

Lifeline Newsletter

Spring 2015



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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.



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

Run. Walk. Jog.

Saturday, May 16th at Hines Drive

Join us for our fourth annual chip-timed race along with our Walk for Life on Saturday, May 16th at the Nankin Mills Recreation Area in Westland. You can run. You can walk. You can jog. Everyone's welcome! Help us reach our goal of 300 runners/walkers.



RACE SCHEDULE

Packet pickup: 8:00am – 9:00am

5k, 10k, 1-Mile Walk start time: 9:15am

RACE FEES

5k: \$20 early-bird / \$25 after April 27th

10k: \$30 early-bird / \$35 after April 27th

1-Mile Walk: FREE



What do early-bird registrants and walkers who raise \$200+ have in common? A FREE race t-shirt! So make sure you register early and ever-so-kindly raise those funds... that way you don't miss out. For complete

information and to register, go to aaarace4life.com.

Questions? Contact Kellie Maletta, our Race Coordinator.

kellie.maletta@gmail.com 734.335.0338

Don't forget to share our race info on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat... you get the point. #thankyou

Client Chatter

At the end of each first-time appointment, clients are asked to fill out a survey. Here's what they are saying!

"I like that the women here are real and can relate to you as an individual in need. They don't make you feel bad; rather they uplift you and draw you closer to God."

"The client associate was very informative, kind and caring. She made me feel comfortable."

"I think that this center is doing an excellent job in helping mothers with needs and information, and with just being here to listen is great. I'm very happy with how the center is doing everything."

"I liked the focus on God and encouraging a better relationship with Him, and the importance of marriage and dedication."

So far this year...

150+ classroom visits

90+ packages of diapers distributed

60+ new clients

60+ pregnancy tests

20+ births recorded

10+ sonograms

Save the date!

2015 Annual Fundraising Banquet Thursday, October 15, 2015

We know that Spring is just around the corner... and we're already asking you to think about Fall?! Yes, we are. Because we understand that your time is precious and your calendars fill up quickly! Please save the date for our Annual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, October 15, 2015. This will be our second year at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Our special guest speaker will remain a secret for now... but will be revealed in due time! Get ready for another beautiful evening, hearing about what God has done in this ministry. Stay tuned for more info in our Summer newsletter.

Speaking of AAAPRC...

On occasion, churches will ask us to speak about our ministry during one of their services. We are so grateful for their outreach! Since December of last year, the following churches welcomed us into their doors to speak about AAAPRC. We would like to thank each of them for these special opportunities!

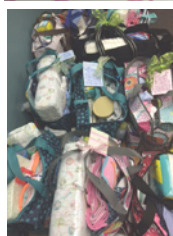
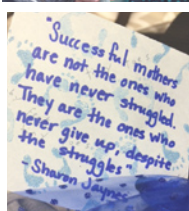
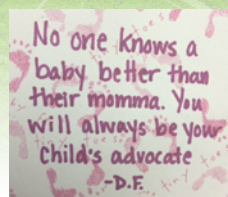
- Plymouth Christian Fellowship | Ladies Christmas Dinner | December 14, 2014
- Resurrection Catholic Parish | Sunday Mass | January 11, 2015
- Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Mom's Group | February 10, 2015
- Our Lady of Victory | Youth Group | February 19, 2015

Thank You!

Each quarter, countless groups, churches and individuals volunteer their time for this ministry. They defend life and their selfless acts praise our sovereign Lord. It is our mission to thank each and every one of them. But it can be challenging to do this because SO MANY reach out to bless this ministry. So . . . if you have served this ministry in some creative or thoughtful way, THANK YOU! Without YOUR HELP, we could not service women and families in need!

"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

Thirty-One Gifts, WOW!



We would like to thank Jennifer, Independent Consultant of Thirty-One Gifts, for having a fundraiser supporting AAAPRC! This fundraiser provided the Center with over 10 diaper bags, all filled with baby items and decorated with encouraging words. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser - it wouldn't have been possible without you!

MOMs Give Back...

Thank you to the St. Linus Catholic MOMs Group for supporting AAAPRC for their 2nd Annual St. Linus MOMs' Night Out! Donations were made through their advance ticket sales, raffle tickets and prizes. The group said that everyone had a great time and were thankful to have a night out giving back to AAAPRC. How fun! Thank you, MOMs!

Keeping Babies Warm this Winter!

Many thanks to St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church of Canton for keeping our clients' babies warm this winter! This generous church donated four huge bags of winter coats, snow suits, etc. for newborn babies all the way up to 3T. Many of these coats were brand new. Wow, how thoughtful!!!



The Thanksgiving Continues...

Thank you to St. Michael Lutheran School in Wayne for collecting and donating items for our baby shop! The students and their parents enjoyed a tour of our Training & Educational Center on March 15th.

St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth hosted a Right to Life baby shower benefiting AAAPRC. They collected items for our baby shop for two weeks in March. May God richly bless them for their generosity!!!

St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia donated Easter food boxes for 10 of our clients. They have truly demonstrated the Easter spirit. Because of their kindness, some of our clients will enjoy wonderful meals!

Moms make some of the most generous people! Thank you to the MOPS groups of St. Edith Catholic Church and St. Colette Catholic Church for all of the diapers you donated. Keeping baby butts clean... it's just part of being a mom!

PLEASE SUPPORT Our Local Pro-Life Sponsors!

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New Chapters

Reluctantly, we say **goodbye to Joe Ringer** from our Men2Men Program. Joe has *faithfully served* this ministry since its inception in November 2010. Joe has spent two Thursday evenings each month ministering to the men involved with unplanned pregnancies. Thank you, Joe, for your *dedicated service* and for the babies' lives that have been saved because of you! May God bless the work he has for you as you move forward in your walk with Him.

Join us in welcoming our new Men2Men Associates!

Justin Hall and *Devin Lindsay* from Bethany Bible Church in Belleville

David Rzyzi from Our Lady of Victory in Northville

We are excited to see all that God will do through these gracious men! Welcome!

In Loving Memory

"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

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

In loving memory of Maxine Lemming:

Eric & Lori A.
Brian & Catherine A.
Nancy W.
James & Kim M.
Allen & Jan R.

In loving memory of Al Mosquera:

Joe & Carmen M.
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Jerry & Sally C.
Stephen & Yuko M.
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In loving memory of Mary Plante:

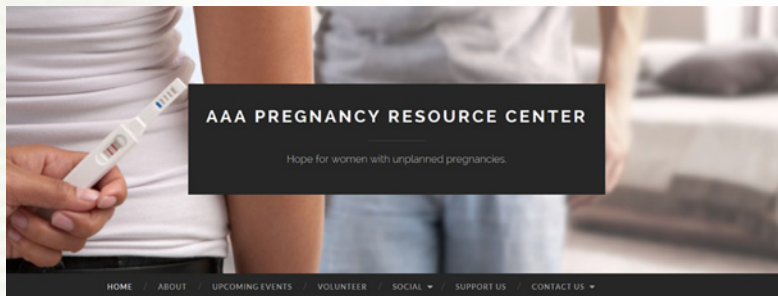
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Alternative Answers to Abortion Pregnancy Resource Center

Ahead of the Curve!

By now, you are most likely familiar with our new client website – aaapregnancyinfo.com. We have received a lot of positive feedback! It's exciting to see how God is using this site to draw women and families to our ministry...

...and we are ahead of the curve once again! Our donor website is new and improved! The old site is still up and running, but for now please visit our new site at friendsofaaprc.com. We hope you find the site helpful and easy to navigate!



SOHL Baby Bottle Thank You's

Sunday, January 18, 2015 was Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) Sunday. Many of our supporting churches spoke about defending life and participated in a baby bottle campaign to support the ministry of life here at AAAPRC. We cannot thank them enough for their kind generosity and faithfulness!

Bethany Bible Church
Christ Church of Redford
Cornerstone Family Worship Center
Covenant Community Church
Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Fair Haven Assembly of God
First Baptist Church of Farmington
Grace Baptist Canton
Grace Christian Fellowship
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church
Memorial Church of Christ

Oakland Hills Community Church
Woodside of Plymouth (previously
Plymouth Baptist Church)
Sacred Heart Byzantine
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran
Church
**St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic
Church (They distributed 1,000
bottles for Lent!)**
Warren Road Light & Life FMC

FREE and SIMPLE Ways to Help AAAPRC!

Kroger shopping

Visit krogercommunityrewards.com and sign up to support AAAPRC while you grocery shop. From 11/1/14 through 1/31/15 we raised \$334.22! Thank you, shoppers!

iGive

Visit iGive.com and sign up to support AAAPRC while you shop online.

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 us by typing in AAA Pregnancy. We will be the first to pop up. Thank you!

If you have any questions about signing up for any of these four options, please contact Crystal at crystal.aaaprc@gmail.com or call the Center and leave a message at extension 207.

Have You Heard?

Restricting Insurance Coverage of Abortion

As of March of this year, Michigan is the ninth state to restrict public and private insurance plans from covering abortions. This may be a difficult and hot topic for some, especially those who argue the need for abortion in cases of rape and incest. This means that public funds used to insure employees are no longer assisting in paying for abortion on demand. Read more about insurance coverage here:

http://www.guttmacher.org/statecenter/spibs/spib_RICA.pdf.

'Choose Life Michigan' License Plates

One of our leaders, pro-life Senator Patrick Colbeck of Canton, is fighting to have license plates available that say 'Choose Life Michigan' on them. These license plates would help raise funds for abortion alternatives. This has been a hot topic of discussion since at least 2012. Let's pray it finally gets passed so that we can stand for life in this way! To read more, visit

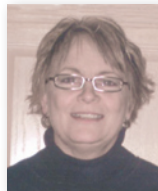
http://www.mlive.com/lansing-news/index.ssf/2015/03/choose_life_michigan_license_p.html/.

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From the Director's Heart

I'm sure we agree – our God is amazing!! The growth He continues to provide for this ministry keeps us in awe. Growth and updates just within the last year include:

- A new client website that allows clients to text us.
- A new donor website and app.
- Donation for and implementation of iPads and wall monitors for the counseling rooms.
- Purchase of a new building!!!
- Two new classes for the Material Goods Program.
- Expected growth of the Men2Men Program.
- Donations to update the counseling room décor.
- Expansion of our walk committee that will increase awareness . . . and therefore growth!



During our staff prayer time each week – where we collectively thank Him, praise Him and seek Him – I am reminded of ALL that He is doing and has done. I am reminded of each of you and all that you bring as partners to this ministry. I am reminded how dependent we are on His strength, leadership, wisdom and protection.

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” –Isaiah 41:10

Please know my appreciation to each of you for your support – financially and prayerfully. The world as we know it is changing; however, our God is not! He indeed remains the same – He is the Alpha and Omega! Please remember some of the ways to financially help us through shopping that you may already be doing like Kroger, iGive, Amazon, and using GoodSearch instead of Google.

Thank you for your support in saving lives for the glory of our amazing God!!

Peggy

Volunteer Update

Welcome our new volunteers!
We are *truly blessed* by your willing hearts to give of your time and talents.

Instructor: *Stephanie Barrett*

Receptionist: *Dorothy Walkup*

Baby Shop Sorters:
*Nadia Alkateeb &
Frances Matigan*

Men2Men Associates:
*Justin Hall, Devin Lindsay &
David Rzyzi*

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Capital Campaign Committee:

Help us get ready to move!!

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

If you...

- Have business experience or own a local business
- Have served on a similar committee previously (your church's capital 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 part of it!****

Board News

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Charlie Threadingham! Charlie has faithfully served on the board over the past six years, holding the positions of member, Vice Chairman and Chairman. Charlie has been gracious to document meeting minutes when needed and has provided a strong, Godly perspective in all decisions for this ministry. Thank you, Charlie. We will miss you!

As sad as we are to lose Charlie from the Board, we are excited to add Kathryn Strelecki as the new Board Chairman! Kathryn has been part of this ministry in

various ways for more than ten years. She served on the board of directors some years ago and has recently joined us again. We are looking forward to working with her at the helm! Welcome Kathy!

It is with joy that we welcome Nancy Austin to our board of directors. Nancy partnered with Marie Gonzales in 1973 to start this ministry! She has always had a soft heart for this ministry and the women that God sends here. She recently retired from more than 30 years in real estate and will be spending time serving God in this ministry. We are excited to see how God will use her now!

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IMPORTANT!

- *Race for Life registration open (page 1)*
- *Annual Fundraising Banquet save the date! (page 1)*
- *Capital Campaign Committee volunteers needed (page 5)*

Material Needs:

- *Diapers: sizes 3 and 4*
- *Maternity clothes*

Upcoming 2015 AAAPRC Events

Mother's Day ~ Father's Day Baby Bottle Campaigns | 05.10.15 – 06.21.15

Race/Walk for Life | 05.16.15

Wash for Life | July 2015 (exact date TBD)

Annual Fundraising Banquet | 10.15.15

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