

Lifeline Newsletter

Summer 2014



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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.

It's a Wonderful Life!

Mark your calendar now for this year's Annual Fundraising Banquet!



Plan to join us at 6:30pm on **Thursday, October 9**, for an elegant dinner, a ministry update and a poignant testimony from our keynote speaker, Mike Williams. Our theme for the evening is, "It's a Wonderful Life!" Because of your support, we are able to help women realize that, if given the chance, the precious life they are carrying could be... a wonderful life!

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, because of new and continued support from donors and volunteers like you, the pregnancy center has experienced considerable growth over the past few years. This growth is helping us minister to women and families in a way that was not possible before. As the ministry has grown, the banquet has grown with it! We have outgrown our previous banquet location and are excited to announce that the banquet will be held at **Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center** in Livonia, and tickets will be \$30 per person (plus processing fees). For directions, simply go to www.laurelmanor.com and click on the orange box!

Keep a look-out for an email on how to register for the banquet! You will be able to register and purchase tickets easily online. Please join us for this wonderful evening of celebrating life!

Help to make one more life a WONDERFUL LIFE by being a table host!

This year there are two ways that you can be a table host.

1. Be a table host by sponsoring your table of ten for \$300 to cover the cost for your guests.
2. Register as a table host and only cover your cost and invite others to your table. You guests will pay their cost when they register. If you have more than 10 guests we will seat your additional guest at an adjoining table.

It is a wonderful event to invite others to... they will have the opportunity to find out how pregnancy resource centers make a difference every day.

If you're interested in being a table host, please contact Beth Swicker at 734.425.8060.

Because of construction, the routes to get to Laurel Manor have changed a bit. Here is a link for directions on how to get there as well as a map of the location: laurelmanor.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Easy-Construction-Route-to-Laurel-Manor.pdf

Ready? Get Set! Race!

Saturday, May 17th at Hines Drive



It was May 16th - the day before our race. The week had been full of rain, Rain and MORE RAIN! It didn't look good...

Hines Park was flooded! Alternate plans needed to be made. On top of all of that, the forecast for the morning? A chilly 44 degrees and yet more rain! Would the runners who registered actually show up?



GOD had another plan in mind! Just to show that He can do ANYTHING, He let the soggy earth soak up a bit more water so that our ENTIRE original 10k route was dry enough to run the race! AND it was 54 degrees and only got warmer as the morning progressed! The runners & walkers we were worried about??? Over 120 showed up! The sun peeked out and we had a wonderful 2014 Race for Life!!! Did it rain that day? Only after we had packed up and headed for home! Doesn't it just make you smile? Why do we EVER doubt Him???

We are so thankful for all of the volunteers, corporate sponsors, runners/walkers and the family and friends that sponsored them. Special thanks to our top team (**Resurrection Willing Walkers** who raised \$1,220) and our top individual (**Emmanuel Ssemakula** who raised \$875). A total of just over \$13,000 has been raised to date in spite of a chilly, rainy week in May! Our God is AWESOME!



Clients Experience

We consistently try to meet the needs of our clients to ensure that they are satisfied in their experience at the center, as well as growing in faith at the same time. Here are quotes from some of our clients that show us just how they feel!

"When I registered, I didn't feel like I was being judged, I felt welcomed."

"The teachers are always nice and willing to help you."

"They have shown my family love and compassion the way Christ would."

"I'm glad I found out about this class and have also referred many people to this program. This program has really been a blessing."

So far this year...

35 Sonograms

76 Pregnancy Tests

222 Packages of Diapers Received by Clients

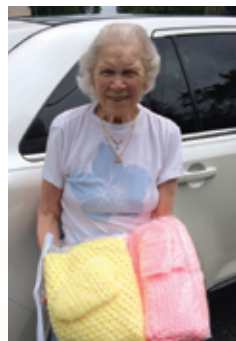
234 New Clients

403 Baby Outfits Received by Clients

450 Classroom Visits

Our Donors Give So Much...

We have so much to be thankful for at AAAPRC, from the wonderful clients that God sends our way to the volunteers and donors that contribute their time and effort to ensuring that the mission of AAPRC is met day in and day out. Here are just a few examples of how the Center is blessed with such amazing contributors!



Marcella Munson, aged 96, is one of the most devout contributors to the Center. Marcella is a member of the Dunning Park Bible Church congregation. She has consistently donated hand-made blankets over the years to our baby shop! She is pictured to the left, holding some of her very own. Our center would not be as wonderful if it were not for the blessings we consistently receive from all of our wonderful donors and volunteers. We offer a big THANK YOU to Marcella for being such an amazing donor!

The ladies' Bible Study Group at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Westland recently held a diaper drive for the Center. As we have said in the past, we owe so much of the success of the Center to individuals and the churches that they belong to. Diapers are one of our most requested items at our baby shop, so we are extremely grateful for this generous effort and donation!



Stepping Up to the Plate!

AAAPRC would like to acknowledge two special volunteers, Nancy Stelmaszek and Nancy Kalinsky. They are now the head of the Bible Ministry Program that was implemented in the Center years ago!

New Classes

Because we have such attentive and generous volunteers as instructors, a few more classes will be added to the schedule to give clients more resources and valuable information. Who I Am (in Christ) is a new class starting in August that will be taught by Keeler Bayne. Wendy Belsley has been volunteering her time as a sonographer for the Center for the past five years. Starting in September, she will also start teaching a new Breastfeeding Class. Also starting in September is a new class that is called the Great Assignment, taught by Ilene Bosley.

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Clients can also subscribe to our tweets @aaapregctr

Reach out to us!

If there are any stories about the center you would like to share, or any news update you think we would be interested in, call us at (734) 425-8060 and let us know! It could wind up on our Twitter feed! We would love to hear from you. #thankyou #prolife #celebratelif

Just for Teens!

Living in a world that is constantly evolving with technology, it's hard to reach everyone on a meaningful level, especially on the web! We're looking for teens to volunteer with our social media sites to make sure we're doing our best to reach everyone in ways most helpful and enjoyable to them. This is a great, entertaining volunteer opportunity in a field we know teens know best! If interested, please give us a call at (734) 425-8060.

Congratulations, Crystal and Brian!

Our administrative assistant, Crystal Squire, is expecting her first child and is currently on maternity leave. We look forward to her return in October and wish her all the best as she welcomes her new bundle of joy into the world!

Alternative Answers to Abortion Pregnancy Resource Center

THANK YOU to all the churches that participated in the Mother's Day/Father's Day Baby Bottle Campaign. (BBC)

Your Support of the Center is making a huge difference in the lives of women and families God brings to AAAPRC – thank you!

Bethel Baptist Temple	Northville Christian Assembly
Christ Our Savior Lutheran	Parkview Baptist Church
Faith Bible Church	Risen Christ Lutheran
Fellowship EPC	Sacred Heart Byzantine (Lenten BBC)
His Church Anglican	St. Michael Lutheran, Canton

Has your church ever participated in a Baby Bottle Campaign (BBC) for AAAPRC? Would you like to? Our (January) is a WONDERFUL opportunity to introduce this FUNdraising idea to your church family. Call Beth at the Center for all the details or email her at prcdevelopment@sbcglobal.net.

Ditch Google. Use Good Search.com

By changing your search engine to goodsearch.com, you can benefit AAAPRC. Make sure you choose "AAAPregnancyResourceCenter in Livonia, MI" as your charity. We have raised more than \$195.00 to date. Such an easy way to contribute...thank you!

Did you know???

Baby Steps - The state of Texas has had a record number of abortion facility closures this year, with even more to come. More facilities have been closing around the country, like in Alabama, Iowa and Oregon. Pro-life advocate, Abby Johnson has been posting updates on her Facebook page. A lot is happening in Texas for the pro-life movement. For example, a federal judge recently struck down a city ordinance attempting to force pregnancy resource centers to post signs announcing that they do not offer medical care. In addition, the former Planned Parenthood that Abby was a director of has officially closed!

Follow Abby here: facebook.com/abbyjohnsonprolife
Austin, Texas: kxan.com/2014/06/24/pro-life-groups-celebrate-court-win-striking-down-austins-pregnancy-center-law/
Planned Parenthood closings: www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/why-are-so-many-planned-parenthood-clinics-closing-its-not-why-you-think

Simple ways to help AAA Pregnancy Resource Center

Christmas in July!

- Every December the Center has a special Christmas store in the baby shop where our clients can shop. We take donations beginning in August, including NEW toys and gently boxed used decorations. To the right is a picture of what our Christmas store has looked like in the past!



Attention Kroger Shoppers!

- Do you have a Kroger Plus Card? If so, please consider enrolling in their community rewards program! Visit krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the easy steps. Once your enrollment is complete, each time you visit Kroger your receipt will show that you're supporting AAAPRC. Easy, right?
- Last quarter, we raised \$455.15! Thank you to all those who participated – it really makes a difference!

Capital One Gives Back – Through YOU!

Capital One Giving offers you the option of redeeming your rewards to help out your choice charity with ease! To support AAAPRC with your rewards, login to your Capital One Credit Card Account and click on your rewards (miles). Where it says "Redeem", choose "Charities" under "Other". Search for us by typing in AAA Pregnancy, and we will be the first to pop up! AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center. Thank you for your support!

Ministries for Men Handyman Ministry

- We are looking for some "handymen" to assist in keeping AAAPRC's buildings up-to-date. Painters, carpenters – any and every bit of help counts! Please contact **Ted Braboy** at [734.564.4594](tel:734.564.4594) or email him at tedbraboy@comcast.net if you can help out occasionally.

Men2Men Ministry

- Do you have a heart for fathers? Then this ministry is for you! Men2Men volunteers are responsible for ministering to the fathers that walk through our doors. They greet fathers in the lobby and sit down with them to offer a listening ear and sound advice.
- To be a part of this ministry, please contact us at [734.425.8060](tel:734.425.8060).

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From the Director's Heart



This is an amazing year so far. God has been moving and stretching us like never before.

We are excited about the increased amount of client activity. Through the advertising efforts of Ad America, our phones are busier than ever! Through various community resources, we are also increasing the number of women calling to enroll in our incentive program. For more than two weeks now, we have been completely filled with appointments! It is summer, so the volunteers and staff have all been experiencing personal events that have been keeping them unusually busy. Each day seems to be a "race against the clock". I'm sure many of you can relate to this type of busyness.

I find my rock in Psalm 91:1, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty". I find myself reciting this several times throughout the busy days. It is a comfort to imagine myself resting in His shadow. I hope you also find rest in the shadow of the Almighty..... Is there any other real rest?

I hope to see many of you at this year's annual fundraising banquet on October 9th. We are excited about the new location of Laurel Manor and celebrating all that God has done during this last year!

Thank you all for your prayers and support; your partnership for the protection of the unborn is appreciated and valued.

Serving together in Christ,

Peggy

Getting with the Times!

Because of the wonderful expansion of AAAPRC, it's time for us to connect with all of our wonderful clients, volunteers, and donors on a whole new level. A cyberspace level! We are doing all that we can to ensure that we are meeting the needs of everyone that is part of AAAPRC. To start, if you haven't already, you can download our app to your smart phone or tablet to take us wherever you go. Search for us in the App Store!



Under Construction!

We're also developing two new websites – one for donors and one for clients! We're hoping these websites will make it easier for everyone to connect with the Center. Donations will be easier to process; clients will be able to take a quick tour of the Center before coming to meet us; and much, much more! Here is a screenshot of the developing homepage for the client website:



Volunteer Update

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

*Instructor/Training
as an Associate*
Keeler Bayne

*Receptionist for
Material Goods
Center*
Helen Burns

Administrative Intern
Yesenia Grijalva

Volunteer Opportunities

We offer volunteer orientations monthly. Please visit our website at aaaprc.org or call Jan at 734.425.8060 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

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IMPORTANT!

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Material Needs:

- *Maternity Clothes*
- *Diapers – Sizes Newborn, 3, 4, and pull-ups for both boys and girls*
- *Clothing – Sizes 0-3 months, 9-12 months, and 18-24 months for boys and girls*

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Upcoming 2014 AAA PRC Events:

Annual Fundraising Banquet | **10.09.14**

Marathon Mission ~ Detroit Free Press Marathon | **10.19.14**

(name AAAPRC as your charity ~ visit www.marathonmission.net for details)

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