



CARE HELP HOPE

Overcoming Fear

Mindy* was afraid. She was 26 years old, had health issues and she was in a relationship that was shaky, at best. Her worst fears were confirmed when her pregnancy test came back positive. She had always loved children and she even considered herself pro-life before she found out she was pregnant. However, Mindy just didn't see how she could have a baby and she was afraid of how her pregnancy would affect her health issues. Her boyfriend agreed and encouraged her to take care of it.

When **Mindy called the abortion clinic**, she was surprised that she didn't even have to make an appointment to go to their clinic or show proof of her pregnancy. Instead, they took her information and mailed her the abortion pills. With the prescription in hand, she struggled regarding whether or not she should take it. Thankfully, a friend of hers encouraged her to call us.

When **Mindy came to the center, she was still determined to end her pregnancy.** Over the course of two weeks, we met with Mindy several times and we provided her an ultrasound, which showed she was just over five weeks pregnant and her pregnancy was viable. She was still filled with uncertainty about her health issues, her relationship with her boyfriend, and having a baby. Each time Mindy came to see us, she opened up more and more. We discussed all her options and encouraged her not to make a decision based on fear and urgency; instead, we encouraged her to make a choice that was right and healthy for her and her baby.

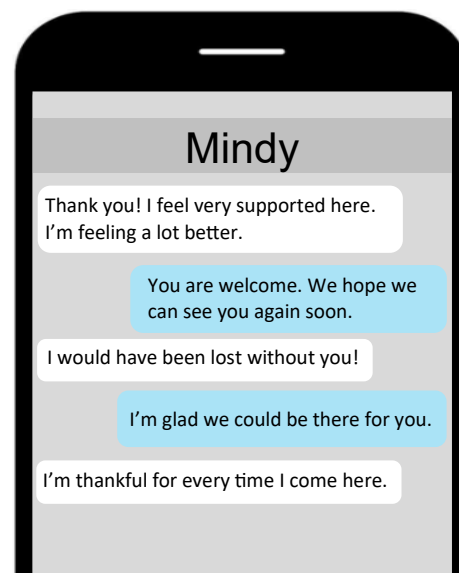
Mindy shared with us that she had called the abortion clinic back to let them know that she didn't feel she could take the pills. They told her, "You really need to take them." Mindy said that she felt that they didn't have her best interest at heart and that they were pressuring her to take the pills.

During one happy meeting with us, Mindy told us that she chose life! She even had names picked out for her baby! She has since signed up for our *Earn While You Learn* educational program. In addition to taking classes about her pregnancy, she also plans to learn about being in a healthy relationship. She said she will discuss her health issues with her doctor.

Over the last two years, **we have had a tremendous increase in clients like Mindy who are abortion determined and vulnerable.** We love them where they are at and the Lord uses us to speak the truth to them. We pray earnestly for them and the difficult decisions they will make. We encourage you to also **pray for our clients so they may overcome their fears.**

In this Together,

Jamie Fisher, LAS, Executive Director



Texts from Mindy

* Name changed to protect identity.

ONE YEAR OF PROVIDING BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT

Mothers eager to become successful with breastfeeding have a welcoming place to come during our Baby Cafe' sessions. This free drop-in support group offers professional, lactation care and intervention. Our lactation consultant, Kashmir LaMarch, R.N. and Clinical and Communication and Lactation Specialist has been leading this well-attended group with the help of her friends, Christine Davis and Lyndsey Rogers. The support group is offered once a month but Kashmir can assist mothers at any time. Please call us at (906) 786-7474 if you would like more information.



Kashmir LaMarch

ULTRASOUND UPDATE

We have been very busy providing ultrasounds! Since we began providing the service in February 2024, we have provided over 50 ultrasounds to clients! To our knowledge, all of those clients have chosen life! Here, our sonographer, Mary Ann Severyn performs an ultrasound on a young lady who recently found out she is expecting her first child.



OPEN HOUSE

At our open house on January 21st, we honored founder Carol Carlson and her husband Dave. Although there were many volunteers who have helped make Pregnancy Services what it is today, Carol was the backbone of the organization from 1978 until the first center was opened in 2015. In addition to Carol being a phone volunteer, she and Dave housed the baby clothes and baby furniture in their basement and garage. They would often have clients or other volunteers come to their home to pick up the items, or they would deliver them to the clients. In gratitude for Carol's years of service to Pregnancy Services, our future Resource Room has been dedicated to Dave and Carol.



RENOVATION UPDATE

Plans are underway and we are thrilled to announce that renovations will begin in the next few months! With the removal of the teller station, we will be able to create a new, larger space for our client Resource Room. The current resource room will become a space for group classes such as our Baby Cafe' breastfeeding support group, Journey of Hope group (our miscarriage and early infant loss support group) and more. The former drive-through will also be closed in to provide storage and extra workspace for our Resource Room volunteers. Renovations are being led by Committee Leaders Brent and Brad Challier.



11th Annual
Walk for Life

Saturday, June 7th
Miracle of Life Building,
UP State Fairgrounds
9AM Registration
10AM Program & Walk
Lunch to follow



WALK FOR LIFE 2025
Pregnancy Services of Delta County

Join us for the 2025 Walk for Life! This year's theme of Life is Precious describes our core principle of the value of life at all stages. This year's activities include a bounce house, a silent auction, Stages of Life stations during the walk, live music and lunch. There is no cost to attend but walkers are encouraged to ask their friends and family to sponsor them; all walkers who raise at least \$25 will get a free T-shirt (on a first come, first served basis). Children who participate will have a chance to win a gift basket.



Please register to walk by going to www.psdcpartners.org/events, by scanning the QR code, by calling (906) 786-7474, or by stopping at our center at 2501 First Avenue North, Escanaba. Plan to walk for a team, with your family, or on your own. It will be a fun morning with a chance to fellowship with others who are like-minded.



*"How can there be too many children?
That is like saying there are too many flowers."
-Saint Mother Theresa*

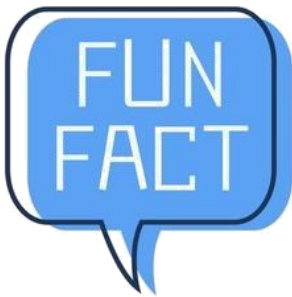


VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Jean Simon, one of our Parent Mentors, is our volunteer of the quarter. Jean first began helping in the resource room but she loved working with the clients and was soon asked to become a mentor. Jean says, "I just love what I do here, meeting with clients, talking with them and listening. Some of these young women just want to be heard and many are without family support." She also shares that, "being at the center is like being with family". Jean and her husband, Jim, are also in charge of the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at the hospital. Jean enjoys spending time with her children and 14, soon to be 15, grandchildren. She enjoys reading and having coffee with friends.



Thank you



Since we opened our new center in March 2023, we have given away 37,000 diapers to clients!



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?

RESOURCE ROOM NEEDS

- Diapers size 4, 5 & 6
- Baby shampoo
- Fragrance free wipes
- Baby nail clippers
- New newborn onesies



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!



COMPETITION FOR CHANGE

Holy Name High School recently held a change drive for us. During the change drive, each of the four houses of the school competed against each other to raise the most money. Thank you to the students for your support!



ROTARY CLUB

Thank you to the Rotary Club for allowing us to share how we support our community!



MEMORIALS

GIFTS WERE MADE IN MEMORY OF

- Marie Ahles & Harold Cook by Gary & Lou Ann Cook • Betty Bartosz by Terry & Carol Lancour
- Clarence, Alice & Betty Bartosz and Jim, Morton & Muriel Scheuren by Duane & Pat Scheuren
- Pam Bison by Sue Scheeneman • Richard Carlson by Adam & Kristen Carlson • Helen Chaperon by Tom Chaperon • Joe & Anna Debelak by Peter & Irene Debelak • Olivia DeGrand by Jason & Trisha DeGrand and Terry & Carol Lancour • Carolyn DeWinter by Cynthia DeWinter • Judy Djerf by Patrick Rogers • Elaine Frost by Karen Pepin • Naomi Guard by Carole Ray • Cookie Howard by Bonita Potts
- Catherine Johnson by Sara Lustick • John Paul Lamberg by Dorothy Kollmann • Maria Peace Leveille by Rob & Ali Leveille • Carrie Manninen by Edward & Robin Custance • Joe Mileski by Pam Mileski
- Joseph "Buckshot" Potvin by Frank & Cherie Dubord and Terry & Carol Lancour • Bernie Ramile by Linda Ramile • Deceased Members of the Saari & Delmont Families by Ray & Mary Delmont • Harry Strem, Glen White, and Jeff by Tim, Patti & Kevin Gould • Betty Taylor by Todd & Mary Hurley
- Dick Thompson by Lynn & Katherine Thompson-Vanders • Edward and Michael Terres by Carol Terres • Elsie Vermote by Charles & Emily Moreau • Tom Way by Pat Way • Owen Graham Zander and Joy Lee Zander by Joe & Angelia Combs • Kallie Marie by Lois Lavelle • Naomi by Harold & Jean Ross • Deceased Members of his Family by Fr. Darryl Pepin

HONORARIUMS

GIFTS WERE MADE IN HONOR OF

- Bill & Diane Bennett and Cecelia Brown by John & Annie Torreano • Brian & Angie Blair by Edward & Robin Custance • Evelyn Cappaert by Jason & Kim Cappaert • Carol Carlson by Gerald & Mary Beauchamp, Adam & Kristen Carlson, and Ezra Carlson • Shirley Couchene by Patrick Couchene
- the Cretens grandchildren by Matt & Jen Cretens • Elijah Hereau by Leroy Hereau • Elgie Seibert by Richard Seibert • Grace, Sophia & Ashley by Lavern & Marilyn Dutkavich • Lillian Mae by Janice VanEnkevort • Walter & Leo by Fr. Rick Courier • Their 7 Great Grand-children by Jim & Shurlee Plouff • All God's Children by George & Rosemary Barosko • In Thanksgiving for Good Health by Charles & Emily Moreau

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to the following for your financial gifts: Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Escanaba Church of Christ, First Lutheran Church, Ford River Lions Club, GFWC of Escanaba, Sackerson Charitable Foundation, Salem Lutheran Church, Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres, Third Order of Franciscans, TOPS, Rapid River and Wells Lions Club. Thank you also to Grace Church, the Catholic Diocese of Marquette and St. Anne's Church for your monthly support!

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Thank you to Richard Bugay and Collin Bugay of Bugay Heating and Cooling (HVAC), who won the Daily Press football contest and donated their winnings to Pregnancy Services.



Thank you to the girls at Bay Pines for the beautiful crocheted hats they made for the babies who come into the center.





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Spring: a lovely
reminder of how
beautiful
change can truly be.

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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

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Pregnancy Services of Delta County Hours
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Friday: 10 – 1
Closed: Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday

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