

# Lifeline Newsletter

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*The AAA Pregnancy  
Resource Center is a  
Christ-centered ministry  
dedicated to the sanctity  
of human life. We provide  
resources to promote life,  
teach God's design for  
sexuality, and provide  
counseling for post-  
abortion healing*



The AAA PRC is committed  
to integrity and accountability.  
For more info visit [ECFA.org](http://ECFA.org).

## 2017 Annual Fundraising Banquet Thursday, October 5, 2017 Burton Manor in Livonia

We are excited to have native-Detroiter, Mike Spencer, the Midwest Director of Training for Life Training Institute in Colorado as our keynote speaker! Mike grew up in a non-Christian home and considered himself "pro-choice" until after coming to faith in Jesus Christ in 1983. Drawing from 23 years of experience as a pastor before joining the staff of LTI, Mike travels extensively throughout the United States motivating and equipping pro-life ambassadors in high schools, college campuses, churches and conferences to make the case for life in a winsome and compelling manner.

### Registration begins on

**September 1, 2017.** There is no cost to attend; however, sponsors are needed to help cover the expenses for this event. To be a sponsor, go to [friendsofaaprc.org](http://friendsofaaprc.org) and click on DONATE from the home page, or contact Peggy at the center at 734-425-8060, ext. 202 for more information.

Correction: There will not be a silent auction at this year's banquet.



*"I believe elective abortion  
is the defining moral  
issue of our time. I have  
dedicated myself to equipping pro-life  
ambassadors to speak intelligently  
and redemptively to the injustice of  
abortion." Mike Spencer*

## So Far This Year...

- 346+ classroom visits
- 352+ packages of diapers distributed
- 142+ new clients
- 137+ pregnancy tests
- 34+ births recorded
- 43+ sonograms

## Client Corner

Clients are given the opportunity to complete Bible studies as a way to earn additional items for their babies each month. Here are some of the most important lessons clients are learning through their studies:

*"The Bible is God's love letter to us, and the Holy Spirit teaches us about God."*

*"Not to harden my heart. Instead put my heart in Jesus' hands."*

*"Love is important in every relationship. If we learned to love one another the way that God loves us, the world would be a better place."*

*"If we confess our sins He will forgive us. Also He will cleanse us from unrighteousness."*

*"God's truth sets us free from bondage."*

*"Every commandment is an expression of God's love for us. God made law to show us what sin was. We must not have idols and put anyone or anything before God!"*

*"God loves us and wants nothing but the best for us."*

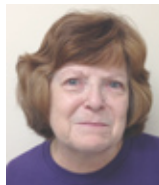
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## Pregnant. Alone. Scared.

"Pregnant. Alone. Scared. This describes young me as I stepped into The AAA Pregnancy Center for the first time. I was pregnant and not married and wasn't sure how I would raise these twin babies on my own, or even if choosing life really was the best way to go. The wonderful ladies at AAA took my hand immediately, and we prayed. Prayed that the God of the universe would have His way in these babies' lives, and in mine. It wasn't long before I began to see some light at the end of the tunnel, and even became excited to welcome my two babies into this world! After countless hours of talking with The AAA staff, going into their office for a free ultrasound and great prayer for guidance whether it be for parenting or adoption, I decided God blessed me with these children for a reason and joined AAA's material goods program not long after. The Bible studies they provided have helped me to grow closer to my Maker and all of the diapers, clothing, wipes, toys, and other goods I have gotten in exchange for my tokens have helped my babes to have a greater quality of life! I will always be grateful to have been introduced to The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center for all of the kind-hearted volunteers and staff, and everyone who has donated to their ministry in any way. Thank You!"

Above is just one of the many testimonies we get to witness every day here at the center. The Baby Shop is running at top form, all thanks to the wonderful donations we receive. We are able to supply our clients with diapers, wipes, bath products, toys and many more items. The clients are always surprised at how great the choices are in the shop. As always, thank you so much for your generosity. It means so much to the families we serve!



Gerry Wiatr  
Material Goods Coordinator.

## Client Scholarship Opportunity

We want to extend a huge thank you to Regent University who annually offers pregnancy center clients a chance through our Care Net Affiliation to be awarded a four year scholarship! Classes can be taken online or on campus. We are so excited to have two of our clients nominated this year! We wish all who were nominated the best of wishes!

**We will keep you posted if we have a winner!**

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## Speaking About AAAPRC...

On occasion, churches, schools and organizations will ask us to come and speak about our ministry. We are so grateful for their outreach! We would like to thank the following school for the special opportunity this last quarter!

- Ladywood High School | April 26, 2017 | Many special thanks to Ladywood High School's Pro-Life Club and Linda Holowecky for hosting a "diaper shower" to support the center. We were invited to share about the ministry with 70 students in attendance! In addition to the mountain of diapers to stock the baby shop shelves, we also received a monetary donation. Thank you Ladywood for your ongoing support!

For questions or more information about having a representative from AAAPRC come speak at your church or event, please contact Peggy at 734.425.8060, ext. 202!

## 2017 Step-Up For Life

We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came out to Step UP For Life on Saturday, May 13th! Thank you to our amazing volunteers, and to all those who supported this event prayerfully and financially through giving, fundraising and stepping up! We enjoyed perfect event day weather and wonderful fellowship over a delicious pancake breakfast!



### Our Top Fundraisers!

#### Top 3 Teams:

1. Our Lady's Counsellors, captain: Emmanuel Ssemakula
2. Bethany Breeze, captain: Kathryn Hudson
3. Unis Team, captain: Bob Unis

#### Top 3 Individuals:

1. Tembys
2. "Anonymous" Family
3. Donna Sculthorpe



## Our Volunteers are the Best!

*"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Corinthians 1:4*

Every day, many people volunteer their time for this ministry. Whether you have volunteered through a church group, organization, or as an individual, we take this opportunity to say THANK YOU! This ministry is not possible without your willing hearts, time, talents and dedication!

We have been blessed with several new volunteers this quarter, and want to say welcome to:

- Leslie Banks – receptionist
- Alyssa Riehle – receptionist
- Helen Crown – class instructor
- Kelly Ramseyer – class instructor
- Charles Underwood – class instructor
- Sandy Barr – baby shop keeper

Each of these volunteers serves our clients in a unique and necessary way. Our prayer is that as each of these volunteers have answered the call on their life to serve Moms, Dads, and their children through this ministry that the God who called them will work mightily through their service to the glory to His name. We truly appreciate the time given and the heart they have for the women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

We also are saying a sad good-bye to a few of our workers. Sharon Ferguson who has taught our Infant Care Class since 2011, Colleen Pappardo who has served as a baby shop keeper since 2011, and Carol Sarver our Friday receptionist. I hope each of them realize how much they enriched this ministry while they were here.



We will miss you all, and we know that you will continue to be a rich blessing in the next leg of your journey in His kingdom!

Jan Rozenboom

Client Services Director

### Volunteer Position Available: Client Social Media Coordinator

Are you highly knowledgeable on social media sites and have the ability to manage them from both desktop and mobile devices? The Client Social Media Coordinator (CSMC) will be responsible for updating and posting on the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center's client Facebook and Twitter. The CSMC will also be responsible for future social media outlets, like Instagram and Snapchat. Please contact the center at 734-425-8060, ext. 220 for more information or to apply!

## Mother's Day/Father's Day/ Baby Bottle

# Thank You's

In honor of Moms and Dads everywhere, many of our supporting churches participated in a baby bottle campaign from Sunday, May 14 through Sunday, June 18 to support the ministry of Life here at The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center. We cannot thank them enough for their kind generosity and faithfulness!

- Apostolic Christian Church – M&M Bottle Youth Group Campaign
- Christ Our Savior Lutheran
- CrossPointe Community Church
- Faith Bible Church Livonia
- First Baptist of Northville
- Hilltop Church of the Nazarene
- His Church Anglican
- Livonia Church of Christ
- Oakland Church of Christ
- Parkview Baptist Church
- St. Michael Lutheran Canton
- St. Mary Cause of Our Joy

If your church or organization is interested in hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign, please contact Peggy at 734.425.8060, ext. 202 for more information. Thank you!



## FREE and SIMPLE Ways to Help AAAPRC!

### New GIVING Opportunity Coming Soon:

**Shop With Scrip!** It has never been easier to raise funds while you shop. The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center will earn funds when you use gift cards to pay for everyday purchases, like gas, groceries, clothing, restaurants, and gifts, almost anything. We will launch this new program in October and will have full details at the banquet, just in time for holiday shopping

**Good Done Great!** Good Done Great is a Certified Benefit Corporation dedicated to making a lasting impact by increasing funding to deserving nonprofit organizations through their collaboration with givers and businesses (employees and employers.) Companies match employee donations to designated charities through signing up at [gooddonegreat.com](http://gooddonegreat.com). Find out if your company is already a charity administrator, and then sign up at [gooddonegreat.com](http://gooddonegreat.com). So far in 2017, we have received **\$642.80** through this program!

**AmazonSmile** Did you know you can support AAAPRC when you shop on Amazon! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7299199) or go to [https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7299199](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7299199). (Just be sure to do your shopping through the website, NOT on your mobile app, as donations do not apply on mobile app purchases.) **\$267.56** has been raised since we began in 2015. **Please help us increase fundraising through Amazon by joining AmazonSmile today!**

**Kroger** *Calling all Kroger shoppers!* Visit [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to enroll, or verify your enrollment, and support the AAAPRC simply while doing your regular grocery shopping! So far in 2017, shoppers have already raised **\$1,147.06!** Please join with us, and thank you, shoppers!

**iGive** Visit [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) and sign up to support AAAPRC while you shop online. We raised **\$25.10** so far in 2017! Simply sign up at [iGive.com](http://iGive.com)...what an easy way to give!

**Thrivent Financial** The Thrivent Choice program helps Thrivent members make a positive impact in their communities. By participating in Thrivent Choice®, participants choose the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center as their charity. So far for 2017, we have received **\$355!**

**Capital One** You can use your Capital One credit card rewards to support AAAPRC. Login to your account and click on your rewards (miles). Where it says Redeem, choose Charities under Other. Search for us by typing in AAA Pregnancy. We will be the first to pop up. Thank you!

**Online Giving Page** Giving is easy and secure on our online giving page. You can give a one-time donation to a specific area of the ministry or set up a recurring donation. You can also set up an online giving account to keep track of your giving online. Just go to [friendsofaaprc.com](http://friendsofaaprc.com), click on **DONATE** from the home page, then click on the **DONATE NOW** button to access our online donation page.

**If you have questions about using any of these options for supporting The AAA PRC, please contact Lisa at [prcadmasst@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prcadmasst@sbcglobal.net) or 734.425.8060 ext. 207.**

# From the Director



Our fight is huge and it's important! Together, we are the voice of those in the womb that cannot speak. I recently read online at Lifeneews.com:

***"Canadian Law Says a Baby Doesn't Become a Human Being Until She is Outside Her Mother's Body."***

The report read: **"Under Canada's Criminal Code, a child becomes a human being ... when it has completely proceeded, in a living state, from the body of its mother, whether or not (a) it has breathed; (b) it has an independent circulation; or (c) the navel string is severed."**

The article continued: "The legal situation really comes down to abortion activists' agenda; they readily admit that they do not want any rights to be given to babies before birth, no matter how far along in the womb they are and no matter whether their mother has them killed in an abortion or someone else commits violence against them and their mother. Abortion is legal for any reason up until birth in Canada."

We stand and serve to protect God's creations from this kind of falsehood. To be silent should never be a choice of God's people. We are called to reveal and support His truths! We are His voice, His hands and feet on the ground.

Thank you for your service in this battle for life! Together, we do make a difference!

Serving for His Glory,

Peggy Roberts

## Pregnancy Facts: What Do You Know?

1. What is the first organ to function in the developing baby?  
A. brain  
B. heart  
C. lungs
2. At what stage are the color of hair and eyes, fingerprint lines, physical appearance, gender, and skin tone of the new life determined?  
A. 21 days  
B. 1 week  
C. conception day
3. What does gestational age refer to?  
A. the baby's developing digestive system,  
B. the date doctors guess the baby will be born,  
C. the pregnancy age based on the first day of the mother's LMP (last menstrual period)
4. What does fertilization age refer to?  
A. the age kids can begin fertilizing the yard  
B. the pregnancy age based on the day of conception  
C. the time when our land will no longer need to be fertilized
5. What percentage of pregnancies end in abortion in the U.S.?  
A. 12%  
B. 21%  
C. 36%

Answers: 1. B, 2. C, 3. C, 4. B, 5. B

**March for Life**



**Washington, D.C.**

Thousands upon thousands of Americans flock to the Nation's Capital every January to remember the more than 55 million Americans who have been lost to abortion. We march to remember the moms and dads who have suffered from the pain of abortion. We march with the vision of a culture of life, one where every child is welcomed into life, and protected by law.

There will be an information table available with photos of last years' event at the banquet. Nancy Stelmaszek will host the table; she attended this demonstration last year and can offer first hand experienced information to anyone that has an interest.

We would like to attend this event in January of 2019, as a Group from The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center! It is a

one day excursion ..... yes, a VERY LONG DAY, however, that makes it possible for more people to attend.

Please consider attending with us. Visit the information table at the Banquet on October 5th for more information!

You can also go to [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org) to sign up for email updates to receive the latest information as it is released.



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Alternative Answers to Abortion Pregnancy Resource Center

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## IMPORTANT!

- 2017 Annual Fundraising Banquet (page 1)

## Material Needs:

- Diapers: sizes newborn, 4, 5, & 6
- Baby bath products: powder, lotion, oil, wash, shampoo, rash ointment
- Seasonal maternity clothes

## Volunteer Opportunities:

We offer volunteer orientations monthly as an opportunity for you to find out more about the ministry and how God may want to use you here at the center. Call us at **734.425.8060** to reserve your spot in the next orientation, or go to [friendsofaaprc.com](http://friendsofaaprc.com) for more information about all of our volunteer opportunities!

## Upcoming AAAPRC Events

National Life Chain | **10.01.17** | contact Peggy for more details

Annual Fundraising Banquet | **10.05.17** | keynote speaker, Mike Spencer!

Christmas Giving Project or Giving Tree | **December 2017**  
contact Jan for more details

Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) Baby Bottle Campaign | **01.21.18**  
through **02.18.18** | contact Peggy for more details

March for Life 2018 | **Friday, January 19, 2018** | Washington, D.C.

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