

# Pregnancy Two Pregnancies, Two Very Different Decisions

#### CARE HELP HOPE

Several years ago, Terri\* found herself alone and pregnant. She was afraid to tell anyone, and after a few months of denying her situation, a nurse suggested that she call an abortion clinic. Terri didn't know what else to do.

When Terri had her abortion, she was about four months pregnant and never told anyone about her appointment. When they performed an ultrasound, they kept the screen facing away from her so she was not able to see the image of her baby. The staff never warned her that there could be complications or what she would experience afterward. Terri's abortion left her with negative experiences and symptoms which affected her personal relationships, as well as, her physical and mental health.

Two years ago, Terri found herself in a similar situation and she was determined not to repeat the outcome of the first pregnancy. When Terri had her daughter, she fell in love with little Emma; now she can't imagine life without her.

When Terri contacted us several months ago, she did not have a job and was in need of diapers for Emma. She did not like to receive help, but she knew she needed it. Terri took her role as mother very seriously, so she began the *Earn While You Learn* program earning diapers, baby clothes, and baby items while she learned about parenting her toddler.

Early in our mentoring relationship, Terri shared her abortion experience. She told us that at the time, "I really just needed someone to tell me things would be okay." In tears, she said the abortion was a horrible experience and that she deeply regrets her decision. We were able to share with Terri that we cared about her, and we would work with her to help her heal from the abortion. More importantly, we were able to share that God loved her and that forgiveness was possible through the sacrifice Jesus made. Additionally, some of Terri's *Earn While You Learn* lessons have focused on healing after an abortion.

Terri wants others to know about her abortion story so they can avoid what she has been through. She said that if someone had been there to help her through her difficult situation, she would have made a very different choice. Terri is very grateful for Pregnancy Services of Delta County, and she said, "I wish I knew about your services during my first pregnancy."

We encourage you to let others know about our non-judgmental services. You may never know when it leads to a life saved, healing after an abortion, or parents becoming better moms and dads while they provide necessities for their young children.

Together for Life,

Jamie Fisher, LAS, Executive Director



\*Names changed to protect identity.

#### TREE OF LIFE UNVEILING

In thanksgiving to supporters of our capital campaign, we recently unveiled our Tree of Life. Donors who have given or pledged at least \$500 to the capital campaign were honored with a plaque or leaf. Since we have not yet completed our capital campaign, there is still time to add a leaf or plaque to the tree. Your leaf inscription may have your name, be anonymous or in honor or in memory of a loved one. The gifts may be given as a one-time donation or as a three-year pledge.

We are very grateful for Lakestate Industries for designing and installing our Tree of Life.



#### **WAYS TO SUPPORT**

There are various ways to give to PSDC that will have a lasting effect on our community. Is estate planning in your future? If so, a portion of your assets could be distributed to PSDC. Wishing to make a one time gift or a multi-gift pledge? Support our capital campaign with a gift of \$500 or more, and a leaf will be placed on our *Tree of Life* in honor or memory of your loved one. For information about the various ways to give or to become a *Partner for Life*, or to *Sponsor a Visit*, *Day*, *Client*, *or Room*, please contact Jamie Fisher at (906) 786-7474, ext. 105. directorofpsdc@gmail.com.

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has given or pledged for our capital campaign! We are now at 78% of our \$750,000 goal; however, there is still time to be a part of this incredible endeavor! Gifts may be given as a one-time gift or a three-year pledge. If you are interested in learning more about our capital campaign, please call Jamie Fisher at 906-786-7474 ext 105 or email her at directorofpsdc@gmail.com.

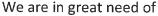
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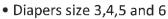


#### **RESOURCE ROOM NEEDS**

We have had significant client growth in our ministry.
With growth comes more needs.







Scent free wipes



#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN THANK YOUS

Thank you to the following recent partners who gave gifts of at least \$500 for a leaf on the Tree of Life!

Brent & Michelle Chaillier • Joe & Rose Potvin • Tony & Mary VanDamme • Dan & Denise Veeser

#### Memorials

Mary Grace and Catherine Elizabeth Chaignot by Gary & Mary Whitmer • Helen Chaperon by Tom Chaperon

- Donald H. & Dorothy I. McMillan by Barb Seibert
- Jerry & Tara Weaver by their Friends and Family
   Honorarium
  - Caitlin and Cooper B. by Sandy Brunelle





# Thank you for making the Walk for Life a success!



Thank you to all the individuals, families, churches, and businesses who recently participated as walkers or sponsors during their 10th annual Walk for Life. Over 200 supporters came together to walk for life on June 8th, raising more than \$35,000!

Participants were treated to a new experience this year. During the walk, participants visited *Stations of Life* to learn about the growth of a baby in utero. Children were entered into a drawing for two gift baskets which were donated by First Bank. Following the Walk, participants enjoyed food grilled by the Gladstone Knights of Columbus and beverages donated by Binks Coca Cola. Walkers were also able to bid on silent auction items while listening to live music performed by Ike and Deb Micheau. Children's activities included a bounce house, face painting (provided by Lisa Taylor), and an activity corner.



Congratulations to the winners of the children's gift baskets: Vance Valiquette and Kasadee Swanson.











- Bishop Noa Home
   Community Foundation for Delta County
   Drifters
   Family Restaurant
   Elmer's County Market
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   First
   Bank
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## Thank you to our Silent Auction Donors!

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#### **ULTRASOUND NEWS**

Since we began offering ultrasound services in January, we have already assisted 17 women! The limited ultrasounds that we provide confirm that the pregnancy is safely located in the uterus and that the baby has a heartbeat. Also, we are able to determine approximately how many weeks along the woman is pregnant. This amazing opportunity has offered a window to the womb for moms and dads to see their baby firsthand.



#### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



Pauline Gorenchan is one of our amazing receptionists. She has been volunteering for the last 8 years. Pauline enjoys volunteering at the center with people who are like-minded and who share the mission to respect all life, especially the unborn. She feels that, as a volunteer, she can do her small part and partner with God in an active way to defend life.

We are grateful for Pauline and all our volunteers. We have a variety of ways you can also help serve. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Penny Wachholz at 906-786-7474. Areas where volunteers are needed include:

- Mailings/Newsletters
   Special Events Committee
   Church Liaison
   Grant Writing
   Prayer Team
- Board Member Receptionist Maintenance-General Repair Snow Removal Cleaning Weekly
- Client Advocate
   Parent Educator
   Resource Room
   NFP/Sexual Integrity Services
   Adoption Support
   Post Abortive Support
   Pregnancy Loss Support

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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Thank you to Highland Golf Course for sponsoring Quarter Mania with the proceeds being donated to Pregnancy Services. Thank you also to the participants who donated baby items.





Thank you to the Escanaba Knights of Columbus for your recent donation of funds to help towards any future maintenance that may be needed for the ultrasound machine. We are blessed by your continued support!



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#### In Honor of

Billy Blair, Julie Neumann, and Peter VanSteen by Edward & Robin Custance
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 Robert Mizejewski by Bob & Ethel Mizewjewski
 Marcella J. Wicklund by James & Mia Wicklund
 Greg & Jack by Patrick Bradway
 In Thanks Giving of Blessings by Charles & Emily Moreau

#### FREE SERVICES PROVIDED

- ·Lab quality pregnancy tests
- Ultrasound services
- Pregnancy options education
- Earn While You Learn parenting classes
- Material assistance
- Adoption support
- •Referrals to community agencies
- Post abortion support and recovery
- •24 Hour pregnancy helpline
- Prenatal and postnatal support
- Breastfeeding support
- •Man to man mentoring
- •Healthy relationship education

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