



The YEAR IN REVIEW

New Life Pregnancy Resource Center

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2022 - 2023

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LETTER *from the* DIRECTOR

“We have heard the call to stand in the strength of the Lord and let our light shine before men so they will see His light and glorify God.”

Over the years, I have marveled at the strength of a lighthouse. Years ago, I had the opportunity to serve at a quaint Maritime Museum.

There, I would learn about the tragedy of the SS Carl D. Bradley that sunk on November 18, 1958, where only two crew members survived. I heard the testimonies of sailors who survived the SS Cedarville that sank on May 7, 1965, where 11 lives were lost, and the shock these sailors felt 40 years later as they tried to reconcile the events of that fateful day. I heard many sailors share their stories and how the erupting sound from the lighthouse on foggy days saved countless lives.

I reflect on these memories as I read Isaiah 60:1-3, Psalm 107:25-30 and Mark 6:45-52. I can hear the echos of the sailors, whose hearts melted from trouble, who were at wit's end, violently tossed as the tempest of waves crashed against their ship, taunting them with what seemed to be imminent death. But, in the midst of chaos, they looked

into the stormy sea, where Jesus walked and spoke, "Be of good cheer, it is I, do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27 KJV). The winds ceased; the waters calmed, and He led them to safety. He was the lighthouse in the storm.

He has called New Life to stand as a beacon of hope and healing, a symbol of strength and integrity, and let truth shine in the darkness. The team at New Life dedicates the first hour of the day to seek His face so we can release His love to those we serve. We have seen many challenging situations, heard heartbreaking testimonies, and cried many tears, both of joy and sorrow.

We have heard the call to stand in the strength of the Lord and let our light shine before men so they will see His light and glorify God. Together, with your financial support, prayers, and volunteerism, we can reach far and wide to bring the light of His countenance into the storm. Will you consider partnering with us through recurring monthly financial support?

The STAFF

Executive Director

Tammie Nemeth



Office Manager

Tracy Dexter



Nurse

Kacey Romel



Our VOLUNTEERS



Kirk Swarbrick



Brianne Alexander



Susan Schaare



June Greve



Ann Marie Bristol



Debbie Zwiers



Cathy Hofer



Allie Champion



Jim Nemeth



Chelsea Bolinger



Samantha Simmons



Tyler Newitt

Not Pictured:

Josh Alexander, Alpine Workshop, Greg Barger, Deb Beadle, Sarah Beadle, Lois Cumper, E-free Sewers, David Gahm, Cathy Gallagher, Sarra Loveless, Lovell's Church's Volunteers, Mt. Hope Lutheran Volunteers, Peace Lutheran Quilters, Pigeon River Baptist Volunteers, Sharon Roberts, Chris Romel, RSVP Volunteers, Greg Smith, Tuesday Tool Time, Ron Zwiers

LAMs mentors: United Methodist, Life Tabernacle, Knights of Columbus, Grayling E-Free, The Church in Charlevoix



LETTER *from the* PRESIDENT

“We see lives transformed and saved because of YOU!”

Hello Friends from your Board of Directors at New Life PRC! My name is Kris Gahm, and I have been the Chairman of this beautiful ministry for two years!

As a board member at New Life, my commitment stems from the profound impact we have on saving babies and expanding vital services at the center. Our increased volunteer pool has made our efforts more robust and impactful. The unwavering support from the church and its pastors fosters an environment where conversations and visits are not only welcomed but embraced.

Being part of New Life allows me to contribute meaningfully to a cause that resonates with my values, fostering a sense of purpose and fulfillment in making a difference in the lives of others and infants.

Ladies and gentlemen....we wish you had our view!! We have the privilege of greeting YOU at our front door with love in your hearts and much-needed supplies in your arms for our moms, families, and babies! We see lives transformed and saved because of YOU!

YOUR hearts, generosity, and discipleship keep New Life thriving and expanding! God is good all the time! Thank you to the person reading this right now, as you are why we can do what we do!

New life has thrived and survived some growing pains, and I'm amazed at the Holy Spirit's presence every day in our center. God bless you all, and please stop in and visit us! We love seeing your faces and embracing your obedience to God's Kingdom!

In His Service,
Kris

MEET THE BOARD



Kris Gahm
Board President



Brandie Meisner
Board Vice President



Gloria Smith
Treasurer



Jeremy Touroo
LAMs Mentor



Ann Marie Bristol



Beth Delaney



Curt Coffield

THIS YEARS *Volunteer* HIGHLIGHTS



Cathy Hofer
Lead Volunteer Trainer

“I started volunteering at New Life in March of 2021. I had recently retired and wanted to have something meaningful to do. New Life, being a Christian organization and my love for children, I figured it would be a good fit.

It brings me great joy to help families in need. Everyone I have had the pleasure of meeting and helping has been so grateful for the help, and I love seeing that.”



Debbie Zwiers
Welcome Center Leader, Client Advocate

“I have been volunteering as a client advocate since the beginning of August. I love helping moms who come through our door. My time at New Life has been very fulfilling and allows me to share the love of Christ with others.”



Ann Marie Bristol

Board Member and Client Advocate

“I have been apart of the pro-life movement since the late 1990’s, serving in various positions: Pregnancy Center Director, Board Member, Client Advocate, Fundraiser Manager, etc. Young women are my passions and my joy. The ability to counsel and mentor women to choose the right decisions is truly the most rewarding thing ever.”



Allie Champion

Client Advocate

“I have been at the center since May of this year, and I am completely in love. I spent 35 years working in an Oakland County court, working with people in many crises. After talking with the director about the center, I knew I wanted to be there. I walked in the front door on my first day and felt a strong presence of the Holy Spirit. I cannot explain it other than Jesus is covering everything that the center is doing, and it is palpable. I thank Jesus for directing me to the center and allowing me to help those in need.”



Samantha Simmons

Public Relations Intern

“Being able to use the knowledge I have obtained from Taylor University to serve others and the Lord has been an honor. I am overjoyed knowing places like this center exist for the men and women out there. Walking into this space, you can feel the love and acceptance all around. I am so glad to have done there 2023 internship.”

Medical STAFF



Medical Director

James Hines, “Dr. Jim”

Dr. James (Jim) Hines is a graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, and Indiana University School of Medicine. He is double board certified in Family Medicine, and Obstetrics and Gynecology. He obtained his degree in Public Health from the Prince Leopold School of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium. He is an Associate Clinical Professor for Central Michigan University. Dr. Jim is also a certified RDMS (Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer).

Dr. Hines came to Saginaw Michigan in 1987 and has practiced in the private sector for over 25 years. He is the past president of the Saginaw County Medical Society and has served multiple administrative positions at Covenant HealthCare, including Chief of Staff.

In the Spring of 2019, Dr. Hines joined the staff at Recovery Pathway as an Addiction Physician. He works in the clinic every Thursday evening, and specializes in personal finances, education, and family relationships.



Nurse Clinic Manager

Kacey Romel

I’ve been a nurse for 20 years, graduating from Alpena Community College in 2003 with my Registered Nurse degree. I have worn many hats in my nursing career, ranging from floor nurse to case manager to supervisor, and lastly, public health nursing regarding maternal infant health.

Coming to New Life was a calling for the Lord. I planned to retire from public health, but God had different plans. In my short few months at the pregnancy center, I have witnessed the Lord working in many different ways.

In addition to my education and experience, I attended the NIFLA limited OB practicum in Las Vegas in August and have had excellent support through Dr. Hines. I am also a Certified Lactation Consultant and have a passion for helping moms achieve their breastfeeding goals. We all have a purpose, and right now, the Lord has called me to educate women on their choices and protect their lives.

NEW LIFE'S *Year Book* 2023



This Years HIGHLIGHTS

CHURCH/SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Our hearts are to connect with the communities we serve through social engagements, church partnerships and growing awareness of our mission, services and programs.

Since May 2023, we have grown networking with United Way, RSVP, Otsego Community Foundation, Emergency Preparedness Expo, Senior Expo, Otsego Christian School, Big Ticket, Tornado Story Telling, Special Beginnings Birthing Center (Roscommon), National Day of Unborn, Burt Lake and St. Mary's Vanderbilt, Promise FM Radio, Eagle 101.5 Radio, Grace Baptist radio, Bishop Yon Tawas Catholic Radio, Pro-Life Round Table, Embrace Grace, Petoskey PRC, Cradle of Hope (Wolverine) Positive Options PRC (Holland), St. Francis Women's Group (Lewiston), Efree Women's Group, State of the Community Breakfast, Fall Connecting Women Luncheon, K of C Breakfast and shared at approximately 13 churches.

SCHOOL DEVOTIONALS

Our New Life Team believes connecting with all age groups is important. We are honored to serve at Otsego Christian School devotional schedule every 4th Wednesday. Recently we taught on forgiveness, fruit of the Spirit and letting the Light of Jesus shine through our lives like a lighthouse.

NEW LIFE HOUR OF WORSHIP

Each morning, New Life employees set aside intention time to worship together and be in the Lords presence. Doing so also allows us to prepare our hearts for our client who come in that day. If you are a pastor and would like to join us for a morning of prayer, worship, or encouraging word, please contact Tracy at officemanager@gaylordnewlife.com for more information



THE BLOOM AWARD



Jim Nemeth
Landscaper
LAMs Mentor

"I remember one afternoon, about two years ago, driving by New Life, seeing a gentleman spreading grass seed through a small spreader by hand on a barren landscape. I had a passing thought to stop and help, but I was en route to work and did not feel I had the time to introduce myself. Time passed, and the tornado blew in and interrupted our family life for a year, but the New Life landscape stayed tucked in the back of my thoughts. When the spring came, I attended the New Life 2023 Banquet, where Tom Glessner spoke about the battle of Normandy and how to occupy the land, and I felt it was time to bring new life to New Life. I saw colors and textures highlight the ultrasound sign and felt the Lord wanted to breathe afresh on the purpose and mission of New Life to save the unborn. Life is a precious gift, and if somehow I could show the value we placed on the landscaping, perhaps some of these young men/women would know we place incredible value on them and their unborn children and that we are here to help.

The Bloom Award was extra special because the landscape project was birthed by the mission to serve and honor."



Bless FEST



New life birthed something new this year that formed in the heart of volunteer, Cathy Hofer. One morning, Cathy and I were discussing the increase of donations we had received. When I asked her what her desire was, she blurted, “to give these items to those in need... abundantly give.” Her words penetrated my thoughts and that was the moment a day of sharing, later to be named, Bless Fest sprang forth.

Many do not know we serve many communities; Atlanta, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Elmira, Frederic, Gaylord, Grayling, Johannesburg, Lewiston, Petoskey, Roscommon, Vanderbilt, Waters and Wolverine.

The first Bless Fest was held during Alpenfest. We had items such as diaper's, formula, baby food, clothes, and many kinds of care products.

Even if someone does not need any physical resources, we still encourage those to come out for prayer, encouragement, and food.

Being able to put on this event twice a year brings an immense amounts of joy. Seeing the faces of the clients and the thankfulness of each one is a special feeling. There is nothing like being able to see someone walk in and get the help they need.

Current New Life volunteer, Cathy Hofer, emphasizes on a recurring phrase she often hears from the clients.

“You guys are a lifesaver.”

This saying deeply blesses for those of us who work and volunteer at the Center, like Cathy. We are reminded a lifesaver is something that keeps the head of someone, who was drowning, above water, so they have the strength to get to safety.

We highlight this event in hopes it will encourage the impact we can make in others' lives. Thank you for making events like this happen through your generous donations, which birthed a special event to abundantly pour out blessings to our clients.



Radio HIGHLIGHT



“The phone calls that I grabbed, I knew I had to take that call. Everyone that I took was something that was precisely a mirror to my life years ago.”

On September 25th, New Life Pregnancy Resource Center’s team joined Promise FM during their live praise and prayer Monday. The team had the ability to take calls and be there to comfort and pray for people within the community who needed prayer and support.

One New Life member, Allie Champion, had an particularly profound experience that day. She states, “The phone would ring, and I would think no I am not going to grab that one. I knew the calls I

took were specifically for me to answer. Everyone that I took was precisely a mirror to my life years ago.”

Allie continued to explain three phone calls where the person told her what they were struggling with. To her amazement, the calls pertained, in detail, to an exact situation she had in her life.

Allie was able to tell the caller she knew specifically what they were feeling. The caller felt heard and understood by Allie's ability to

relate. She says God called her to specific calls because each person's story reflected her life and she was able to confront with some conflict the Lord has given her.

Afterward, she was overjoyed and shocked because they were not somewhat the same but exactly the same. Allie says she was supposed to be there, and felt the Lord had arranged a divine appointment of blessings for both her and the caller. She is still in awe of all the Lord did that day.

NEW LIFE *Nashville* TRIP



By Tammie Nemeth

I had the opportunity in September to attend the Samaritan Summit, a national gathering of Pregnancy Resource Center leaders, held in Nashville, Tennessee. I instantly connected with the Michigan teams, as pictured above. These groups were from Holland, Grand Rapids, and Lansing.

At this Summit, we heard speakers from the Abortion Survivors Network, Leadership Coaching and Consulting, and SperaVita Focus Trainer regarding patient resources, medical professionals, legislative leaders, legal counsel, life advocates, philanthropists, women's care, and adoption agencies.

Some of the breakout sessions included: God sized vision creating a strategic plan in a Post-Roe world, chemical abortion and abortion pill reversal, trauma training, public relations, how to build an engaged Board of Directors, building cohesive leadership teams, creating a coalition, client services from a medical perspective, marketing/branding and keys to effective follow-up.

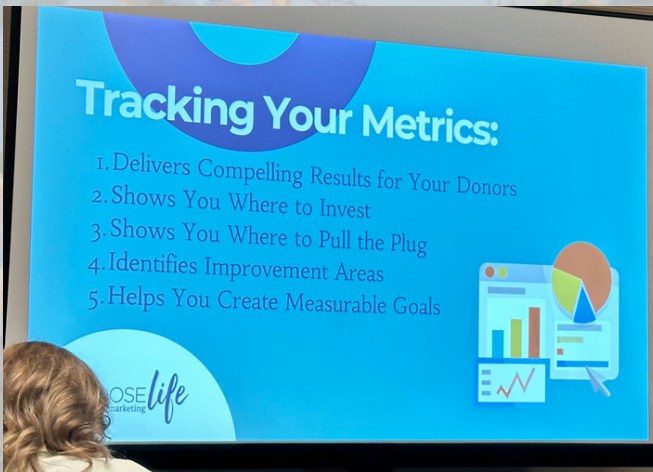
We met with Capacity Building teams and developed SMART goals, established accountability partners, and created an action plan.

The week I returned, we had our first Spanish-speaking client at the Center. Because of the incredible relationships built during our breakout sessions, we connected with our friends at Holland PRC and received the forms and support needed to assist our new client.

We are working with Lansing PRC to explore Sexual Risk Avoidance training, and we were also able to connect with Positive Options PRC for further training of our team. Michigan has also started a coalition that strengthens one another and stands as a united team across our state through sharing information, legal counsel, process development, and more.

I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to meet directors of many seasons at this valued conference. Our team has greatly benefited and will continue to grow as we connect with PRC across our region, state, and nation. We are stronger together!

It was truly an honor to sit with teams across the United States that have heard the call to serve the Lord and protect the unborn and born.



NEW LIFE *Financial* UPDATES

We would like to pause and honor our faithful financial partners for investing in the lives of the unborn and born by providing essential material items, strengthening the fabric of the families through BrightCourse parental training classes, fostering an environment of healing through the Life Affirming Mentors Program, educating on Adoption and Foster life options and building bridges to community resources. You are impacting many lives through your generous support!

2023 GRANTS

Total: \$9,000

Our donors:

- OCF
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Deerfield Computer Associates Fund
- Jeff and Lynne Smetzer Fund

CLIENT STATISTIC

Parenting Classes: 1,178

Ultrasounds: 84 Scheduled

Diapers Dispersed: Approximately 21,543

Cans of Formula Dispersed: 335 Cans

BANQUET DONATIONS

Total: \$76,317.23

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Total: \$12,695.61

URGENT NEEDS

We are in need of a new washer and natural gas dryer to launder clothing at the Center.

We also need a snowblower to help maintain the wheelchair ramp and doorways.

PROGRAM UPDATES

LAMS PROGRAM

We understand there are many people who are not equipped with tools to help them speak to the broken about new life issues. It is often uncomfortable to get into conversations that are out of our own personal experiences/understanding. LAM training will equip mentors to have the knowledge and in-depth education on how to get through those hard conversations while making the individual feel loved, heard, and understood.

The LAMs program is meant to bring emotional healing, parental support, mentoring both men and women, to introduce clients to our Beloved Savior, Jesus. We are an extension of the corporate Body of Christ, calling on our partners, to join us in this life affirming mission. This partnership would help us bridge clients to your fellowship for discipleship and spiritual growth. We would be honored to have you support this mission and help bring healing to the brokenhearted, hope to the hopeless and strength to the weary. We are better together.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

We offer educational classes through evidence-based BrightCourse lessons. New lessons are created using scientific studies and analysis to provide accurate content that leads to scientifically-sound decision-making. In most cases, BrightCourse provides factsheets to see the studies, scientific journals and medically produced resources to build the recommendations of each video. In addition, most lessons are built using outcome-based research. These practices have been studied to show positive results. The recommendations that are built on this information are known to be effective, as shown in prevailing scientific studies. In the medical field, this is known as evidence-based practice and is one of the best ways to assure positive results.

Some of the classes provided through BrightCourse are: Pregnancy/Birth, Your Body and Birth, Pain and Natural Birth, Postpartum, First Year, Car Seat Safety, Crying, Baby on the Move, Toddler milestones, Parenting without Shame, Creating Motivation and Honesty, Creating Kindness, ADHD, Autism, Strong-willed Children, Child Anger, Coparenting, Stable Parent, Stable Home, Life Skills, Finance, Trauma-Related lessons, Post Abortion Healing, Healing from Abuse, Grief, Spiritual Growth Bible Studies, Receiving Jesus as Savior, Fatherhood Lessons, Being a Role Model etc.

2024 OUTLOOK

Network, Grow, Serve

We will continue to grow our community partnerships and church support, building awareness to our mission.

We will continue to build our LAMs mentor program.

We have been asked by two counties to consider adding a New Life campus to their communities.

We need more space! We are prayerfully asking the Lord to open the door for more room. Our Baby Boutique has grown to accepting larger clothing for siblings to help alleviate financial stress.

We need a men's mentor room for our dads, volunteer donation processing room, room to host studies, trainings and meetings.

We will further our team training in trauma healing, domestic violence recognition, abortion support, abortion pill reversal, adoption connections and identifying at-risk clients.

We are exploring Sexual Risk Avoidance curriculum to reach 12-16 yrs partnering with Ascend and Willing to Wait.

We will stand bold, firm and focused in our mission to save the unborn, build families and share the Gospel of Jesus!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sanctity of Life Sunday

01

On January 21, 2024, churches across the United States will commemorate the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Every year, we celebrate on the closest Sunday to the passing of Roe V. Wade. On this day, we recognize the value and the gift of human life.

Baby Bottle Campaigns

02

Our annual baby bottle campaign will be starting up soon! Baby bottles will be dropped off at local churches for people to bring home and fill with spare change, cash or checks. Each church will have a specific time they will be due by, typically a month from receiving the bottles. Then, the church will deliver them to our center.

Promise FM "Biggest Baby Shower"

03

On January 30th, from 4-6 pm, the center will be hosting Promise FM to do their radio show. We will be talking about what New Life is doing and our needs. In addition, we will be hearing from donors about why they support New Life. If you have donations, drop by from 4-6 to speak with Promise FM! If you are unsure what to bring, check out our Amazon registry, linked on our webpage and social media.

SAVE THE DATE

NEW LIFE FUNDRAISING

Gala

Tuesday

APRIL 23, 2024

Please join us from 6:00pm-8:00pm for dinner and a message from a world renowned guest speaker. Our guest has spoken to a U.S President, Mother Teresa, legislators, and more. You will not want to miss it!

Scan the QR code to RSVP, or call (989) 732-1626





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1:00 p.m. Program

1:45 p.m. March to City Hall

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Office Assistant

- Customer Service Receptionist
- Data Entry
- Facebook activity
- Filing
- Flyer/invitation creation
- Mailing Assistance
- Phone system

Client Advocate*

- Client Connections
- Advising Appointments
- BrightCourse class emails
- Relationship Building
- Community Partner Networking
- Emotional Support
- Ultrasound Clinic Support

Medical Clinic Assistant

- Reminder calls
- Schedule appointments
- Data entry

Mentorship Program*

Event Planning

Fundraising

- Baby Bottle Campaign
- Event support
- Mailings

Research Program

- Data Entry
- Mailing Assistance
- Marketing

Maintenance

- Caulk windows/doors
- Install grab bars
- Install smoke detectors
- Repair wheelchair ramp
- Repair wooden decks, railings or steps
- Simple miscellaneous repairs

Baby Boutique Store

- Processing Donations
- Welcome Desk-Reception
- Laundering clothing
- Blankets
- Hooded towels
- Bibs/burpees

Grant Writing

- Community Foundations
- Local Foundations
- Regional

Technology

- Class instructor
- Class tutor/assistant
- Video instruction
- Tutor
- Software installation
- Technology assistant

Janitorial Support

- Sanitize high traffic spaces
- Clean restrooms
- Refill soap/hand towels
- Floors
- Windows/mirrors
- Dust office areas/welcome space
- Snow Removal/Shoveling
- Wash dishes
- Recycling assistance
- Take garbage out to road

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