

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.

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2019 Race for Life

Next Year: Saturday, June 15
Father's Day Weekend
(we will confirm this date after
November 1, 2018)

Pencil it on your calendar and get ready to Race for Life in 2019!

Annual Fundraising Banquet

October 18, 2018

Burton Manor, Livonia

Featured Speaker: Lee Strobel

Please join us for an exciting evening with, atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel. Lee is the former award-winning legal editor of The Chicago Tribune and best-selling author of more than twenty books. His classic, *The Case for Christ*, is a perennial favorite which details his conversion to Christianity. His recent release, *The Case for Grace*, just won the 2016 Nonfiction Book of the Year from the EPCA. For the last twenty-five years, his life's work has been to share the evidence that supports the truth and claims of Christianity and to equip believers to share their faith with the people they know and love."

The night will offer an opportunity to **"Meet and Greet"**

Lee, including a photograph with him. Registration for the Meet and Greet is open now with a donation of \$300 per person, or \$500 per couple. Space is limited. To register contact Helen Crown at prcdevelopment@sbcglobal.net, or call the center Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.

We expect to have 110 tables, of 10 guests each, at this year's banquet and need a sponsor and host for each table.

Sponsor a Table: \$300 donation covers the cost of a table of 10

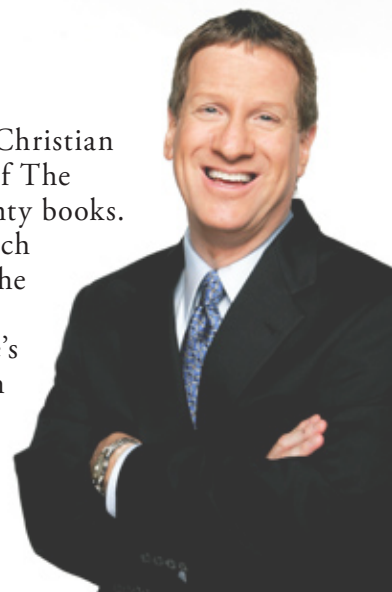
Host a Table: Agrees to invite family and friends to fill a table of 10 guests

You can just sponsor, or just host, but are welcome to do both, and of course, you can sponsor more than one table.

****Here's your opportunity to share LIFE with someone in your circle of friends.**

Registration opens Wednesday, September 5, 2018 on our website:

www.friendsofaaprc.com There is no cost to attend, however, registration is required. Seating is established by date of registration.... so REGISTER EARLY!!



2018 Race for Life

We applaud everyone who supported this year's Race for Life fundraiser - Thank you! Close to a hundred walkers and runners signed up for the race, but not for the wet and windy weather! When volunteers arrived at the event that morning we learned that Hines Drive was so flooded we had to shorten the course to a half-mile with runners making loops to complete the 5K and 10K. But, then the lightening started so our timing company was required to shut down their equipment and we directed everyone to the safety of the pavilion. We made the best of it by enjoying the pancakes and fellowship.



Client Testimony

Tecola has taken our Godly Sexuality class from January-June 2018 and A Confident Heart class in 2017. She began the Love and Logic Parenting series in July. This is what she had to say about her class experience and instructor: "Being in class with Sue has been amazing. I love how she connects with us all, on so many levels. Her class has begun to help my marriage. And these classes have been so uplifting. I've really learned a lot about myself. Thank you so much for everything Sue."



Volunteer Spotlight: Sue Howard, *Class Instructor*



"I have been a volunteer with AAA since 2011. I first learned of the Center at a worship/outreach event I attended at Connection Church in Canton. (It was the only time I attended one of their events.). I had previously attended a women's ministry seminar in Grand Rapids where one of the classes I attended was on the huge mission field working with abortion minded women and post abortion women. Since I had been looking for ministry opportunities, I knew it was definitely a "God thing" that I attended that event that night and that Jan was there representing the Center and their work. I'm pretty sure I signed up that night.

After orientation and training, I started my work at the Center as an associate, working with clients on a one on one basis. Some of the women I saw were in crisis with an unexpected pregnancy who were looking for answers, resources, education, and sometimes just someone who would listen without judgement and show them kindness and love. Others came in to join our material goods program and enroll in classes.

While I loved meeting with our clients and helping them make decisions about their baby's future, I soon realized I wanted to establish more long-term relationships with some of our women. I began teaching classes. While I pray I am a blessing for the women who attend, watching them learn their worth in God's eyes and how precious they are to Him and His plan for their lives has been a huge blessing to me. I have taught several different classes- parenting, personal growth, relational, and God's plan for sexuality & marriage - to name just a few.

There are many ways God has worked in my life through volunteering at the Center. One is the friendships I have made with the other people who work/volunteer at the Center. They have been a huge influence & made a big impact in my life. And I still hear from some of our clients who have graduated from the program. I am humbled and honored that God has seen fit to use me in this ministry."

So Far This Year...

Thanks to your generosity, we've had the blessing of serving many people already this year...

318+ classroom visits

145+ packages of diapers

114+ new clients

97+ pregnancy tests

20+ births recorded

43+ sonograms given

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!

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 offer volunteer orientations every month as an opportunity for you to find out more about the ministry and how God may want to use you here. Call us at 734.425.8060 to reserve your spot in the next orientation, or go to friendsofaaprc.com for more information about all of our volunteer opportunities!

Speaking about The 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:

Thank you so much to the Livonia AM Rotary and club president, Jeff Adams for inviting us to be a part of your Annual Change of Officers Dinner and for your generous gift to the center! We truly appreciate your ongoing support!

For questions or more information about having a representative from the AAAPRC speak at your church or event, please contact our Development Director, Helen Crown at 734.425.8060, ext. 203.

Gloria Gheesling

It is with sad hearts that we said goodbye to Gloria on May 10, 2018 as she went to be with the Lord. We certainly celebrate her amazing life here on earth! Gloria was one of a kind; she began her volunteer service with The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center at the age of 63. She volunteered as a counselor at the center every Monday 10am – 3 pm from 1986 through November of 2014, logging 6,750 hours in over 28 years!!

To describe Gloria Gheesling as a Pro-life supporter is an understatement, she lived exactly what she believed: it is all worth it if even only one mother chooses life for her baby instead of abortion.

Gloria, you will always remain in our hearts with love!



Showers of Blessing!

It's always fun to acknowledge the various ways that supporters think to bless us! Thank you so much for your creative and very helpful gifts!

Catholic Vantage Financial Credit Union held a free shredding event at their Plymouth location and collected donations to benefit the center. Their team (pictured with Director, Peggy Roberts) participated in our annual Race for Life where they presented us with a check. Thank you Catholic Vantage Financial!

Cathy and Reed Posh had an old motorcycle in their garage and donated it to our center...what could WE do with a motorcycle??? **Rick LaCourciere** knew exactly what to do!! He took it to his garage, worked on it, and produced a great item to sell on craigslist with the proceeds benefiting The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center!! Thank you, Cathy, Reed and Rick!

Thank you to St. Edith/St. Colette MOPS for hosting their Annual drop-off baby shower to benefit the center. Their group brought in lots of thermometers, baby grooming sets, nursing pads, baby bottle brushes and many other baby items to keep the Baby Shop shelves stocked. Thank you for your faithful and generous support!

Jody Reich, an independent consultant for Thirty-One Gifts, donated 21 baby tote bins filled to the brim with diapers, wipes, baby toiletry items and toys. She asked her own clients to "sponsor" a tote, and then had 3rd-5th grade Sunday school students make lovely cards of encouragement for each bin. Thank you to Jody, her clients, and students. What a creative way to donate! What a beautiful gift for our clients!

Thank you, Barbara Krabbenbos, for creating and donating 8 beautiful crib quilts to place in our Baby Shop!



Catholic Vantage: Left – Right: Carrick Sekorski, Peggy Roberts, Sarah Gyetvah, Taylor Nadeau, Emma Teller, Dominic Sapienza



Motorcycle donated by Cathy and Reed



Jody Reich



Barbara Krabbenbos

The AAA PRC has been so blessed by your generosity. Thank You!

FREE and SIMPLE Ways to Help The AAAPRC!

Shop With Scrip! It has never been easier to raise funds while you shop. The **AAA Pregnancy Resource Center will earn funds instantly when you use gift cards to pay for everyday purchases**, like gas, groceries, clothing, restaurants, and gifts, almost anything you need to purchase. Please contact Peggy Roberts at 734-425-8060, ext. 202 for more information.

Kroger So far in 2018, Kroger shoppers have already raised \$1372.43... what a blessing, and how simple! We know there are more Kroger shoppers out there! Please join us, and visit krogercommunityrewards.com to enroll and support the AAAPRC while doing your regular grocery shopping! Thank you, shoppers!

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. We know you use Amazon!!

Visit smile.amazon.com or go to 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.) \$296.01 has been raised since we began in 2015. Please help us increase fundraising through Amazon by joining AmazonSmile today!

Thrivent Financial The Thrivent Choice program helps Thrivent members make a positive impact in their communities. **By participating in Thrivent Choice®, participants can choose the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center as their charity.** Since 2016, we have received \$810!

Capital One 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!

Of course, you can give directly to us at: www.friendsofaaprc.com

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, 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 AAAPRC, please contact Lisa at prcadmasst@sbcglobal.net or 734.425.8060, ext. 207.

Thank you for changing and saving lives!

Mother's Day - Father's Day

2018 Baby Bottle Campaign

Those baby bottles are making a huge difference! Every year we receive almost 20% of our funding through Baby Bottle Campaigns! Thank you to all those who partnered with us in having a Mother's Day – Father's Day Campaign this year:

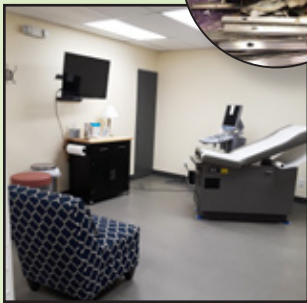
- Apostolic Christian Church
- Christ our Savior Lutheran Church
- CrossPointe Community Church
- Faith Bible Church, Livonia
- Faith Bible Church, Farmington Hills
- Fellowship EPC
- First Baptist Church of Northville
- His Church Anglican
- Mt. Hope
- Oakland Church of Christ
- Parkview Baptist
- St. Matthew Lutheran Church
- St. Michael Lutheran, Canton
- St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
- Way of Life



Phase II Renovations Completed... ahead of schedule!

We are so pleased to announce that the renovations were completed more than a month earlier than planned. On June 4th, we resumed our regularly scheduled hours and were all moved back into the building. I would like to thank those of you that have been patient and working with us through these limited hours. I also would like to share a few thank yous:

- The Lloyd and Mabel Johnson Foundation for making this possible.
- The Summit Company for all the dedicated work.
- Ron Cieslak of Merritt Cieslak Design
- Rick LaCourciere for all of his time and hard work.
- Thornton & Grooms
- Matt Axtell for all the paint and services



God seems to be shouting **PRO-LIFE** these days!

On Tuesday, 6/26/2018, The U.S. Supreme Court handed down a 5-4 ruling in the NIFLA v. Becerra case, overturning the coercive law that forced pro-life pregnancy centers to provide free advertising for tax-funded abortions! (See case study below.)

Also, on Tuesday, 6/26/2018, another important supreme court announcement: The retirement of supreme court Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Our walk with the Lord includes all seasons. Sometimes, in the work that we are called to do, it can appear that our enemies have the upper hand. WE know that the real battle belongs to the Lord and He will bring the victory.

Deuteronomy 20:1-4 says, "When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you. "When you are approaching the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people. "He shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. Do not be fainthearted. Do not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'"

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It is a pleasure to serve with each of you in this battle. This is a season for us to celebrate and praise our Lord for the victories that He is bringing before us!

Thank you for your faithful partnership!

Serving together for the glory of our Lord,

Peggy Roberts
Executive Director

NIFLA v. Becerra Case Summary

In 2015 California passed AB 775, the so-called "Reproductive FACT Act." This law mandates that medical pro-life pregnancy centers provide written or digital information to their patients - such as a sign in the waiting room - on how to obtain a state-funded abortion. This means that non-profit pro-life medical clinics as well as their staff and volunteers are being forced to violate their consciences - an outright violation of their First Amendment rights.

In defense of the 150 California pregnancy centers that it represents, NIFLA filed a lawsuit challenging this legislation. Arguments for this landmark pro-life free speech case were heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 20, 2018.

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IMPORTANT!

Annual Fundraising Banquet (See 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:

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Upcoming AAAPRC Events

Summer Concert with Mark Schultz | **08.25.18** | for more information and to register, visit friendsofaaprc.com

Annual Fundraising Banquet | **10.18.18** | with keynote speaker, Lee Strobel!

Christmas Giving Project or Giving Tree | **December 2018** | contact Jan for more details

Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) Baby Bottle Campaign | **01.20.19 through 02.17.19** | contact Helen for more details

March for Life 2019 | **Friday, January 18, 2019** | Washington, D.C

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