He equipped me with training and leadership skills. I attended an Executive Directors conference put on by Save the Storks, and it was such a pivotal point of blessing in my life. I was selected to be a part of a cohort of Directors for all of 2020. Little did we know when we met in January, that three months later, we would all be leading through a global pandemic! It was a trying time, but our staff and Board kept our eyes on Jesus and came out of those trying years even stronger! God grew me so much, and I can only give Him the glory and praise for where He has brought the Center to today.

Now, as I obediently follow Him into the next chapter of my story, I am grateful for the opportunity to continue in ministry, to continue to tell people they have value, purpose, and are created in the image of God. I still get to point people to Jesus, and I am committed to ensuring that my own boys know those truths, that they too were created with a purpose and that Jesus loves them more than they will ever know. So, as I move on to the next chapter, I can't thank you enough for being a part of my story. I can't wait to see what the next 40 years hold for The PCC!

SEARCHING FOR OUR NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!

The PCC's Board of Directors has been blown away, and encouraged by, the response to the call for our next Executive Director. They have had several interviews with many incredible candidates and are diligently working through the process to see whom the Lord has next for this role!



The Positive Choices program experienced exciting growth this year! Our guy's groups resumed after a two-year hiatus, and we started a new partnership with Belvidere North High School. We started with seven groups in the fall and increased to 15 groups in the spring (10 girl groups and 5 guy groups). We also got to spend time with students at Rockford University and Rockford Christian in their health classes, and in November we enjoyed spending time with students at Rock House Kids. We are making plans to return to RHK in June!

Our program reached a total of 231 students during the 2022-23 school year. Your giving makes it possible for a team of volunteers to go into schools with the Positive Choices message. We love having the opportunity to mentor students, challenging them to make positive choices to lead them to the people they want to become. One student shared: "Positive Choices made a difference. I learned how to make positive choices, and I've learned a lot of valuable lessons."

We are already making plans for next school year. If you have the flexibility in your schedule to mentor students during the school day, please reach out to Nikki to learn more. We are always looking for new volunteers who are willing and excited to pour into the lives of students!

-Nikki Tibbetts, Director of Education
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A HOPE AND A FUTURE: CELEBRATING LIFE & 40 YEARS!

On April 13th, over 500 people gathered together to celebrate life and the 40th anniversary of The Pregnancy Care Center! It was a wonderful night! God showed off again at our banquet, reminding us again of His goodness and faithfulness to the Center. Thanks to His provision and to your generosity, we not only met our stretch goal of \$150,000, but surpassed it! Enjoy some of the pictures from the evening, and head to our Facebook page, @friendsofthepccofrockford, for more!





IT'S BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU WE GET TO SERVE OUR CLIENTS

— QUOTES FROM PCC CLIENTS —

"My mentor was the best thing that could have happened to help my experience here. She was so in tune and raw with me. Never made me feel anything other than important and loved. I will tell everyone I know. This place is just wonderful."

"I can only say is good thing about this place. I felt welcome, loved, not judged at all, and comfortable. I was able to talk to Karin about my fears and whatever was happening in my life that made feel down. That is why I called this place my therapy place. I would go home in a different stage after leaving there. Relaxed, happy, with less negative stuff in my in my head. God guided me to this place, I think he knew I needed it. I'm really thankful I found this place. I was not expecting the amount of gifts I received from them for my princesses. But I was more there for my therapy. I will be missing those therapies."

"The PCC felt safe. They were accommodating and welcoming. It was calm and on top of all that they gave us snacks! We felt beyond supported and blessed by all the wisdom and gifts they gave us. We felt encouraged by the mentors we saw."

"We went through Countdown To Parenthood and it was so good. The content was great, but more than that the support they offered was unreal. They gave us gifts every time we were there and the shopping spree at the end was so fun. We now have a place to share in this crazy new experience of parenthood anytime we need. I didn't know how much I would need and want this support, but taking the first step in those doors was so worth it!"

"The PCC was always welcoming. Being able to talk through things I wanted to know was my favorite part. I was excited about every appointment."

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH | 12:00-2:30PM
AT PARK LANES
MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON!



WE HAVE THE BEST SUPPORTERS!



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



A huge thank you to all the ladies from the Catholic Women's League who collected lots of goodies for us at their Pre-Lent Mass & Reflection and "Fat Tuesday Luncheon"!



Our flower beds are ready for the spring/summer thanks to Jeff and a group from Central Christian Church who came out to serve the Center!

Also, a special shout out to AJ from Vallez Construction for donating all the fresh and pretty mulch to us!



"From my heart to yours." Our sweet friend, Joe, stopped by to see his valentines at The PCC and brought us tons of diapers and wipes!



Thank you to the students at Boylan who collected items for us again this year and brought us loads of supplies!



Thank you, members of Stateline Church for helping with some organizing, bundling of diapers, pulling weeds, and several other administrative tasks!

GIFTS GIVEN

In memory of **Dee & Forey Block**
Lawrence & Lisa Fountain

In honor of **LeClare Marie Fielder**
Joe & Beth Von Arx

In memory of **Carolyn Harker**
James & Mary Harker

In memory of **James Knabe**
Kevin & Joanna Knabe

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

In memory of **Michaela Rapacki**
David & Candace Thompson

In memory of **Nancy Smith**
Jerry & Jackie Rudolph

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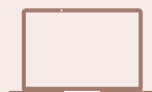


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