

*We are Soldiers on the Front Line -
Our Work Goes On!*

NEW LIFE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

2020 Update



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As 2020 comes to a close, I have spent countless hours reflecting on all that has been accomplished this year at New Life. Even in such a season of constant change, our work has been all the more exhilarating, and I have come to realize how vital we are as times become more uncertain and trying for the communities that we serve.

I think back to March when we first had to physically lock the door to the general public and how sad that made my heart. I am an individual who always wants to connect with people, because in that contact I believe lives can be changed. I wondered what we were going to do. Here we are 9 months later! We have served more people this year than previous years, we have continued to move ahead with the ultrasound project, we have received such amazing support from our donors, and our volunteers are serving in adaptive ways.

God has been faithful to His plan, His work! New Life goes on because what we are doing represents His heart for men, women, and children. We truly are soldiers on the front line, and as those fighting must be trained, disciplined and ready to engage however necessary, all of us here at New Life are ready to hold out His love and truth because of Jesus, our Commanding Officer's own example and gentle leadership.

I hope that as you read on, you too will be encouraged and blessed by our progress. We love you and pray that you have an amazing Christmas Season.

Jennifer VanRyckeghem - E.D.

PREGNANCY CENTER STATISTICS

For Our Center through Oct 31 2020:

429 client visits
290 classes completed
232 boutique visits
2 pregnancy tests

Increase over last year:

35% increase in overall visits
115% increase in classes completed
20% increase in boutique visits
(no pregnancy tests in 2019)

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**The following 2019 statistics* represent
2,700 PRC's in the U.S. who are affiliated with one or more
of the following major national networks:
Care Net ~~ Heartbeat International ~~
National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA)**

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New client consults	967,251	Free pregnancy tests	731,884
Free ultrasounds	486,213	Clients/parenting class	291,230

Clients receiving after abortion support 21,698
**Material items provided are in the millions (diapers/wipes/clothing/
car seats/strollers, etc.)**

Paid Staff 14,977 of which 3,791 (25%) are licensed medical staff
Volunteers 53,855 of which 6,424 (12%) are licensed medical staff
(8 out of 10 workers are volunteers)

**Reference: Pregnancy Centers Stand The Test of
Time; Charlotte Lozier Institute, Arlington, VA, 2020*

We are once again operating the Center with an abundance of safety in mind, and have gone back to curb-side pick-up of needed items. No clients will be in the Center and limited staff will be in the building.

PEOPLE NEWS

Stephanie Cook - Testimony

Since 2018, I have been a client of New Life PRC. At that time I was homeless, going from couch to couch with a 6 month old son. I was in need of wipes, diapers, clothes and formula and no one I turned to could help. That was until a friend sent me here. I have been through a lot since 2018, and I can honestly say that the women who work here, and are here for us moms, have been some of my biggest supporters. The ladies have seen me go through so much, both the good and bad, and no matter what have not judged me but have been there to offer prayer, support and love to me and my now two children.

Not only have I been a client but I have also volunteered to fulfill my requirements for MI Works. I find myself now talking to, and helping, other clients who may need support or someone to talk to who has been through some of the same things I have. I find myself also coming back to the Lord through the words and prayers of the ladies here. I lost my way and turned my back for a time due to everything I was going through. Today, I find that I am closer to finding my way back.

I am very thankful for what the Center has blessed me with and how close I have come to the ladies that work here. They are no longer strangers, but more a second family that I have come to lean on. Whether it be a phone call, a text message, or even just a few seconds of stopping in, I know that if I am ever in need of something that I cannot afford at the moment to get for my kids, I have a place where I can turn to.



Introducing Brigid DeLeo, FNP

I'm very honored and excited to have joined the New Life Team. I've been a Family Nurse Practitioner for six years, spending most of my time in ER, Internal Medicine and Family Practice. I've been a RN since 1996.

My daughters started volunteering at New Life several years ago and I was amazed at how genuine and kind the staff was. They truly believe in the sanctity of life. I saw how much effort they exerted in providing support to mothers and children, and I wanted to be part of it. I've been blessed with a skill that (after my appropriate training) I feel should be used to benefit others, especially unborn children. I'm the mother of two wonderful girls, Claudia and Josephine, both adopted from South Korea. I've been married to my husband, Doug, for 20 years. As a family, we value life!



A Dedicated Medical Conversion Team



Jennifer VanRyckeghem Pat Harbin Robin Nowak Raymond Morton
Rachel Anderson Elaine Lynd Colleen Jergenson Dr. Robert Halter

This team first met on Nov. 15, 2017 and have spent the past 3 years going over the medical details related to opening a limited, obstetric ultrasound clinic.

NEW LIFE PRC BLESSINGS

WHO ARE OUR SUPER HEROS?



BUSINESSES
CHURCHES
CONTRACTORS
GENEROUS FRIENDS OF NLPRC
PRAYER WARRIORS
RADIO STATIONS
RIGHT TO LIFE OF MI
TEENS FOR LIFE
VOLUNTEERS
(AND MANY OTHERS)

The Faithfulness of the Knights of Columbus



On October 19, the St. Mary Parish Knights of Columbus Council 2781, along with other councils throughout Northern Michigan, presented us with the final check for the purchase of the Clinic's ultrasound machine.

We are blessed and thankful for their partnership!

The **Teens for Life** sponsored fundraiser is moving forward. Their goal is to reach 1000 donors who commit to \$5 per month for a year. The fundraiser has brought in \$1,140 so far. Thank you, Teens!

When the goal is reached, the blessing to New Life will be \$60,000.

1,000 For \$5



You may donate by phone: 989-732-1626, via our website: www.gaylordnewlife.com, or use the attached giving form.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE (BBD)

We were able to implement a modified version of the BBD during two weeks in October at E-Free Church in Gaylord. **THANK YOU, E-FREE ATTENDEES!!** An average bottle brings in **\$23.00 in change**, and the BBD brings in **14%** of our annual budget. Interested in supporting this program? Simply return this newsletter's giving form, along with your check (and please specify the Baby Bottle Drive option). **Or give via the donate button on our website:**

www.gaylordnewlife.com

NEW LIFE PRC BLESSINGS, cont.

GRANTS

We received \$1000 from Walmart for our layette bag outreach. We were able to purchase various items and adorable clothing (hanging & on center table) in order to fill our layette bags. Thank you, Walmart!

Another blessing came from a Weyerhaeuser grant in the amount of \$1212 which is being used for interior painting and decorating of the Center. Thank you, Weyerhaeuser!

Family members of Garry Freeland are donating artwork, and giving our advising room a much needed face-life. Garry was a long-time supporter of New Life, our handyman, and a Board member for many years. The family gifting is in honor of Garry and his love for this ministry. Thank you, Freeland family members!



BABY SHOWER

The E-Free Church Outreach Team and the Hands on Craft Group hosted a baby shower for New Life on October 27. We are blessed, indeed, by their generosity!

MANY thanks to everyone who participated in the baby shower!



BABY ROOM

We've had a 20% increase in baby room usage over the last year. Donations were down, though, since we couldn't accept used items for awhile. We've been able to abundantly serve, and even bless, 27 non-clients and 2 local charities with used clothing. We've also been blessed with lots of formula and baby food, and we'd like to bless families if you know of a need. Teens for Life will hold it's annual Diaper Raid, so the only diaper need we have at this time is **preemie diapers (could use a few packages)**.

VOLUNTEERS

Numerous volunteer hours were put in for the following services:

- Clean-up after the yard re-seeding
- Raking and picking up leaves
- Winter clothing changeover in the Baby Room
- Painting and refreshing the Center

Our indoor volunteers are on hold for now to keep our families safe.

If you are interested in long-term volunteering opportunities, contact us about becoming a Board member.

MISCELLANEOUS

Changes to mailing address, e-mail, phone #?

Email us at: gaylordnewlife@yahoo.com or mail updates by using the attached giving form.

THANK YOU!

ULTRASOUND CLINIC UPDATE

Over the past few months we have heard many unsettling terms such as unprecedented times, restrictions, social distancing, and many of us have felt the sting of cancelling family gatherings or vacation plans. Isaiah 40:29 encourages us, "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." 40:31 "but those who hope on the Lord will renew their strength." We continue to rely on the Lord's strength and his timing as the Ultrasound Clinic progress continues.

We have been blessed with a dedicated and talented construction crew (under the leadership of Bill VanRyckeghem) and are grateful. The painting is done and looks amazing; cupboards have been ordered. The Ultrasound Machine is scheduled to arrive in the next three weeks (or so), again causing us to be patient as we wait for God's timing. We are excited to announce that the next portion of training which includes "models" (pregnant moms) is scheduled the first part of February and will include Dr. Halter, Medical Director, Brigid DeLeo, FNP and myself.

As I reflect on God's goodness at New Life, the Ultrasound Clinic could not have been possible without your prayers, support, and encouragement. We are elated as we anticipate the many lives and families who will be touched and changed by the ways you have supported New Life. We appreciate you and ask for your continued prayers as we patiently, and diligently, seek the Lord's direction and timing for the Ultrasound Clinic.

Blessings, Colleen Jergenson RN, Clinical Coordinator



Jennifer & Colleen



Rerouting water and sewer lines



Close up of Clinic street appeal



Reception/
greeting area



Ultrasound room

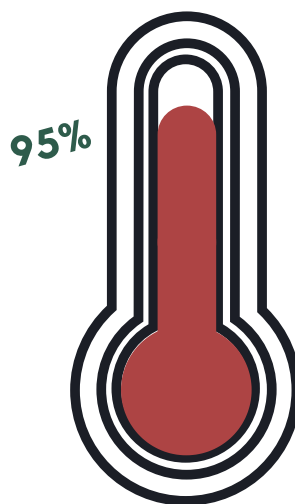


Waiting room



A pretty pair – Clinic and Center

OUR GOAL: \$465,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION AND 3 YEARS OPERATING EXPENSES . . .



We are \$22,410 away from fulfilling it. Can you help us reach the finish line?

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

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I would like to help New Life PRC !!

Please detach this portion and send to New Life Pregnancy Resource Center, PO Box 790, Gaylord, MI 49734

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am supporting 1000 for \$5 ☐

I am supporting the Baby Bottle Drive ☐

I am supporting the 2020 banquet ☐

I am supporting the ultrasound clinic ☐

I would like to be recognized for my gift to the ultrasound clinic:

NAME: _____

My gift, for the ultrasound clinic is:

☐ in memory of (or)

☐ in honor of

NAME: _____

Please choose your preferred giving method:

(Checks can be made payable to New Life Pregnancy Resource Center)

☐ Personal Check

☐ Credit/Debit Card

☐ I would like to make a one-time gift of \$_____ OR

☐ I would like to make a monthly pledge until further notice in the amount of \$_____.

Credit Card Number

Exp. Date:

SEC Code:

Signature: _____

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Encourage, Equip and Inspire individuals in their choice for life.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, resting on an open Bible. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt. The Bible is open to a page with text, and a small purple flower is tucked into the left margin. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue.

THANK YOU, DEAR PRAYER WARRIORS.
DAILY, WE FEEL GOD'S HAND
UPON THIS MINISTRY
AND A HEDGE OF PROTECTION
AROUND IT.