

# Lifeline Newsletter

Winter 2014



16755 Middlebelt Road

Livonia, MI 48154-3317

734-425-8060

[www.aaaprc.org](http://www.aaaprc.org)

[Facebook.com/aaaprc](https://www.facebook.com/aaaprc)

Twitter @AAAPregResCen

## 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](http://ECFA.org).

## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Sunday, January 18, 2015



Churches all around the United States continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. It all started when President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation in 1984 and designated

January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. Your church has the opportunity to commit themselves to protecting life at every stage by participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign (BBC).

AAAPRC had 19 churches participate last year. **Will you help us reach our goal of 25 churches?** Has your church participated yet? If not, please consider becoming a BBC liaison. Your youth group could even participate by doing 100 bottles. For more information and to sign up, please contact our Development Director Beth Swicker at [predevelopment@sbcglobal.net](mailto:predevelopment@sbcglobal.net).



Can you believe that we are approaching the year 2015?! Time flies when you're having fun. We invite you to save the date and have fun with us on Saturday, May 16, 2015 as we host our fourth annual chip-timed race and Walk for Life. Whether you start stretching now or you wait until the day of for your once-a-year workout (no judgment here), we want to see you there! Stay tuned for more info in 2015.



## So far this year...

900 Classroom Visits

400 New Clients

350 Pregnancy Tests

60 Sonograms

122 Births Recorded

500 Packages of Diapers



## Alternative Answers to Abortion Pregnancy Resource Center

### Thank You, Kohl's...

"A faithful person will be richly blessed."

—Proverbs 28:20

This verse rings true for Kohl's Cares for Kids. Once again, they came in and organized our baby shop on November 12th. They also helped set up our Christmas decorations in the shop on October 15th. Our baby shop is in great condition because their group, along with other volunteers, selflessly give of their time. Your group is a blessing to us and we pray you are blessed because of your faithfulness!



### Pizza, Pizza!

Everyone loves pizza, right? That's what First Baptist Church of Northville's (FBN) youth group thought when they decided to raise funds through the love of pizza. The youth group recently collected Little Caesars® pizza kits, distributed them to family members and opened up the fundraising to their entire congregation. The proceeds go to... you guessed it! AAA Pregnancy Resource Center! The funds will be used to purchase Christmas gift cards for our clients. Thank you to FBN's youth and a special shout out to their youth pastor, Andrew and one of our very own, Keeler Bayne!



### Tis the Season for Baby Showers!

Each year we are very grateful to those who host baby showers to benefit AAAPRC's baby shop. This year we'd like to thank *Heart for Him Ministries* for the shower they organized on Thursday, December 4th. It was hosted by Cornerstone Family Worship Center in Livonia. Diapers, wipes, clothing and formula were all collected. Thank you to *Pastor Mary Panich* for all the time and love she puts into the shower and her heart for the unborn!

We'd also like to thank *Grace Christian Fellowship* for the annual tea party they hosted in honor of the Center on Friday, December 5th. Various new, unwrapped baby items were collected. These were back-to-back blessings for us! Tis the season for giving, and well you have given your socks off. We pray you're blessed by your generosity!

## Client Testimonials

Did you know? At the end of their appointment, each client is asked to fill out a survey. On a scale of one to four, clients give us a four 100% of the time for being helpful and sensitive toward their needs.

Here's what else they have to say:

"I enjoyed that the client associate was able to relate to and understand some of the past choices I've made. She offered me information that would help me through it."

"The client associate was very personable. She seemed to care about my needs and some personal issues I discussed and shared with her."

"I felt very comfortable, and this was just what I needed to get started on the right path."

"The center could not have helped me more. The people were very peaceful and kind. It was comforting."

"I was very nervous to walk into the center, but left feeling confident and less anxious. The environment was comfortable and very relaxed."





# PLEASE SUPPORT Our Local Pro-Life Sponsors!

## Independent Transmission of Michigan, Inc.



**NEIL HEISLER**  
Manager

24205 W. Six Mile Road • Detroit, MI 48219 • (313) 535-3950

## JTS Financial Service, Inc.

**JOANN L. BLAKE, EA, CFP®**  
Enrolled to practice before the IRS  
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner

Income Tax • Retirement and Estate Planning

27622 Five Mile Road • Livonia, Michigan 48154

Phone (734) 261-8800

Fax (734) 261-8808



## Lee Flaherty, Attorney

BUSINESS LAW ♦ REAL ESTATE  
ESTATE PLANNING

**248.477.6300**

**WRIGHTBEAMER.COM**

## PENRICE TECHNOLOGY GROUP

**JOHN PENRICE**  
john@penricetechnology.com

37637 Five Mile Road  
Suite 218  
Livonia, MI 48154  
**734.748.1455**

penricetechnology.com



13955 Merriman  
(at Schoolcraft)  
Livonia, Michigan 48154



Kathy & Larry Harrigan  
Phone: 734.427.1410  
Fax: 734.427.6120  
www.merricraftflorist.com

## New Chapters

You know those moments in life that make you smile and cry at the same time? That moment has come for us. Our incredibly



devoted volunteer of over 30 years, Gloria Gheesling is retiring. Gloria has been with our ministry since the early 1980s, when we were known as Birthright. There are no words to describe the blessing she has been to all of us here at AAAPRC. Her

love for God and the women who walk through our doors is impeccable. We love her so much, and while we cry because we'll miss her, we also smile for this new chapter in her life. May God's blessings be with you, Gloria. You will always be a part of this ministry and our hearts. (Gloria is pictured above with Peggy)

We would like to thank Marcy Hunter and Ilene Bosley as they also move on to new chapters of their lives. Marcy and Ilene both volunteered as instructors at our Training & Educational Center. They will be deeply missed!

*"The center has been and will continue to be in my heart and prayers for God to provide the resources needed and to further the love and work of Christ to women and families in the metro Detroit area. I have truly enjoyed serving as an instructor at AAA Pregnancy Resource Center. My whole experience has been positive. The staff and the participants have truly been a blessing to me and I will miss all of you." —Ilene Bosley*

## My God has Answered...



Congratulations to our administrative assistant, Crystal Squire and her husband, Brian! Eliana Grace was born on July 10, 2014. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 12.5 inches long. Eliana means "My God has answered."



## Alternative Answers to Abortion Pregnancy Resource Center

### New Client Website... Coming Soon!

In our last newsletter (Summer 2014), we mentioned a new client website under construction. Well, it's almost complete! This new site will offer information on abortion, pregnancy options, sexual health, help for men, and more. We are excited to reach potential clients in this new way... stay tuned!

### GoodSearch: The New Google

Most people use Google or Bing for their internet search engine. But there's an even better search engine out there. GoodSearch! It's the new Google. You'll get the same results and every time you search, money will be donated to AAAPRC. We've already raised over \$208 to date.

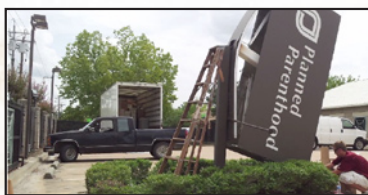
Visit [goodsearch.com](http://goodsearch.com) to sign up, or search for the App on your App Store!



### Have You Heard?

*A place of death and despair, now a place of life and hope...*

The pro-life group 40 Days for Life is moving its headquarters into a former Planned Parenthood in Bryan, Texas where 6,400 children died. Outside this same building is where the 40 Days for Life movement first started 10 years ago. This is evidence "that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28). Once they move in, a memorial service will be held for those children aborted inside the building. How powerful! To read more:



<http://www.christianpost.com/news/pro-life-group-40-days-for-life-moves-headquarters-into-former-planned-parenthood-abortion-center-where-6400-children-died-129322/>

## Simple Ways to Help The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center:

### Are you a Kroger shopper?

If you have a Kroger Plus Card, we need you! Visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to enroll in this FREE program. You can sign up to support AAAPRC. It's that easy.

Last quarter, we raised \$374.39. Thank you to all who participated – every penny counts!

P.S. Keep in mind that each participant must re-enroll at the end of April each year.

### Shopping through iGive

Consider visiting [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com) for your holiday (and other) shopping. There are over 1,500 stores to choose from. The average shopper raises \$30 - \$100 a year for their cause... all for FREE! Make sure you search for The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center and choose us as the charity to support. Contact Crystal at [crystal.aaaprc@gmail.com](mailto:crystal.aaaprc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



### Calling all Capital One users!

Do you have a Capital One card? If so, you could be our hero! Please consider using your rewards to support the Center. 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 – AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

## AAAPRC Needs More Men on Our Team!

**When?** Thursday evenings, 5:00 - 7:30pm

**Where?** Six Mile & Middlebelt in Livonia

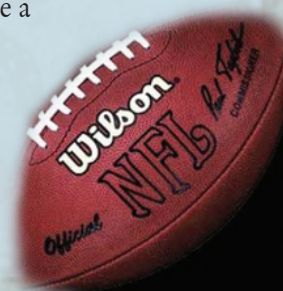
**How often?** Once or twice a month

If so, you can help with their Men2Men program!

**To do what?** Would you be willing to:

- Listen to a young man's fears & concerns
- Help him look to the future with confidence
- Help him know what it looks like to be a responsible father

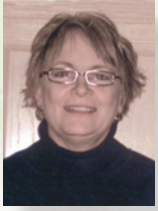
Don't feel qualified? Don't worry! Training is provided! Simply call Peggy Roberts at 734.425.8060 or email her at [info@aaaprc.org](mailto:info@aaaprc.org) and let her know that you'd like to be a part of what God is doing!





# Lifeline Newsletter

## From the Director's Heart



Isn't it exciting to read about 40 Days for Life moving their headquarters into an empty Planned Parenthood building?? Our God is SO incredibly faithful to answer our prayers! As this year comes to an end, we can celebrate with all that is happening to save innocent lives.

According to the Washington Post, in March of this year: 19 abortion clinics closed in Texas. In the November edition of Bloomberg, abortion clinics are closing in the U.S. at a record pace. In four states — Mississippi, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming — just one remains. Through 2013, states had approved 205 abortion restrictions since a push began in 2011 — more than had passed in the prior decade. During that time, more than 70 clinics closed or stopped offering the procedure.

Pray!!! God hears and is answering!

"I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

-Psalm 27:13-14

We really do have MUCH to be thankful for! Thank you for your support, prayers and partnership in saving lives. Blessings to each of you in the New Year!

Serving together for Christ,

Peggy

### Board Member and Committee Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to join our team as a board member or to be a part of our Capital Campaign Committee. One of these areas may be for you. If interested, please contact Peggy Roberts at 734.425.8060.

## Volunteer Update

Welcome our new volunteers!

We are truly blessed by your willing hearts to give of your time and talents.

### Instructors

- Wendy Belsley, RN (also our Nurse Manager)
- Mariann Hejka-Nelson
- Joyce Hovermale

### Receptionist

- Margaret Lawrence



We offer volunteer orientations monthly.

Call us at 734.425.8060 to reserve your spot in the next orientation!

## Annual Fundraising Banquet: a Night of Laughter!



From left to right: Crystal Squire, Lisa Eggleston, Yesenia Grijalva, Peggy Roberts, Lisa Hille, Beth Swicker

Thank you to all who attended our 2014 Annual Banquet Celebration on October 9, 2014! It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter.

We look forward to asking Mike Williams to return in the future. We appreciate your constant support – financially and prayerfully!



Banquet Room



Mike Williams & Peggy Roberts

We would like to especially thank Lisa Hille and Yesenia Grijalva. Lisa was the event coordinator and Yesenia was the registration coordinator. Their hard work and dedication to this evening is what made it so successful!!



Winter 2014

# Lifeline Newsletter



NONPROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Livonia, MI  
permit #110

## IMPORTANT!

Race for Life – Save the Date! pg 1  
Men2Men volunteers needed pg 4

Volunteer Opportunities pg 5

### Material Needs:

- Onesies: sizes newborn through 24 months
- Diapers: newborn, 3 through 6
- Breast pumps and nursing pads

### Alternative Answers to Abortion Pregnancy Resource Center

16755 Middlebelt Road • Livonia, MI 48154-3317

734-425-8060 • [www.aaaprc.org](http://www.aaaprc.org)

Address Service Requested

## Upcoming 2015 AAAPRC Events:

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Baby Bottle  
Campaign | **01.18.15**

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**

In order to be wiser stewards of the resources provided by our generous donors, we attempt to communicate electronically when possible. If you are currently receiving our newsletter via mail, and would be willing to receive it via e-mail, please send your name and e-mail address to [info@aaaprc.org](mailto:info@aaaprc.org) and enter E-mail Newsletter in the Subject Line. **Current and archived newsletters are also available to read and/or download from our website at [www.aaaprc.org](http://www.aaaprc.org).** Thank you!

### STAFF

Peggy Roberts  
Executive Director

Janet Rozenboom  
Client Services  
Coordinator

Beth Swicker  
Development Director

Paula Campbell  
Bookkeeper

Crystal Squire  
Administrative Assistant

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peggy Roberts  
Executive Director

Charles Threadingham  
Chairman

Kurt Gebhard  
Vice Chairman

Donna Perkins  
Treasurer

Jerry Cousino  
Board Director

Kathryn Strelecki  
Board Director