

# The Knights of Columbus Pro-life Ideals in Action

#### **CARE HELP HOPE**

We have been in the middle of some exciting improvements to our center!

Since May, renovations have been underway to make better use of our new building (the former UP State Credit Union building next to the Escanaba post office). Those renovations included removing the teller stations, putting up walls for the new resource room, enclosing the drive through, enclosing the bookkeeper office, installing a shower to clean large baby items, and replacing all the lights throughout the building. By early October, these projects were completed and volunteers were able to move the baby and maternity items into the new resource room.

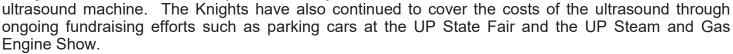


The Knights of Columbus–led by Gladstone Knight, Brad Chaillier–have been instrumental in providing the labor free of charge. Additionally, several others volunteered their time as project advisors. Pregnancy Services has been blessed by the generosity of all who assisted with their time, talent and

treasure they have shared with the ministry.

Because of the time donated by volunteers, the renovation project has been significantly under-budget. This allowed us to make additional improvements, such as replacing all the carpeting throughout the center. The remaining projects are planned to be completed by early next year.

The Knights of Columbus have also been the driving force for Pregnancy Services' ability to provide ultrasounds free of charge to women in need. They were the major funder of the



Pregnancy Services has been immensely blessed by all who have donated their time, talent and treasure for the purchase and renovation of our new building. Because of the extreme generosity of so many, we will be able to continue to provide and expand the live-affirming services to men, women, and their children.

Together for Life,

Jamie Fisher, LAS, Executive Director



#### FALL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Our 5th Annual Fall Fundraising Dinner was held on Thursday, October 2nd at the Terrace Bay Hotel. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner followed by a program including a ministry update, a client testimony, and the keynote address. Jamie Fisher gave the ministry update telling how the number of clients coming to the center has increased significantly since the new center was opened. A brief renovation update was given by Brent Chaillier telling of all the work that has been done so far-mostly by volunteer labor; because of the cost savings, additional work is also being planned such as new carpeting for the entire center.

The client testimony was given by Rachelle Nedeau. Several years ago, Rachelle was considering an abortion when she was referred to Pregnancy Services. She was so touched by all the compassion she felt when she came to our center that she continued to come throughout her pregnancy and after her daughter was born. She was especially grateful for her advocate, Carol Povich, who mentored her for several years. Because of Carol's guidance, Rachelle gave her life to Christ and is now an active member of Lakeside Christian Church. Rachelle is immensely thankful for all the support Pregnancy Services has given her throughout the years!

As the keynote speaker, Josh Fisher, described his turbulent teenage years dealing with addiction and becoming a young father. He is eternally grateful for friends and relatives who led him to Christ and helped him turn his life around so he could become a better husband and father.

Thank you to all who participated in the fundraising dinner! Because of the generosity of all involved, Pregnancy Services was able to raise over \$89,000! Thanks to our dinner sponsors, all the funds raised will be used to continue providing life affirming services to families in our area.

## Thank you to our dinner sponsors!



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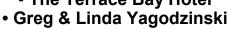
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The Terrace Bay Hotel







#### REMEMBERING MASON



In early 2024, six year old Mason Clark passed away from a brain tumor. Mason was the son of a client and he had a heartwarming effect on our staff and volunteers when he came to the center with his mother. In order to memorialize Mason, the volunteers and staff took up a collection for a

plaque and Seven Acre Garden & Gifts donated a tree in his memory. The tree and plaque are located in Bark River and remind us that Mason will forever be in our hearts.



#### **CLIENT STATISTIC UPDATE**

Our services are helping many families; we recently welcomed our 1,000th client since 2015! We continue to grow in our new location. During the eight years we were in our first center on Ludington Street, we had 4,813 client appointments. After only two and a half years since we moved into our new facility, we have already had 3,496 client appointments!

### Services Provided from March 2023 to September 2025

Diapers Given: 48,350

Earn While You Learn Lessons: 4,004

New Clients: 387 Pregnancy Tests: 177 Ultrasounds: 73









#### Ways to Give

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? 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 directorofpsdc@gmail.com or at (906) 241-9344.

Scan our QR code to make your donation via our safe online page today! Thank you for your support!





#### PREGNANCY SERVICES AT THE FAIR

Thank you to the many volunteers who manned our booth at the UP State Fair! Because of their assistance, we were able to showcase our services, as well as show the development of life within the womb. Many children especially enjoyed gently cuddling the models of preborn babies. We were able to show many fairgoers how truly precious life is!







#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER**



Our Volunteer Quarter, Brad Chaillier, has been an invaluable member of our renovation team and has spent countless hours overseeing the project. Brad volunteers for various Knights of Columbus events, babysits grandkids. works around and house. He also enjoys

hunting and fishing. Brad and his wife Maureen have six children and nine grandchildren. We are eternally grateful to have Brad a part of the ministry.



#### **OUR RENOVATION ADVISOR**

For the last several years, Brent Chaillier (Brad's son) has been volunteering his time doing architectural designing for the organization and has recently been serving as the Renovation Advisor to the Board of Directors. He is currently a process



control engineer for Billerud; prior to this he was a field engineer and a project manager for CR Meyer. He and his wife Michelle have two sons, ages five and eight. Brent enjoys coaching hockey in the winter and baseball in the spring. When he is not coaching, he is working on their family home and volunteering with the Knights of Columbus. We are grateful Brent has been so willing to share his gifts with Pregnancy Services of Delta County.

#### Honorariums

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#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to the following for your financial gifts: Berean Baptist Church, Community Foundation for Delta County, Delta Church, Donald & Audrey Anderson Foundation, Heart of the North Lions, John & Melissa Besse Foundation, Knights of Columbus of Bark River, Knights of Columbus of Escanaba, Knights of Columber of Gladstone, Lighthouse Church, New Life Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.



Thank you to the Gladstone-Rapid River Kiwanis Club who gathered donations from their group to help support our services!

Thank you to the Remnants Barber Shop Quartet who donated a monetary gift to continue our services.



Gladstone-Rapid River Kiwanis Club

Remnants Barber Shop Quartet



Janine Burton

Thank you to Janine Burton, one of our receptionists, who recently held a Pampered Chef fundraiser for Pregnancy Services.

Thank you to Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid River and Bark River Bible Church for participating in the *Change for Life* donation program! If your church is interested in hosting a *Change for Life* event to help support Pregnancy Services, please contact Jamie at (906) 241-9344.

Thank you to Delta Door & Dock who donated labor for the installation of the garage door added to the front of the new storage area.





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#### 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
Pregnancy & infant loss support group
Car seat education and installation

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