# 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 postabortion healing



AAAPRC is committed to integrity and accountability. For more info visit ECFA.org .



On January 17th, churches all across America will celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. In 1983, President Reagan issued a proclamation establishing this special day to focus on the intrinsic value of human life and the fundamental right to life, as recognized by the American Founding Fathers. You have probably seen or heard about The Center for Medical Progress videos released this year. Pregnancy centers are taking a stand!

We will not be silent and allow Planned Parenthood to profit off the body parts of the unborn.

We will offer both men and women the truth about LIFE and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On Sunday, January 17th, we have an opportunity to share about the important work we do. Many of our surrounding churches will participate in a baby bottle campaign to help raise funds for this ministry. Will your church consider participating? The proceeds collected will go towards helping mothers and fathers CHOOSE LIFE! A representative from the center will also be available to speak at your church. For more information, please contact Crystal Squire at 734.425.8060 or prcdevelopment@sbcglobal.net.

# Shop AmazonSmile and Support AAA PRC This Season and All Year Round!

#### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way for you to support the center when you shop, at no cost to you! Shopping at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to us!

#### How do I Shop at AmazonSmile?

Simply go to smile.amazon.com on a web browser. On your first visit, before you begin shopping, you need to select AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center as your charity to receive donations. The website will remember your selection, and every eligible purchase will result in a donation to the center. You'll want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon. com to make it easier to return and shop there.

#### So Far This Year...

- 673+ classroom visits
- 555+ packages of diapers distributed
- 280+ new clients
- 268+ pregnancy tests
- 66+ births recorded
- 53+ sonograms

#### The Treasures we Find!

We recently found a beautiful treasure with one

of our baby bottle dropoffs! A young girl sent a note and drawing with the bottles that said... "To the mom who gets this bottle, tell your baby it's in great hands. And tell it that there's someone out there who loves you. -Clara"



### Thank You for Voting!!!

Our faithful donors teamed up with Once Upon a Child and voted us in as the top charity to receive a generous donation—\$2000 so far—through the Clothing for a Cause Campaign! THANK YOU to all who participated!



#### Client Chatter

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:

"Christ has everything I need. I just have to abide (stay) in Him and by doing that I will also bear fruit."

"I don't have to bear my struggles, just ask God to bear them for me."

"God's purpose in saving me is to bring me into a right relationship with Him and to make me suitable to Him for our enjoyment with each other."

The most important lesson is "staying on track and following God's path He has laid out for me."

Here are some client comments related to their experience at the center:

"I liked best that it's a Christian center and they genuinely care about you."

"How kind and thoughtful Pat was. I admire that there are places like this to help people in need."

"The center is very helpful and resourceful. Everyone was friendly. They seem to care and were very sincere about wanting to assist me in any way possible."

### In Loving Memory & In Honor Of

Each year, we receive numerous monetary gifts in loving memory of and in honor of individuals close to our donors' hearts. We would like to take a moment to acknowledge these generous donations.

In loving memory of Laura Jean Sattler: Philip S.

In loving memory of **Carol Hill**: Ed Hill, Jr.

In honor of Eden's 1st Birthday: Harry & Elaine F.

In honor of **Dale & Wendy Belsley**: Robert & Kim B.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

-2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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# Lifeline Newsletter Speaking of 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 churches for these special opportunities this last quarter!

- St. Edith Catholic Church | October 3, 4, & 11, 2015
- Ward Church & Cross-Cultural Partners | November 1, 2015

For questions or more information about having a representative from AAAPRC come speak at your church or event, please contact Crystal Squire at 734.425.8060!

#### Keeping Babies Warm!

**The 9 Patchers Quilt Group** donated beautiful, handmade quilts for babies! Thank you, ladies, for investing your time, talent and treasure to keep babies warm!

#### Our Youth Serving Babies!

**LifeKids from LifeChurch Canton** made and donated tie blankets! Thank you, LifeKids, for your hard work and warm, cute and cuddly blankets!



The Youth Group of Bethany Bible Church along with their youth pastor, Aaron Walters, visited us and toured our TEC building which houses our baby shop and classrooms. They finished up their visit by helping us to count and organize lots of baby bottles to get ready for our next Baby Bottle Campaign—thank you kids for a big job well done!

**St. Edith Church** hosted a special baby bottle campaign during the Fall season, from October 4th through November 1st. Thank you St. Edith!

# Baby Showers & More Festive, Fun Ways to Support AAAPRC!

We would like to thank the following groups for hosting baby showers and other gatherings to help keep our baby shop stocked and our clients "shopping" for their babies through our Material Goods Program! What a blessing you all are!

Oakland Hills Community Church held a beautiful baby shower this past Spring on April 28th—thank you Oakland Hills!

**Heart 4 Him Ministries** held their annual baby shower on December 3rd—thank you Heart 4 Him!

**Grace Christian Fellowship** held a Mad Hatter's Christmas Tea on December 4th—thank you Grace Christian Fellowship! .

Thank you to **Christin Gnagey and Andrea Gohl** for hosting a Tupperware party and raising over \$100 to support the center!

**Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church** held a diaper drive during the month of September! Thank you!

A group from **Ward Church** helped out in our baby shop on September 19th sorting and organizing items for our baby shop! Thank you so much for your work in keeping the baby shop in tip top shape!

Thank you all for your support in so many creative ways!

#### Alternative Answers to Abortion Pregnancy Resource Center

#### Kohl's Cares!

A group from Kohl's did an amazing job painting one of our counseling rooms and completed a much needed painting project on the exterior of the building as well! Thank you Danny and his team for a painting job well done!

Kohl's also teamed up with St. Aiden's Church to provide Thanksgiving meals to some of our clients in need. Food donations came from St. Aidens, including a turkey and all the trimmings and additional food items. Kohl's volunteers assisted the center unpacking the food from the delivery truck and then distributing the food boxes into client's vehicles. Thank you St. Aiden's and Kohl's for your generosity in giving to our clients this past Thanksgiving holiday!



### Seasons Change

A special thank you to Memorial Church of Christ for helping to clean up the inside and outside of our building on Middlebelt Road. On October 18th, volunteers came and did some major cleaning and organizing inside the building, while others cleaned up our outdoor landscape, including edging the lawn! The place looks amazing and we are ready for winter...we think?!









# FREE and SIMPLE Ways to Help AAAPRC!

#### AmazonSmile

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 when you shop on AmazonSmile. Visit smile.amazon.com or go to smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7299199 to get started!

Kroger shopping

Visit krogercommunityrewards.com to enroll, or re-enroll to continue supporting AAAPRC while you grocery shop. What a great way to provide support to the center, all while doing your regular grocery shopping! As a reminder, re-enrollment must be done annually. So far this year we raised \$975.93! Thank you, shoppers!

#### iGive

Visit **iGive.com** and sign up to support AAAPRC while you shop online. So far this year, we have raised \$69.46 through iGive!

#### GoodSearch

Ditch Google or Bing! Visit **goodsearch.com** and sign up to support AAAPRC while you surf the internet. We've raised more than \$221 to date!

#### 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 AAA Pregnancy. We will be the first to pop up. Thank you!

#### Our New Online Giving Page

Our new online giving page is up and running! Whether you want to give a one-time donation to a specific area of the ministry or a recurring donation, giving online has never been easier! Just go to friendsofaaaprc.com, click on Support Us from the home page, and then click on online donation page link under online giving. We hope you find this page on our website helpful and easy to navigate!

If you have questions about using any of these options for supporting AAA PRC, please contact Lisa at asst.aaaprc@gmail.com or call the Center and leave a message at ext. 207.

# From the Director's Heart

So many new and wonderful things happening in 2016 .......

In January, the Men2Men program will begin the first class for dads! Each class will be divided into two parts, with one half of the class hour focusing on the "hands on" of being a dad....soothing a crying baby, diapering, feeding, etc., and one half focusing on the character of being a dad, what God says about being a dad. John Penrice, who is already part of the Men2Men ministry, will be expanding his time so that he can instruct this class...thank you, John.

There is also a new music class coming up in January. This class will focus on the words in today's popular music and the words in songs that worship our God, and will help clients to seek to answer the question, do words matter? Thank you, Beth Swicker, for your time and talents to instruct this class!

Also, I am anticipating that the ministry will be moving in the spring of 2016! Closing paperwork is in process and we have been busy getting things ready. It will be the first time since 2010 that all the areas of operations will be in one building, and we are looking forward to that!

As this year draws to a close, I want to thank each of you for your support and for your prayers! It has been a very busy year and you bless us all with your notes of encouragement and your support.

May God bless each of you through the upcoming Christmas season and into the New Year!

Serving together, for His glory,





# Capital Campaign Committee: Help us get ready to move!!

We are still in need of five people to work on a temporary committee dedicated to raising funds for the renovations of our newly purchased building at 32080 Schoolcraft!

If you...

- Have business experience or own a local business
- Have served on a similar committee previously, i.e. your church's capital campaign committee
- Have strong communication skills and are willing to meet with potential donors
- Have a feeling that God's hand is nudging you in this direction...

...then please call Peggy at 734.425.8060!

\*\*God is leading us into this exciting venture. Dare to join us and be a part of it!\*\*

## Thank YOU for making our Annual Fundraising Banquet a Success of Heroic Proportions!

Thank you to all who attended our 2015
Annual Fundraising Banquet on October
15th! Dr. Marc Newman did a fantastic job
teaching us what it means to be Life's Heroes.
He reminded us that we are in this together,
that it's time for both men & women to take
a stand for LIFE! We look forward to having
Marc Newman speak again in the future. Most
of all, we appreciate your faithful support –
prayerfully & financially. All of you are heroes
in our book!







#### Fall/Winter 2015

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#### **IMPORTANT!**

- *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday:* will your church participate in a Baby Bottle Campaign? (Page 1)
- **Capital Campaign Committee** volunteers needed! (Page 5)

#### Material Needs:

- Diapers: sizes 3 and 4
- Seasonal Maternity clothes

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

We offer volunteer orientations monthly. Call us at 734.425.8060 to reserve your spot in the next

orientation! Or go to **friendsofaaaprc.com** for more information about all of our volunteer opportunities!

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## **Upcoming AAAPRC Events**

Christmas Giving Project or Giving Tree | <u>December</u> | contact Crystal for more details

Sanctity of Human Life Baby Bottle Campaign | 01.17.16 through 02.21.16 | contact Crystal for more details

Mother's Day ~ Father's Day Baby Bottle Campaign | 05.08.16 through 06.19.16 | contact Crystal for more details

5K/IOK Race & I-Mile Walk | 05.14.16 | Hines Park in Westland | website coming soon!

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